# STATE OF NEW YORK

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# IN SENATE

April 21, 2026

Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law and the correction law, in relation to increasing penalties for promoting prison contraband and screening protocols at correctional facilities

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "correctional facility protection act".

§ 2. Subdivision 4 of section 205.00 of the penal law is amended to read as follows:

4. "Dangerous contraband" means contraband which is capable of such use as may endanger the safety or security of a detention facility or any person therein **which shall include, but shall not be limited to firearms and other dangerous weapons defined in section 265.00 of this part, destructive devices defined in section 265.00 of this part, and controlled substances defined in section 220.00 of this part**.

§ 3. The closing paragraph of section 205.20 of the penal law is amended to read as follows:

Promoting prison contraband in the second degree is a class [~~A misdemeanor~~] **E felony**.

§ 4. The closing paragraph of section 205.25 of the penal law is amended to read as follows:

Promoting prison contraband in the first degree is a class [~~D~~] **C** felony.

§ 5. Section 112 of the correction law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 8 and 9 to read as follows:

**8. (a) The commissioner shall require that each correctional facility utilize body imaging scanning equipment to screen all incarcerated individuals and visitors who seek to enter such correctional facility. Such scanning shall be mandatory for any visitor seeking a contact visit.**

**(b) For the purposes of this subdivision, "body imaging scanning equipment" shall mean equipment that utilizes a low dose of ionizing**

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

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**radiation to produce an anatomical image capable of detecting objects placed on, attached to, or secreted within a person's body.**

**9. The commissioner shall establish a contraband screening plan which shall include the use of a leashed and controlled canine trained to detect illegal drugs at the entrance of each correctional facility. All visitors, bags, and items entering the facility shall be subject to screening by such canine.**

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.