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AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing a statewide restaurant meals program as part of the supplemental nutrition assistance program

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

Section 1. Section 95 of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 11 to read as follows:

11. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the office shall establish a statewide restaurant meals program as part of SNAP. Under the restaurant meals program, households containing elderly or disabled members, and their spouses, as defined in 7 U.S.C. 2012(j), or homeless individuals, as defined in 7 U.S.C. 2012(l), shall have the option in accordance with 7 U.S.C. 2012(k) to redeem their SNAP benefits at private establishments that contract with the office to offer meals for eligible individuals at concessional prices subject to 7 U.S.C. 2018(h).

(b) The office shall adopt any rules necessary to implement the provisions of this subdivision.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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