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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. BAILEY, BENJAMIN, MYRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities 1

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York and the public housing law, in relation to establishing a presumption of eligibility for housing for those who lost employment due to a non-essential business shutdown

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

Section 1. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 21-325 to read as follows:

§ 21-325 Presumption of eligibility; non-essential business shutdown. a. The department shall deem any applicant who is no longer employed due to a non-essential business shutdown an eligible homeless person for purposes of temporary shelter placement provided by the department. Such applicants shall not be required to undergo an eligibility determination process at a department intake facility prior to being admitted to a temporary shelter placement.

b. For the purposes of this section, "non-essential business shutdown" shall mean a business interruption during a period of a declared state emergency due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic which resulted in a person losing employment.

§ 2. Section 156 of the public housing law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. a. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in this chapter, all authorities shall deem any applicant who is no longer employed due to a non-essential business shutdown an eligible person for purposes of admission or continued occupancy. Such applicants shall not be required to undergo an eligibility determination process prior to being admitted to or permitted to continue occupying a project.

b. For the purposes of this subdivision, "non-essential business shutdown" shall mean a business interruption during a period of a declared state emergency due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic which resulted in a person losing employment.

§ 3. 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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