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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new article 2-B to read as follows:

ARTICLE 2-B
ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATED TO HOMELESS HOUSING

Section 53. Homeless housing; room configuration. 1. On and after the effective date of this section, no homeless housing construction shall include single rooms with beds for homeless individuals placed within six-feet of one another.

2. Any individual placed in a hotel, motel or apartment by a local social service office, municipality, not-for-profit corporation or subsidiary thereof as a result of the outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) shall not be permitted to return to a homeless housing until such housing has ensured the appropriate distancing between beds of at least six-feet.

3. For the purpose of this section:
   (a) "Homeless housing" shall include, but not be limited to a family shelter, a shelter for adults, a domestic violence shelter, a runaway and homeless youth shelter, a safe house for refugees, any other supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living arrangements or any other location where homeless individuals and families may be residing; and
   (b) "Homeless person" shall mean an undomiciled person who is unable to secure permanent and stable housing without special assistance, as determined by the commissioner.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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