STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 8, 2026

Introduced by Sen. C. RYAN -- 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 residential rehabilitation units in correctional facilities

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

Section 1. The correction law is amended by adding a new section 608 to read as follows:

§ 608. Prohibition of two-person cells in certain housing situations. 1. For purposes of this section, "two-person cells" shall mean cells utilized by the department to house two incarcerated individuals in residential rehabilitation units at the same time.

2. The department shall be prohibited from utilizing two-person cells in any residential rehabilitation unit, unless an incarcerated individual subject to a residential rehabilitation unit cell provides express agreement to reside in such a unit with another incarcerated individual. Any incarcerated individual residing in a two-person cell in a residential rehabilitation unit at the time this section takes effect who does not provide such express agreement, shall be immediately relocated to a single cell environment within the residential rehabilitation unit.

3. The department shall be authorized to promulgate or repeal any rules or regulations necessary to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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