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IN ASSEMBLY

(Prefiled)

January 8, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. FORREST, SHIMSKY, BORES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to persons authorized to visit facilities operated by the department of social services or a social services district and homeless projects

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 40-a to read as follows:

§ 40-a. Persons authorized to visit facilities. Notwithstanding any rule, regulation, or law to the contrary, the following persons shall be authorized to visit at pleasure all facilities operated by the department or a social services district, including adult care facilities as defined in subdivision twenty-one of section two of this chapter and homeless projects as defined in subdivision one of section forty-two of this chapter: the governor and lieutenant-governor, comptroller and attorney-general, members of the legislature and their accompanying staff as requested by the member of the legislature if the member requests to be so accompanied, members of the elected legislative body of the county in which the facility is located and their accompanying staff as requested by the member of such legislative body if the member requests to be so accompanied, members of city council and their accompanying staff as requested by the city council member if the council member requests to be so accompanied, judges of the court of appeals, justices of the supreme court and county judges, district attorneys and every clergyman or minister, as such terms are defined in section two of the religious corporations law, having charge of a congregation in the county in which such facility is located.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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