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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to residential services for victims of domestic violence

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Section 459-b of the social services law, as added by chap-  
2     ter 169 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 459-b. Residential services for victims of domestic violence. In  
4     accordance with section one hundred thirty-one-u of this chapter and the  
5     regulations of the [department] OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,  
6     a social services district shall offer and provide necessary and avail-  
7     able emergency shelter and services FOR UP TO NINETY DAYS at a residen-  
8     tial program for victims of domestic violence to a victim of domestic  
9     violence who was residing in the social services district at the time of  
10    the alleged domestic violence whether or not such victim is eligible for  
11    public assistance; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH LAW, RULES AND REGU-  
12    LATIONS SHALL PERMIT UP TO TWO EXTENSIONS OF UP TO FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF  
13    NECESSARY AND AVAILABLE EMERGENCY SHELTER AND SERVICES AT A RESIDENTIAL  
14    PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IF NEITHER THE RESIDENT, THE  
15    SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT NOR THE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM IS ABLE TO SECURE  
16    ALTERNATIVE HOUSING, AS DEFINED BY REGULATION, FOR THE RESIDENT AND SUCH  
17    HOUSING IS NECESSARY.  
18    S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
19    it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-  
20    ly the commissioner of children and family services is authorized and  
21    directed to promulgate such rules and regulations as he or she deems  
22    necessary to implement the provisions of this act on or before its  
23    effective date.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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