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Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI, BRONSON, EPSTEIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to assisting persons with medically diagnosed HIV infection; and repealing certain provisions of such law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 14 of section 131-a of the social services law,
2 as amended by section 1 of part ZZ of chapter 59 of the laws of 2018, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 14. In determining the need for aid provided pursuant to public
5 assistance programs, each person living with medically diagnosed HIV
6 infection as defined by the AIDS institute of the department of health
7 [~~in social services districts with a population over five million~~] who
8 is receiving [~~services through such district's administrative unit~~
9 ~~providing HIV/AIDS services,~~] public assistance and earned and/or
10 unearned income, shall not be required to pay more than thirty percent
11 of his or her monthly earned and/or unearned income toward the cost of
12 rent that such person has a direct obligation to pay; this provision
13 shall not apply to room and board arrangements.

14 § 2. Subdivision 15 of section 131-a of the social services law is
15 REPEALED.

16 § 3. Section 131 of the social services law is amended by adding two
17 new subdivisions 21 and 22 to read as follows:

18 21. When necessary, each local social services district shall assist
19 persons with medically diagnosed HIV infection as defined by the AIDS
20 institute of the department of health (i) secure the required documenta-
21 tion to determine eligibility for assistance, (ii) arrange for required
22 face-to-face interviews to be conducted during home visits or at other
23 appropriate sites, and (iii) by providing referrals for services as well

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

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1 as other resources and materials as described in subdivision twenty-two
2 of this section.

3 22. The office, in consultation with the department of health, shall
4 create, maintain, and periodically update information on the office's
5 website regarding resources and services throughout the state, including
6 the location of such services, which shall include but not be limited
7 to, community based supports, employment opportunities, and medical
8 professionals specialized in assisting such persons with medically diag-
9 nosed HIV infection as defined by the AIDS institute of the department
10 of health, to be utilized by the local social services districts. Such
11 information shall also be made available on the office's website.

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