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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PERSAUD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing a statewide restaurant meals program as part of the supplemental nutrition assistance program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 95 of the social services law is amended by adding  
2 a new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

3 11. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,  
4 the office shall establish a statewide restaurant meals program as part  
5 of SNAP. Under the restaurant meals program, households containing  
6 elderly or disabled members, and their spouses, as defined in 7 U.S.C.  
7 2012(j), or homeless individuals, as defined in 7 U.S.C. 2012(l), shall  
8 have the option in accordance with 7 U.S.C. 2012(k) to redeem their SNAP  
9 benefits at private establishments that contract with the office to  
10 offer meals for eligible individuals at concessional prices subject to 7  
11 U.S.C. 2018(h).

12 (b) The office shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the  
13 provisions of this subdivision.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
15 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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