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## IN SENATE

January 13, 2025

Introduced by Sens. RAMOS, BAILEY, MYRIE, SANDERS -- 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 commissaries or canteens in correctional institutions

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

1 Section 1. Section 26 of the correction law, as amended by chapter 322  
2 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 26. [~~Establishment of commissaries~~] Commissaries or canteens in  
4 correctional institutions. 1. The commissioner may authorize the head of  
5 any institution in the department to establish a commissary or a canteen  
6 in such institution for the use and benefit of incarcerated individuals.  
7 Items sold at the commissary or canteen shall be sold at no more than  
8 three percent over the purchase price for such items. The department  
9 shall maximize discounts procured by bulk purchasing commissary items or  
10 through other contracting opportunities that reduce the cost of such  
11 items, and shall not receive commissions, revenue, or other financial  
12 incentives in any contract with a seller, supplier, or vendor of commis-  
13 sary items. The moneys received by the head of the institution as  
14 profits from the sales of the commissary or canteen shall be deposited  
15 in a special fund to be known as the commissary or canteen fund and such  
16 funds shall be used for the general purposes of the institution subject  
17 to the provisions of section fifty-three of the state finance law.

18 2. Money placed into the commissary or canteen account or fund of an  
19 incarcerated individual shall only be used by the incarcerated individ-  
20 ual for purchases at such commissary or canteen. No funds shall be  
21 removed from an incarcerated individual's commissary or canteen account  
22 or fund for a violation, as a penalty, or for any reason other than a  
23 purchase at such commissary or canteen.

24 § 2. 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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