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IN ASSEMBLY

May 21, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to including coverage for menstrual products under the supplemental nutrition assistance program

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 7 of
2 section 95 of the social services law, as amended by chapter 342 of the
3 laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

4 (i) May be redeemed for SNAP benefits at designated redemption centers
5 by the recipient or by an authorized representative. When an eligible
6 recipient under this section is issued SNAP benefits, such SNAP benefits
7 may be used to purchase food items and menstrual products, including,
8 but not limited to, tampons, pads, cups and panty liners from a food
9 distributor by the recipient or by an authorized representative. Recipi-
10 ents shall be able to use SNAP benefits to purchase groceries and
11 menstrual products, including, but not limited to, tampons, pads, cups
12 and panty liners from eligible online grocery retailers and to have
13 groceries delivered pursuant to federal laws and regulations. Any other
14 transfer or sale of authorizations to participate or SNAP benefits shall
15 constitute an unauthorized use of said authorizations or benefits;

16 § 2. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 7 of section 95
17 of the social services law, as separately amended by chapter 41 and
18 section 3 of part A of chapter 57 of the laws of 2012, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (i) May be redeemed for SNAP benefits at designated redemption centers
21 by the recipient or by an authorized representative. When an eligible
22 recipient under this section is issued SNAP benefits, such SNAP benefits
23 may be used to purchase food items and menstrual products, including,
24 but not limited to, tampons, pads, cups, and panty liners from a food

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

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1 distributor by the recipient or by an authorized representative. Any
2 other transfer or sale of authorizations to participate or SNAP benefits
3 shall constitute an unauthorized use of said authorizations or benefits;
4 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amend-
5 ments to subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 7 of section
6 95 of the social services law made by section one of this act shall be
7 subject to the expiration and reversion of such subparagraph pursuant to
8 section 4 of chapter 342 of the laws of 2020, as amended, when upon such
9 date the provisions of section two of this act shall take effect.