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Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to electronic benefit system transfer technology and reimbursements for the use of such technology

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

Section 1. Section 21-a of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVISE A MEANS BY WHICH ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFERS MADE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE AT FARMERS' MARKETS MAY BE RECOGNIZED AS HAVING OCCURRED AT SUCH LOCATIONS.

(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, RULE OR REGULATION TO THE CONTRARY, AND SUBJECT TO AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR, FOR PURCHASES AT DESIGNATED FARMERS' MARKET LOCATIONS THROUGH THE USE OF AN ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER CARD, THE AVAILABLE BALANCE OF SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BENEFITS AVAILABLE SHALL BE CALCULATED AT A RATE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OTHERWISE PROVIDED OF SUCH REMAINING BALANCE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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