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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring electronic benefit transfer systems to provide for benefit recipients to be able to cancel, lock or unlock a card associated with electronic benefit transfer services; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the social services law relating to requiring electronic benefit transfer systems to provide for benefit recipients to be able to cancel, lock or unlock a credit or debit card associated with electronic benefit transfer services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.8662-A and A.9269-B, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 21-a of the social services law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the social services law relating to requiring electronic benefit transfer systems to provide for benefit recipients to be able to cancel, lock or unlock a credit or debit card associated with electronic benefit transfer services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8662-A and A. 9269-B, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Any interactive voice response system associated with an electronic benefit transfer system which benefit recipients may call for support or assistance shall include an option for benefit recipients to [~~report fraud and~~] cancel such benefit recipient's electronic benefit transfer [~~credit or debit~~] card permanently or lock **or unlock** such benefit recipient's electronic benefit transfer [~~credit or debit~~] card [~~indefinitely. Provided, further, any interactive voice response system associated with an electronic benefit transfer system which benefit recipients may call for support or assistance shall also allow for benefit recipients to~~

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

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~~lock such benefit recipient's credit or debit card for out of state purchases only or for online purchases only~~].

§ 2. Section 2 of a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the social services law relating to requiring electronic benefit transfer systems to provide for benefit recipients to be able to cancel, lock or unlock a credit or debit card associated with electronic benefit transfer services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8662-A and A. 9269-B, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. This act shall take effect [~~six months~~] **one year** after it shall have become a law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that section one of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the social services law relating to requiring electronic benefit transfer systems to provide for benefit recipients to be able to cancel, lock or unlock a credit or debit card associated with electronic benefit transfer services, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8662-A and A. 9269-B, takes effect.