

**A7501-A** Blake Same as [S 5428-A](#) RIVERA

Correction Law

TITLE....Relates to people in the custody of the department of corrections and community supervision and a medical authorization form to disclose private medical information

05/13/15 referred to correction

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05/21/15 advanced to third reading cal.455

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06/18/15 PASSED SENATE

06/18/15 RETURNED TO ASSEMBLY

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11/20/15 vetoed memo.272

11/23/15 tabled

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## VETO MESSAGE - No. 272

TO THE ASSEMBLY:

I am returning herewith, without my approval, the following bill:

Assembly Bill Number 7501-A, entitled:

"AN ACT to amend the correction law, in relation to people in the custody of the department of corrections and community supervision and a medical authorization form to disclose private medical information"

NOT APPROVED

This bill would amend Correction Law Section 71(9) to require the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) to make available to each inmate, during the reception process and upon transfer to any facility, one authorization form to disclose private medical information and another, separate authorization form to disclose mental health information.

DOCCS currently provides one authorization form for both medical and mental health information upon an inmate's admission to, or transfer from, a DOCCS facility. While it is important to ensure timely access to an inmate's medical and mental health information in emergency situations, there is nothing to suggest the current process of using one combined authorization form is causing harm or delaying access to information. For these reasons, I am compelled to disapprove the bill.

Recognizing the importance of access to this information, however, I am hereby directing DOCCS to review the current form to ensure that an inmate's medical and mental health information is updated on a regular basis and is accessible in times of emergencies. I am also instructing DOCCS to provide each inmate upon admission with the Authorization for Release of Health Information Form, and to place such signed Form in the inmate's personal medical record. Finally, I am directing DOCCS to ensure that copies of this Form are maintained in all of its facilities' law libraries.

The bill is disapproved.

(signed) ANDREW M. CUOMO

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