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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PHEFFER AMATO -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring social  
distancing room configurations in homeless housing

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

1 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new article  
2 2-B to read as follows:

### ARTICLE 2-B

#### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATED TO HOMELESS HOUSING

#### Section 53. Homeless housing; room configuration.

6 § 53. Homeless housing; room configuration. 1. On and after the effec-  
7 tive date of this section, no homeless housing construction shall  
8 include single rooms with beds for homeless individuals placed within  
9 six-feet of one another.

10 2. Any individual placed in a hotel, motel or apartment by a local  
11 social service office, municipality, not-for-profit corporation or  
12 subsidiary thereof as a result of the outbreak of coronavirus disease  
13 2019 (COVID-19) shall not be permitted to return to a homeless housing  
14 until such housing has ensured the appropriate distancing between beds  
15 of at least six-feet.

#### 3. For the purpose of this section:

16 (a) "Homeless housing" shall include, but not be limited to a family  
17 shelter, a shelter for adults, a domestic violence shelter, a runaway  
18 and homeless youth shelter, a safe house for refugees, any other super-  
19 vised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide tempo-  
20 rary living arrangements or any other location where homeless individ-  
21 uals and families may be residing; and  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 (b) "Homeless person" shall mean an undomiciled person who is unable  
2 to secure permanent and stable housing without special assistance, as  
3 determined by the commissioner.

4 § 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall  
5 have become a law.