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Introduced by Sen. BENJAMIN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development

AN ACT providing for the office of temporary and disability assistance to provide rental assistance to individuals with a loss of ability to pay rent as a result of COVID-19; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, for the duration of the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to executive order 202 of 2020, and as extended by any future executive order, the office of temporary and disability assistance may provide singular instances of rental assistance to individuals who can sufficiently demonstrate a loss of ability to pay rent as a result of COVID-19. Loss of ability to pay rent as a result of COVID-19 may be demonstrated by a certification of risk for eviction from a court of competent jurisdiction, but such certification shall not be a requirement to receive rental assistance.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the provisions of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed on the date the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to executive order 202 of 2020, and as extended by any future executive order, is lifted; provided that the commissioner of the office of temporary and disability assistance shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the lifting of the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to executive order 202 of 2020, and as extended by any future executive order, in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.

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

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