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Introduced by M. of A. GREENE, BENJAMIN, CASTRO, CHRISTENSEN, EDDINGTON, STIRPE, TOWNS -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. PHEFFER, SWEENEY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to providing notice to applicants of potential liability for public assistance benefits

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

Section 1. The section heading of section 104 of the social services law is amended and a new subdivision 5 is added to read as follows:

Recovery from a person discovered to have property; NOTICE AND INFORMED CONSENT.

5. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW, RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, AN APPLICANT FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND CARE OR FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME BENEFITS SHALL BE FULLY INFORMED, ORALLY AND IN WRITING, THAT HE OR SHE MAY BE LIABLE TO REIMBURSE THE STATE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND CARE RECEIVED, OR FOR BENEFITS RECEIVED, AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS TITLE. SUCH APPLICANT SHALL SIGN AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM, PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE, SEPARATE FROM OTHER APPLICATION-RELATED FORMS, AND THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL KEEP SUCH ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM IN SUCH APPLICANT'S FILE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth 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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