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Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to emergency  
assistance for the replacement of property as a result of a bedbug  
infestation

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 131-a of the  
2     social services law, as amended by chapter 298 of the laws of 1971, such  
3     subdivision as renumbered by chapter 453 of the laws of 1990, is amended  
4     to read as follows:  
5     (a) replacement of necessary furniture and clothing for persons in  
6     need of public assistance who have suffered the loss of such items as  
7     the result of fire, flood or other like catastrophe OR AS THE RESULT OF  
8     A BEDBUG INFESTATION THAT CANNOT BE CONTROLLED THROUGH THE USE OF PESTI-  
9     CIDES, TREATMENTS, FUMIGATION, OR ANY OTHER METHOD OF EXTERMINATION BY  
10    AN EXTERMINATOR, provided provisions therefor cannot otherwise be made;  
11    S 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 303 of the social  
12    services law, as amended by chapter 482 of the laws of 1975, is amended  
13    to read as follows:  
14    (a) Replacement or repair, as the case may be, of clothing, furniture,  
15    food, fuel and shelter; (including repairs to homes owned by aged,  
16    blind, and disabled persons and temporary shelter until necessary  
17    repairs are completed or replacement shelter is secured), provided such  
18    clothing, furniture, food, fuel or shelter was lost or rendered useless  
19    as a result of burglary, theft or vandalism, or as a result of fire,  
20    flood or other similar catastrophe which could not have been [foreseen]  
21    FORESEEN by such person, and was not under his control, OR AS THE RESULT  
22    OF A BEDBUG INFESTATION THAT CANNOT BE CONTROLLED THROUGH THE USE OF  
23    PESTICIDES, TREATMENTS, FUMIGATION, OR ANY OTHER METHOD OF EXTERMINATION  
24    BY AN EXTERMINATOR. All such losses shall have been reported to and  
25    appropriately verified by local officials before such replacement or  
26    repair;  
27    S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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