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Introduced by Sens. DILAN, ADAMS, DIAZ, DUANE, HASSELL-THOMPSON, HUNTLEY, KRUEGER, MONTGOMERY, ONORATO, PARKER, SAMPSON, SAVINO, STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services -- recommitted to the Committee on Social Services in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to assignment of social services recipients to local offices

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 134-c to read as follows:

S 134-C. ASSIGNMENT TO LOCAL OFFICES. FOR THE PURPOSES OF ASSIGNING A PERSON APPLYING FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR CARE ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE TO A LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE, THE SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICIAL SHALL ALLOW SUCH PERSON TO CHOOSE THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE MOST ACCESSIBLE TO SUCH PERSON'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE, PROVIDED THAT SUCH LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICE IS LOCATED WITHIN THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT IN WHICH SUCH PERSON RESIDES, PROVIDED THAT THE CAPACITY OF SUCH OFFICE PERMITS THE ASSIGNMENT. THE SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICIAL SHALL INFORM, IN WRITING, AN APPLICANT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR CARE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that the commissioner of the office of temporary and disability assistance shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this act on or before January 1, 2012.

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

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