

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

June 26, 2020

Introduced by Sen. LIU -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring the commissioner to prepare a report of the sheltered and unsheltered homeless population during a state disaster emergency

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

1 Section 1. Section 17 of the social services law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision (d-1) to read as follows:

3 (d-1)(1) in consultation with each local health department in the
4 county in which the homeless shelter is located, the commissioner of the
5 department of health, the commissioners of the department of homeless
6 services, and the commissioner of the New York city department of health
7 and mental hygiene, shall collect information regarding the sheltered
8 and unsheltered homeless population, during a state disaster emergency,
9 declared pursuant to executive order two hundred two of two thousand
10 twenty in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, includ-
11 ing but not limited to:

12 (i) the number of confirmed infected individuals;

13 (ii) the number of hospitalizations;

14 (iii) the number of deaths;

15 (iv) information regarding the individual, if known; (a) age; (b)
16 race; (c) family composition; (d) shelter status; (e) type of shelter
17 including: family shelter, a shelter for adults, a hotel, an emergency
18 apartment, a domestic violence shelter, a runaway and homeless youth
19 shelter, or as a safe house for refugees; (f) any known risk factors;
20 and (g) any other information the office deems appropriate.

21 (2) utilizing the information collected pursuant to paragraph (1) of
22 this subdivision, the commissioners shall publish a report containing
23 such information aggregated by county and post it on the website of each
24 respective agency.

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

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1 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply retroac-
2 tively beginning March 7, 2020 and any time thereafter during the state
3 disaster emergency declared pursuant to executive order 202 of 2020 in
4 response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.