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Introduced by M. of A. CRESPO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Aging

AN ACT to amend the elder law and the social services law, in relation to authorizing county offices for the aging to accept and process supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) and low-income home energy assistance program applications

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

1     Section 1. The elder law is amended by adding a new section 224 to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 224. SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) AND LOW-INCOME  
4     HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS FOR THE ELDERLY. 1. IN  
5     CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSIST-  
6     ANCE, THE OFFICE SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR AND ADMINISTER A PROGRAM  
7     TO BE CARRIED OUT BY COUNTY OFFICES FOR THE AGING IN WHICH SUCH COUNTY  
8     OFFICES SHALL ACCEPT AND PROCESS APPLICATIONS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
9     NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-FIVE OF  
10    THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW AND THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE  
11    PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION NINETY-SEVEN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES LAW FROM  
12    ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS SEEKING SERVICES FROM SUCH COUNTY OFFICES. COUNTY  
13    OFFICES FOR THE AGING AND LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS SHALL HAVE THE  
14    ABILITY TO DISCLOSE AND SHARE INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO SUCH APPLICA-  
15    TIONS AND THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) AND THE  
16    LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION,  
17    "ELDERLY INDIVIDUAL" SHALL MEAN A PERSON SIXTY YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.  
18    2. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO COUNTY OFFICES  
19    FOR THE AGING THAT ARE ACCEPTING AND PROCESSING THE APPLICATIONS  
20    REQUIRED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE  
21    OF THIS SECTION.  
22    3. THE DIRECTOR SHALL PROMULGATE ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY  
23    TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.  
24    S 2. Section 95 of the social services law is amended by adding a new  
25    subdivision 11 to read as follows:

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

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1 11. THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING IS AUTHORIZED AND REQUIRED, SUBJECT TO  
2 STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
3 OFFICE, TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE AND ACCEPT AND PROCESS APPLICA-  
4 TIONS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM ELDERLY  
5 INDIVIDUALS PURSUANT TO SECTION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR OF THE ELDER  
6 LAW.

7 S 3. Section 97 of the social services law is amended by adding a new  
8 subdivision 6 to read as follows:

9 6. THE OFFICE FOR THE AGING IS AUTHORIZED AND REQUIRED, SUBJECT TO  
10 STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE  
11 DEPARTMENT, TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ACCEPT AND PROCESS  
12 APPLICATIONS FOR THE LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FROM  
13 ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS PURSUANT TO SECTION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR OF THE  
14 ELDER LAW.

15 S 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
16 it shall have become a law; provided, however, effective immediately,  
17 the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation neces-  
18 sary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is author-  
19 ized to be made on or before such date.