STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 9, 2021

Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to notifying individuals applying for and receiving unemployment benefits of rental, mortgage, food, and utility assistance programs

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

Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 596-a to read as follows:

§ 596-a. Notification of state assistance programs. The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of the division of housing and community renewal and the commissioner of the office of temporary and disability assistance, shall provide a notice to each individual filing a new claim for unemployment benefits informing the individual of rental assistance and mortgage assistance programs available through the division of housing and community renewal and food and utility assistance programs available through the office of temporary and disability assistance. The commissioner shall also provide a link to such programs on the department's website. Such link shall be prominently displayed and easily accessible by individuals filing a claim or certifying for unemployment benefits.

§ 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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