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Introduced by M. of A. LIFTON -- read once and referred 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by section one of this act, shall not affect the expiration and repeal of such section, and shall expire and be deemed repealed therewith.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.

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