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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR DE BLASIO ON PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION  
AUTHORIZING IONIZING BODY SCANNERS**

“We’ve been saying for years that we need more advanced body scanners to keep small blades and weapons out of our jails. The passage of legislation authorizing our use of these scanners means we’ll have another crucial tool to help keep staff and inmates safe, make it far more difficult to bring weapons into our facilities, and bring down the number of slashings and stabbings even farther than this year’s 15 percent decline.

“I want to thank Assembly Speaker Heastie, Senate Leaders Flanagan and Stewart-Cousins, bill sponsors Assembly Member Weprin and Senator Hannon, and all members of the legislature who supported this critical piece of legislation.”

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