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:

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

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

(i) the number of confirmed infected individuals;

(ii) the number of hospitalizations;

(iii) the number of deaths;

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

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

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

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