STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 31, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to allowing for the denial, suspension or discontinuance of public assistance or care where a person does not participate in three consecutive scheduled interviews with a social services official

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

Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 134-a of the social services law, as amended by chapter 144 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3. The social services official shall require that persons applying for or receiving public assistance and care be interviewed personally at a time and in a manner provided by the regulations of the department, and the social services official may provide the option of a phone interview or other digital means for such interview at the request of the applicant or recipient. **In the event a person applying for or receiving public assistance and care who is required to be interviewed by a social services official does not participate in three consecutive scheduled interviews, the social services official may deny, suspend or discontinue public assistance or care until such time as the person applying for or receiving public assistance and care participates in an interview.**

§ 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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