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Introduced by Sens. HINCHEY, ADDABBO, BIAGGI, MANNION -- 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 -- passed by Senate and delivered to the Assembly, recalled, vote reconsidered, restored to 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. Section 540 of the labor law, as amended by chapter 601 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

§ 540. [~~Informational pamphlet~~] **Information** about food stamp [~~program~~]**, utility, and rental and mortgage assistance programs**. The commissioner shall establish procedures whereby each person who files a claim for unemployment insurance pursuant to section five hundred ninety-six of this article, shall receive [~~an informational leaflet~~] **information** about the food stamp program provided by the office of temporary and disability assistance pursuant to subdivision six of section ninety-five-a of the social services law **and the utility assistance and rental and mortgage assistance programs available through the division of housing and community renewal and the office of temporary and disability assistance. The commissioner shall also provide information about such programs on the department's website. Such information 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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