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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to authorizing one-time emergency payments to certain persons to aid in acquiring or maintaining employment

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

Section 1. Section 131 of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 1-a to read as follows:

1-A. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISIONS OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICIALS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, TO PROVIDE A ONE-TIME EMERGENCY PAYMENT TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF AN INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY, WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR ONGOING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, IN ORDER TO AID THE INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY IN ACQUIRING OR MAINTAINING EMPLOYMENT. INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES RECEIVING SUCH ONE-TIME EMERGENCY PAYMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING OR MAINTAINING EMPLOYMENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A REPAYMENT AGREEMENT TO REPAY THE ASSISTANCE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. IN NO EVENT SHALL SUCH ONE-TIME PAYMENT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM MONTHLY ALLOWANCE THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE GRANTED TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY OF THE SAME SIZE UNDER THE SAFETY NET ASSISTANCE, VETERAN ASSISTANCE OR FAMILY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, UNLESS A PAYMENT EXCEEDING THIS AMOUNT IS DETERMINED BY THE LOCAL COMMISSIONER TO BE APPROPRIATE TO ACCOMPLISH THE GOAL OF MAINTAINING THE INDIVIDUAL'S OR FAMILY'S SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that any rules or regulations necessary for the timely implementation of the provisions of this act are authorized and directed to be completed on or before such effective date.

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

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