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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. TWO FORTY-FIVE DAY EXTENSIONS OF NECESSARY AND  
12    AVAILABLE EMERGENCY SHELTER MAY BE GRANTED BEYOND THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF  
13    STAY AT A RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR RESI-  
14    DENTS WHO CONTINUE TO BE IN NEED OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND TEMPORARY  
15    SHELTER.  
16    S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
17    it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-  
18    ly the commissioner of children and family services is authorized and  
19    directed to promulgate such rules and regulations as he or she deems  
20    necessary to implement the provisions of this act on or before its  
21    effective date.

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

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