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I N A S S E M B L Y

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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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