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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to body scanners in state-operated facilities

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (a), subpara-
2 graphs (i) and (iii) of paragraph (c), paragraph (e) and the opening
3 paragraph and subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (f) of subdivision 6 of
4 section 3502 of the public health law, as amended by section 1 of part
5 LL of chapter 56 of the laws of 2023, are amended to read as follows:
6 (ii) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any other
7 provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary, licensed practi-
8 tioners, persons licensed under this article and unlicensed personnel
9 employed at a state correctional facility, a secure treatment facility
10 operated by the office of mental health or the office for people with
11 developmental disabilities as defined in subdivision (o) of section
12 10.03 of the mental hygiene law, or a forensic psychiatric center as
13 referenced in section 7.17 of the mental hygiene law may, in a manner
14 permitted by the regulations promulgated pursuant to this subdivision,
15 utilize body imaging scanning equipment that applies ionizing radiation
16 to humans for purposes of screening individuals detained in, committed
17 to, visiting, or employed in such facility, in connection with the
18 implementation of such facility's security program.
19 (iii) The utilization of such body imaging scanning equipment shall be
20 in accordance with regulations promulgated by the department, or for
21 local correctional facilities in cities having a population of two
22 million or more, such utilization shall be in accordance with regu-
23 lations promulgated by the New York city department of health and mental

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

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1 hygiene. The state commission of correction, in consultation with the
2 department of corrections and community supervision, shall promulgate
3 regulations establishing when body imaging scanning equipment will be
4 used to screen visitors and incarcerated individuals in state correc-
5 tional facilities. The office of mental health and the office for people
6 with developmental disabilities shall promulgate regulations establish-
7 ing when body scanning equipment will be used to screen visitors and
8 clients in secure treatment facilities as defined in subdivision (o) of
9 section 10.03 of the mental hygiene law and forensic psychiatric centers
10 as referenced in section 7.17 of the mental hygiene law operated by such
11 agencies. Such regulations shall include provisions establishing that
12 alternative methods of screening may be used to accommodate individuals
13 who decline or are unable to be screened by body imaging scanning equip-
14 ment for medical reasons and that alternative methods of screening may
15 be used to accommodate individuals who decline to be screened for other
16 reasons, unless security considerations warrant otherwise. Such regu-
17 lations shall also ensure that no person shall be subjected to any form
18 of harassment, intimidation, or disciplinary action for choosing to be
19 searched by an alternative method of screening in lieu of body imaging
20 scanning.

21 The department of corrections and community supervision shall promul-
22 gate regulations establishing when body imaging scanning equipment will
23 be used to screen employees of the department of corrections and commu-
24 nity supervision, provided, however that such regulations shall be
25 consistent with the policies and procedures of the department of
26 corrections and community supervision governing the search of employees.
27 Such regulations shall include provisions establishing that alternative
28 methods of screening may be used to accommodate individuals who decline
29 or are unable to be screened by body imaging scanning equipment for
30 medical or other reasons. Such regulations shall also ensure that no
31 person shall be subjected to any form of harassment, intimidation, or
32 disciplinary action for choosing to be searched by an alternative method
33 of screening in lieu of body imaging scanning. An employee's request to
34 be searched by an alternative method of screening in lieu of body imag-
35 ing scanning shall not, in itself, be grounds for disciplinary action
36 against such employee.

37 The office of mental health and the office for people with develop-
38 mental disabilities shall promulgate regulations establishing when body
39 imaging scanning equipment will be used to screen employees, provided,
40 however that such regulations shall be consistent with the policies and
41 procedures of the office of mental health and the office for people with
42 developmental disabilities governing the search of employees. Such
43 regulations shall include provisions establishing that alternative meth-
44 ods of screening may be used to accommodate individuals who decline or
45 are unable to be screened by body imaging scanning equipment for medical
46 or other reasons. Such regulations shall also ensure that no person
47 shall be subjected to any form of harassment, intimidation, or discipli-
48 nary action for choosing to be searched by an alternative method of
49 screening in lieu of body imaging scanning. An employee's request to be
50 searched by an alternative method of screening in lieu of body imaging
51 scanning shall not, in itself, be grounds for disciplinary action
52 against such employee.

53 (i) A requirement that prior to operating body imaging scanning equip-
54 ment, unlicensed personnel employed at state or local correctional
55 facilities or the office of mental health and the office for people with
56 developmental disabilities authorized to use such equipment shall have

1 successfully completed a training course approved by the department or
2 office, or for local correctional facilities in cities of two million or
3 more, approved by the New York city department of health and mental
4 hygiene, and that such personnel receive additional training on an annu-
5 al basis;

6 (iii) Registration with the department or office of each body imaging
7 scanning machine purchased or installed at a state or local correctional
8 facility or state-operated facility operated by the office of mental
9 health and the office for people with developmental disabilities;

10 (e) For the purposes of this subdivision:

11 (i) "Local correctional facility" shall have the same meaning as found
12 in subdivision sixteen of section two of the correction law.

13 (ii) "State correctional facility" shall mean a "correctional facili-
14 ty" as defined in subdivision four of section two of the correction law.

15 (iii) "State-operated facilities" shall mean any secure treatment
16 facility operated by the state pursuant to subdivision (o) of section
17 10.03 of the mental hygiene law and any forensic psychiatric center as
18 referenced in section 7.17 of the mental hygiene law.

19 Any local government agency that utilizes body imaging scanning equip-
20 ment in a local correctional facility under its jurisdiction shall
21 submit an annual report to the department, the speaker of the assembly,
22 and the temporary president of the senate. If body imaging scanning
23 equipment is utilized in one or more state correctional facilities, the
24 department of corrections and community supervision shall submit an
25 annual report to the department, the speaker of the assembly, and the
26 temporary president of the senate. If body imaging scanning equipment is
27 utilized in one or more state-operated facilities by the office of
28 mental health and the office for people with developmental disabilities,
29 such office shall submit an annual report to the department, the speaker
30 of the assembly, and the temporary president of the senate. Such report
31 by either the local government agency or the department of corrections
32 and community supervision, the office of mental health and the office
33 for people with developmental disabilities shall be submitted within
34 eighteen months after the initial date of registration of such equipment
35 with the department, and annually thereafter, and shall contain the
36 following information as to each such facility:

37 (ii) For state correctional facilities, state-operated facilities
38 operated by the office of mental health and the office for people with
39 developmental disabilities, the number of times the equipment was used
40 on individuals detained in, committed to, working in, or visiting the
41 facility upon intake, before work shift, after work shift, before
42 visits, after visits, and upon the suspicion of contraband, as well as
43 any other event that triggers the use of such equipment, and the aver-
44 age, median, and highest number of times the equipment was used on any
45 individual detained in, committed to, working in, or visiting the facil-
46 ity, with corresponding exposure levels.

47 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
48 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the amendments to
49 subdivision 6 of section 3502 of the public health law made by section
50 one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such subdivision and
51 shall be deemed repealed therewith. Effective immediately, the addition,
52 amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the
53 implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be
54 made and completed on or before such effective date.