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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 14, 2025

Introduced by Sens. RAMOS, BAILEY, MYRIE -- 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 requiring wardens or superintendents of correctional facilities to accept assistance from state and federal agencies and municipalities

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 27 to read as follows:

§ 27. Assistance by state and federal agencies and municipalities. The warden or superintendent of any state institution in the department, having due regard to the safety of the incarcerated individuals and property of the institution, shall accept humanitarian aid from state or federal agencies or from municipalities in the event of an emergency. For the purposes of this section, an "emergency" shall include, but not be limited to, loss of power, heat or water or a medical state of emergency and "humanitarian aid" shall mean material assistance actually and reasonably necessary, including but not limited to bottled water, medical supplies and supply kits, battery or solar powered flashlights, blankets, monetary donations, medical prevention supplies mandated by the centers for disease control and prevention and mandatory outbreak plans which are comparable in standards and regulations for healthcare centers, to alleviate suffering and provide support to staff, incarcerated individuals and other individuals on site at any state institution during an emergency.

§ 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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