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

6755

I N S E N A T E

February 17, 2016

Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- (at request of the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources) -- 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 the transportation of eligible persons residing in a rural area

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

Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 4 of section 365-h of the social services law is designated paragraph (a) and a new paragraph (b) is added to read as follows:

(B) WHERE THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH ELECTS TO ASSUME SUCH RESPONSIBILITY FROM A LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICT, AND AFTER ANY REQUIRED FEDERAL APPROVAL, AUTHORIZED TRANSPORTATION FOR AN ELIGIBLE PERSON, WHOSE ORIGINATING LOCATION EXISTS WITHIN A COUNTY DEFINED AS A RURAL AREA PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF SECTION FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW, SHALL BE ASSIGNED TO AN EXISTING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION EIGHTEEN-B OF THE TRANSPORTATION LAW, IF THAT SYSTEM PROVIDES AN APPROPRIATE, AVAILABLE AND LEAST EXPENSIVE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision 4 of section 365-h of the social services law, made by section one of this act, shall not affect the expiration and repeal of such section, and shall expire and be deemed repealed therewith.

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

LBD11929-05-6