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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to extending the period given to certain applicants for public assistance benefits to request a fair hearing

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

Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 332-b of the social services law, as added by section 148 of part B of chapter 436 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

6. When an applicant or recipient receives notification of the examining medical professional's disability determination, he or she shall also be notified of his or her right to request a fair hearing within [~~ten~~] **sixty** days of such notice **or within sixty days of receipt of a work activity assignment**. If such applicant timely requests a fair hearing, no assignment to work activities pursuant to this title may be made **or enforced** pending such hearing and determination unless the applicant or recipient agrees to a limited work assignment not inconsistent with the medical condition alleged by such person. Provided, however, that if a social services district has reason to believe that such recipient or applicant does not actually suffer from a work limiting condition, the district shall provide the applicant or recipient with notice of potential sanctions pursuant to subdivision three of section three hundred forty-two of this title, and provided further that recipients will be subject to sanctions pursuant to subdivision three of section three hundred forty-two of this title if the district determines, based on clear medical evidence, that there is no basis for the individual's claim that he or she is unable to fully engage in work activities, and that the individual intentionally misrepresented his or her medical condition.

§ 2. 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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