STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

June 14, 2018

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Rodriguez) -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to creating the Hurricane Maria temporary housing assistance program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Article 2-A of the social services law is amended by adding a new title 3 to read as follows:

TITLE 3

HURRICANE MARIA TEMPORARY HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Section 47. Establishment; definitions.

47-a. Application.

§ 47. Establishment; definitions. 1. There is hereby established under the administration of the commissioner the Hurricane Maria temporary housing assistance program, which shall assist qualified individuals in receiving an emergency housing deposit and one month's rental assistance.

2. For purposes of this title:

(i) "qualified individual" shall mean an individual receiving assistance under the federal emergency management agency's transitional sheltering assistance program as a result of Hurricane Maria;

(ii) "funding" shall mean a security deposit up to one thousand dollars and one month's rent up to one thousand dollars; and

(iii) "qualified residence" shall mean housing located within the state of New York with a rent obligation of one thousand dollars or less per month.

§ 47-a. Application. 1. A qualified individual located within the state shall be eligible to receive funding for a qualified residence from the local social services district in which such qualified residence is located.

2. Within one year of receipt of such funding, such qualified individual shall reimburse such local social services district for the cost of

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

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the security deposit provided to such qualified individual under subdivision one of this section.

3. The commissioner shall work in conjunction with the commissioner of taxation and finance or his or her designee to facilitate the reimbursement of the additional funding provided under subdivision one of this section. Such reimbursement shall be divided in half and collected from the qualified individual in their two thousand nineteen and two thousand twenty tax returns, with half collected in two thousand nineteen and the remaining half collected in two thousand twenty.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed August 29, 2018.