S T A T E O F N E W Y O R K

1380

2011-2012 Regular Sessions

I N S E N A T E

January 7, 2011

Introduced by Sens. PERKINS, ADAMS, DIAZ, DILAN, DUANE, HASSELL-THOMPSON, HUNTLEY, KRUEGER, PARKER, SAMPSON, SMITH, STAVISKY, VALESKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to providing medical assistance to needy persons for the care and treatment of scarring resulting from domestic abuse

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

Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 365-a of the social services law is amended by adding a new paragraph (f) to read as follows:

(F) MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SHALL INCLUDE PHYSICIAN SERVICES AND ANY SURGICAL SERVICES, INCLUDING PLASTIC SURGERY, THAT ARE NECESSARY TO CARE FOR AND TREAT ANY SCARRING OR SCAR TISSUE THAT FORMED AS THE RESULT OF AN INCIDENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS DEFINED IN SECTION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE-A OF THIS CHAPTER.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the commissioner of health shall establish rules for acceptable forms of proof of an incident of domestic violence.

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

LBD01751-01-1