STATE OF NEW YORK

IN ASSEMBLY

June 3, 2020

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

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 Assem-
  bly, 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 as defined in section twenty of the executive law, including but not
10 limited to:
11   (i) the number of confirmed infected individuals;
12   (ii) the number of hospitalizations;
13   (iii) the number of deaths;
14   (iv) information regarding the individual, if known; (a) age; (b)
15 race; (c) family composition; (d) shelter status; (e) type of shelter
16 including: family shelter, a shelter for adults, a hotel, an emergency
17 apartment, a domestic violence shelter, a runaway and homeless youth
18 shelter, or as a safe house for refugees; (f) any known risk factors;
19 and (g) any other information the office deems appropriate.
20   (2) utilizing the information collected pursuant to paragraph (1) of
21 this subdivision, the commissioners shall publish a report containing
22 such information aggregated by county and post it on the website of each
23 respective agency.
24   § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.