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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 Assembly, do enact as follows:

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

ARTICLE 2-B

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATED TO HOMELESS HOUSING

Section 53. Homeless housing; room configuration.

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

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

3. For the purpose of this section:

(a) "Homeless housing" shall include, but not be limited to a family shelter, a shelter for adults, a domestic violence shelter, a runaway and homeless youth shelter, a safe house for refugees, any other supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living arrangements or any other location where homeless individuals and families may be residing; and

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

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

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