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Introduced by M. of A. WRIGHT, EDDINGTON, GABRYSZAK, JAFFEE, SCARBOROUGH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CHRISTENSEN, GLICK, HOOPER, JOHN, KOON, ROBINSON, SCHIMEL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to prohibiting the state or any of its political subdivisions and public authorities from compelling domestic abuse victims to contact their abusers for any reason

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 459-h to read as follows:

S 459-H. CONTACT WITH ABUSER SHALL NOT BE COMPELLED. NEITHER THE STATE NOR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF, PUBLIC AUTHORITY, OR EMPLOYEE OR AGENT THEREOF SHALL IN ANY WAY FORCE OR COMPEL A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM, AS DEFINED IN THIS ARTICLE, TO CONTACT HIS OR HER ABUSER, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after 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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