

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 30, 2026

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to requirements for vendors who make products available for order and delivery to incarcerated individuals and provide for safe food storage in correctional facilities

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

1 Section 1. Section 112 of the correction law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

3 8. (a) The commissioner shall promulgate rules and regulations requir-
4 ing every vendor which contracts with the department to provide ordering
5 and delivery of products to incarcerated individuals housed at correc-
6 tional facilities to:

7 (i) verify with the department that all items available for purchase
8 on behalf of an incarcerated individual are in full compliance with all
9 applicable rules, regulations and directives;

10 (ii) coordinate with the department to track the number, content and
11 weight of orders shipped to an incarcerated individual and notify a
12 purchaser if an order would exceed a limit for such incarcerated indi-
13 vidual and include information on what modifications, if any, to the
14 order would make it compliant with applicable restrictions;

15 (iii) have a system for notifying purchasers when all or part of an
16 order has been rejected by a correctional facility and provide a full or
17 partial refund to the purchaser as applicable; and

18 (iv) conspicuously label packages with perishable food items in a form
19 and manner as determined by the department to facilitate the timely
20 processing of such packages by a correctional facility.

21 (b) The commissioner shall require all correctional facilities to:

22 (i) process all packages with perishable food items labeled pursuant
23 to subparagraph (iv) of paragraph (b) of this subdivision within twen-
24 ty-four hours of receipt of such package; and

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

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1 (ii) provide for the safe storage of perishable food items received by
2 an incarcerated individual within the cell of such incarcerated individ-
3 ual.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
5 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
6 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
7 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
8 completed on or before such effective date.