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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " A " to H.P. 1181, L.D. 1474,
Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Private Visitation and Rehabilitative
Process at Correctional Institutions."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the
amending clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'§508. Private visitation

All inmates of a prison, reformatory or institution
under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Health
and Corrections may be permitted to have private visitations,
subject to the provisions of this section. Such visitations
shall be designed to allow privacy between the inmate and
his family, friends or medical and legal advocates for the
purpose of counsel and emotional support.

Before allowing such visitations to take place, the
Department of Mental Health and Corrections shall develop
fair and equitable written rules and regulations for the
implementation of such private visitations. These rules
and regulations shall, among other things, ensure that those
inmates who are ineligible for participation in existing
furlough programs must receive first priority in the
allocation of time and space available for such private
visitations.

Officials, employees and agents of such prison, reformatory
or institution shall not impose upon the privacy of such

visitation without just cause. Such cause shall be stated specifically in said rules and regulations.'

Statement of Fact

This amendment implements recommendation No. 65 of the Governor's Task Force on Corrections.

Reported by the Committee on Health and Institutional Services.
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