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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Cahill) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring the county social services district to be responsible for public assistance and care and in relation to making technical correction thereto; and to repeal paragraph i of subdivision 3 of section 233-a of the county law relating thereto

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

Section 1. Section 69 of the social services law, as amended by section 66 of part B of chapter 436 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

S 69. Responsibility for public assistance and care in a county social services district. The responsibility for the administration of public assistance and care in a county social services district and the expense thereof [may either] SHALL be borne by the county social services district [or be divided between such district and the towns and cities therein as hereinafter provided].

[1. Unless otherwise determined by the board of supervisors as hereinafter provided, each town shall be responsible for the expense of providing safety net assistance for persons residing or found in such town.

2. Unless otherwise determined by the board of supervisors as hereinafter provided, a city forming a part of a county social services district shall be responsible for the expense of providing safety net assistance for any person residing or found in its territory.

3.] A county social services district shall be responsible for the expense of providing all assistance and care for persons residing or found in a town or city in its territory [for which such town or city is not responsible under the provisions of subdivisions one and two of this section]. The expense of such assistance and care granted by a county social services district shall be subject to reimbursement by the state in the cases provided for by section sixty-two OF THIS ARTICLE or by any other provision of this chapter.

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

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S 2. Paragraph i of subdivision 3 of section 233-a of the county law is REPEALED.

S 3. Section 57 of the social services law, as amended by chapter 863 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

S 57. Cities in county social services districts. Each city, other than the city of New York, shall form part of the county social services district of the county in which it is situated and shall not assume any powers and responsibilities for the administration or expense of public assistance and care, in addition to those specified in [subdivision two of] section sixty-nine, except pursuant to the provisions of sections seventy-four and seventy-four-a of this chapter.

S 4. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 2 of section 73 of the social services law, as amended by chapter 863 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

(d) Unless and until a city in the county social services district shall confirm the resolution of the board of supervisors in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (a), the responsibility of such city for assistance and care in its territory shall not be affected by such resolution, and the city shall be governed by the provisions of this chapter and other laws relating to cities which form part of a county social services district and to city social services officers[; and the city shall continue to be responsible for the cost of public assistance and care under the provisions of subdivision two of section sixty-nine, except as otherwise provided in title three-a of this article. The cost of any assistance and care given to local charges residing or found in such city, paid by the county social services district under the provisions of subdivision three of section sixty-nine, shall be a charge on the county social services district].

S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.