

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

January 16, 2025

Introduced by M. of A. HAWLEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Correction

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing the parole board accountability act.

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
2 the "parole board accountability act".

3 § 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 259-u to  
4 read as follows:

5 § 259-u. Parole board accountability. 1. Where the board votes that  
6 an incarcerated individual be released on parole, but such vote is not  
7 unanimous, the department shall direct such releasee be released to a  
8 shelter, halfway house, or a transitional residential facility in the  
9 community of one of the two board members who voted in favor of the  
10 releasee primarily reside.

11 2. The commissioner shall rely on a coin flip to determine which of  
12 the two board member's community the releasee shall be released to. Such  
13 coin flip shall be conducted and made publicly available via live stream  
14 on the department's website.

15 3. Upon the results of such coin flip pursuant to subdivision two of  
16 this section, the department shall place such releasee in a shelter,  
17 halfway house, or a transitional residential facility that is geograph-  
18 ically closest to the board member's primary residence who was chosen  
19 pursuant to such coin flip.

20 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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