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Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- (at request of the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the transportation of eligible persons residing in a rural area

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

1     Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 4 of section 365-h of  
2     the social services law is designated paragraph (a) and a new paragraph  
3     (b) is added to read as follows:  
4     (B) WHERE THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH ELECTS TO ASSUME SUCH RESPONSIBILITY  
5     FROM A LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, AND AFTER ANY REQUIRED  
6     FEDERAL APPROVAL, AUTHORIZED TRANSPORTATION FOR AN ELIGIBLE PERSON,  
7     WHOSE ORIGINATING LOCATION EXISTS WITHIN A COUNTY DEFINED AS A RURAL  
8     AREA PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE OF  
9     THE EXECUTIVE LAW, SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO AN EXISTING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION  
10    SYSTEM, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION EIGHTEEN-B OF THE  
11    TRANSPORTATION LAW, IF THAT SYSTEM PROVIDES AN APPROPRIATE, AVAILABLE  
12    AND LEAST EXPENSIVE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION.  
13    S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
14    have become a law; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision  
15    4 of section 365-h of the social services law, made by section one of  
16    this act, shall not affect the expiration and repeal of such section,  
17    and shall expire and be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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