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Introduced by M. of A. DE LA ROSA, JEAN-PIERRE, J. RIVERA, CRUZ, DILAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to homeless persons seeking shelter

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 (k-1) to read as follows:

(k-1) ensure the following: (i) that no social services district or established or temporary operator of an emergency shelter denies services to a person seeking shelter on the grounds that the person seeking shelter has other housing available unless the property owner or tenant, as defined in section two hundred thirty-five-f of the real property law, makes an affirmative declaration that the person seeking shelter is welcome to stay with such property owner or tenant; (ii) that such occupancy will not result in a situation where any person occupying the home has fewer than eighty square feet of livable area; and (iii) that such occupancy would not put any person staying in the home at an unreasonable health or safety risk.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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