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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to residential services for victims of domestic violence

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

1 Section 1. Section 459-b of the social services law, as added by chap-
2 ter 169 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:
3 S 459-b. Residential services for victims of domestic violence. In
4 accordance with section one hundred thirty-one-u of this chapter and the
5 regulations of the [department] OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES,
6 a social services district shall offer and provide necessary and avail-
7 able emergency shelter and services FOR UP TO NINETY DAYS at a residen-
8 tial program for victims of domestic violence to a victim of domestic
9 violence who was residing in the social services district at the time of
10 the alleged domestic violence whether or not such victim is eligible for
11 public assistance. TWO FORTY-FIVE DAY EXTENSIONS OF NECESSARY AND
12 AVAILABLE EMERGENCY SHELTER MAY BE GRANTED BEYOND THE MAXIMUM LENGTH OF
13 STAY AT A RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FOR RESI-
14 DENTS WHO CONTINUE TO BE IN NEED OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND TEMPORARY
15 SHELTER.
16 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
17 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-
18 ly the commissioner of children and family services is authorized and
19 directed to promulgate such rules and regulations as he or she deems
20 necessary to implement the provisions of this act on or before its
21 effective date.

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

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