STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 14, 2025

Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- 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 who may visit local correctional facilities

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

Section 1. Section 500-j of the correction law, as amended by chapter 291 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

§ 500-j. Who may visit local correctional facilities. The following persons may visit at pleasure all local correctional facilities: The governor and lieutenant-governor, secretary of state, 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 local correctional facility is located and their accompanying staff as requested by the member of such legislative body if the member requests to be so accompanied, in the city of New York, members of the city council and their accompanying staff as requested by the city council member if the council member requests to be so accompanied, provided that such request does not impact upon the local correctional facility's ability to supervise, manage and control its facilities as determined by the sheriff of the county, or in the counties within the city of New York, the commissioner of correction of such city, or in the county of Westchester, the commissioner of correction of such county**, 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. No other person not otherwise authorized by law shall be permitted to enter the rooms of a local correctional

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

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facility in which convicts are confined, unless under such regulations as the sheriff of the county, or in counties within the city of New York, the commissioner of correction of such city, or in the county of Westchester, the commissioner of correction of such county shall prescribe.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.