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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to emergency assistance for the replacement of property as a result of a bedbug infestation

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 131-a of the social services law, as amended by chapter 298 of the laws of 1971, such subdivision as renumbered by chapter 453 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

(a) replacement of necessary furniture and clothing for persons in need of public assistance who have suffered the loss of such items as the result of fire, flood or other like catastrophe OR AS THE RESULT OF A BEDBUG INFESTATION THAT CANNOT BE CONTROLLED THROUGH THE USE OF PESTICIDES, TREATMENTS, FUMIGATION, OR ANY OTHER METHOD OF EXTERMINATION BY AN EXTERMINATOR, provided provisions therefor cannot otherwise be made;

S 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 303 of the social services law, as amended by chapter 482 of the laws of 1975, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Replacement or repair, as the case may be, of clothing, furniture, food, fuel and shelter; (including repairs to homes owned by aged, blind, and disabled persons and temporary shelter until necessary repairs are completed or replacement shelter is secured), provided such clothing, furniture, food, fuel or shelter was lost or rendered useless as a result of burglary, theft or vandalism, or as a result of fire, flood or other similar catastrophe which could not have been [forseen] FORESEEN by such person, and was not under his control, OR AS THE RESULT OF A BEDBUG INFESTATION THAT CANNOT BE CONTROLLED THROUGH THE USE OF PESTICIDES, TREATMENTS, FUMIGATION, OR ANY OTHER METHOD OF EXTERMINATION BY AN EXTERMINATOR. All such losses shall have been reported to and appropriately verified by local officials before such replacement or repair;

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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