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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. BORRELLO -- 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 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:

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

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

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

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

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

§ 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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