STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to suspending sanctions for noncompliance with public assistance employment program requirements during a state of emergency declared pursuant to an executive order

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

Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 342 of the social services law, as added by chapter 562 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

6. **An individual shall not be sanctioned for failing to comply with the requirements of this title during a state disaster emergency, as defined in section twenty of the executive law, that involves a disease outbreak.**

7. The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons who are residents of a city having a population of one million or more people.

§ 2. Section 342-a of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

7. An individual shall not be sanctioned for failing to comply with the requirements of this title during a state disaster emergency, as defined in section twenty of the executive law, that involves a disease outbreak.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to any public assistance household a member of which was sanctioned or entered into conciliation between March 7, 2020 and the end of the state disaster emergency declared pursuant to executive order 202 of 2020 in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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

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