STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 8, 2021

Introduced by 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 working with the USDA to receive approvals and develop online fresh food purchasing options throughout the state; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2020 amending the social services law relating to using supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to purchase online groceries and to the state supplemental nutrition assistance program outreach program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8247-A and A. 10673, in relation to the effectiveness thereof

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 95 of the social services law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2020 amending the social services law relating to using supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to purchase online groceries and to the state supplemental nutrition assistance program outreach program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8247-A and A. 10673, is amended to read as follows:

(b) [~~The~~] **Subject to an online food purchasing program operated by the United States department of agriculture, food and nutrition service (USDA), the** office shall promptly seek **any** necessary [~~federal approval needed to enter into an agreement with all grocery retailers prepared to offer SNAP online purchasing or subsequently available programs~~] **approvals from the USDA** in order to maximize availability of online fresh food purchasing options throughout the state. Within one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this paragraph, the office shall **work with the USDA to** develop a plan **seeking** to maximize **retailer participation in the USDA's** SNAP online purchasing [~~options~~] **program** in the state. The office shall periodically review **the plan** and revise the plan **as necessary**. The plan, and any updates of such plan, shall be

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

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submitted to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, and the temporary president of the senate. The office shall continue to seek all necessary waivers from the [~~United States department of agriculture, food and nutrition service~~] **USDA**, to the extent necessary [~~for the office to carry out the plan, pursuant to federal law and regulations~~] **to implement the program**.

§ 2. Section 4 of a chapter of the laws of 2020 amending the social services law relating to using supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to purchase online groceries and to the state supplemental nutrition assistance program outreach program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8247-A and A. 10673, is amended to read as follows:

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately **and shall expire and be deemed repealed three years after such effective date**.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2020 amending the social services law relating to using supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits to purchase online groceries and to the state supplemental nutrition assistance program outreach program, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 8247-A and A. 10673, takes effect.