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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to providing notice to applicants of potential liability for public assistance benefits

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

1     Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section  
2     110-b to read as follows:  
3     S 110-B. RECOVERY FROM A PERSON DISCOVERED TO HAVE PROPERTY; NOTICE  
4     AND INFORMED CONSENT. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW, RULE OR REGULATION TO  
5     THE CONTRARY, AN APPLICANT FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SHALL BE FULLY  
6     INFORMED, ORALLY AND IN WRITING, THAT HE OR SHE MAY BE LIABLE TO REIM-  
7     BURSE THE STATE FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS RECEIVED, AS PROVIDED FOR  
8     IN THIS TITLE. SUCH APPLICANT SHALL SIGN AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM,  
9     PROVIDED BY THE OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE, SEPARATE  
10    FROM OTHER APPLICATION-RELATED FORMS, AND THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL  
11    KEEP SUCH ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM IN SUCH APPLICANT'S FILE; PROVIDED, HOWEV-  
12    ER, THAT PRODUCTION OF SUCH FORM SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED FOR THE RECOVERY  
13    OF PUBLIC WELFARE BENEFITS. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED TO  
14    PREVENT THE LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT FROM MAINTAINING ITS RECORDS  
15    ELECTRONICALLY.  
16    S 2. This act shall take effect on June 30, 2016.

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

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