

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

February 4, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring the homestead exemption used in the calculation for public assistance to be the same as the homestead exemption under the civil practice law and rules

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (i) of subdivision 1 of section 131-n of
2 the social services law, as amended by section 5 of part U of chapter 56
3 of the laws of 2022, are amended to read as follows:

4 (d) the home which is the usual residence of the household, provided
5 that the value thereof does not exceed the homestead exemption specified
6 in subdivision (a) of section five thousand two hundred six of the civil
7 practice law and rules,

8 (i) for a period of six months, real property which the household is
9 making a good faith effort to sell, in accordance with department regu-
10 lations and tangible personal property necessary for business or for
11 employment purposes in accordance with department regulations; provided,
12 however, that the social services district shall be entitled to recover
13 the cost of assistance or care provided during such six month period up
14 to the net equity value of such property and may, in its
15 discretion, impose a lien on such property to ensure repayment of such
16 assistance upon the sale of such property, and

17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
18 the amendments to section 131-n of the social services law made by
19 section one of this act shall not affect the expiration and reversion of
20 such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith.

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

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