

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 11, 2022

Introduced by Sen. GAUGHRAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT to amend subpart A of part BB of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021, establishing the "COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program of 2021", in relation to reports by the commissioner of the office of temporary and disability assistance for such program

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

1 Section 1. Section 14 of section 1 of subpart A of part BB of chapter
2 56 of the laws of 2021, establishing the "COVID-19 Emergency Rental
3 Assistance Program of 2021", is amended to read as follows:

4 § 14. Reports by the commissioner. The office shall be required to
5 report and post information on their website, and update such informa-
6 tion at least monthly beginning 30 days from when the commissioner makes
7 an application for the program available. Such information shall include
8 but not be limited to:

9 (a) the number of municipal recipients that choose to participate in
10 the statewide program;

11 (b) the number of eligible households that received assistance under
12 this title, including the particular category of assistance which was
13 provided;

14 (c) the breakdown of applications for each zip code including the
15 total number of approved applications; the total number of denied appli-
16 cations; the total number of incomplete applications; and the total
17 number of applications that are awaiting processing or are pending;

18 (d) the average amount of funding provided per eligible household
19 receiving assistance; [~~and~~]

20 [~~(d)~~] (e) the number of households that applied for assistance; and
21 (f) the breakdown of the total funding amount allocated by zip code,
22 total funding amount committed but not yet released by zip code, and the
23 total funding amount remaining available.

24 § 2. Subdivision 5 of section 6 of section 1 of subpart A of part BB
25 of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021, establishing the "COVID-19 Emergency
26 Rental Assistance Program of 2021", is amended to read as follows:

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

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1 5. Upon receipt of an application [~~and to the extent practicable~~], the
2 commissioner shall make available a means by which an application
3 submitted by a tenant, a landlord, or both jointly can be tracked by
4 either the tenant or the landlord, regardless of who submitted such
5 application. Application information that may be tracked shall include
6 whether an application is deemed incomplete or documents are unable to
7 be verified. If an application is deemed incomplete, the commissioner
8 shall notify the tenant and landlord within thirty days of receiving the
9 application and provide action required to complete the application. If
10 any application documents cannot be verified, the commissioner shall
11 notify the tenant and landlord within thirty days of receiving the
12 application and provide action required to validate the documents.

13 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
14 the amendments to subpart A of part BB of chapter 56 of the laws of
15 2021 made by sections one and two of this act shall not affect the expi-
16 ration of such subpart and shall be deemed repealed therewith.