

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. HINCHEY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to notifying individuals applying for and receiving unemployment benefits of rental assistance and mortgage assistance programs

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

1 Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 596-a to  
2 read as follows:

3 § 596-a. Notification of rental assistance and mortgage assistance  
4 programs. The commissioner shall provide a notice to each individual  
5 filing a new claim for unemployment benefits and each time an individual  
6 recertifies for such benefits informing the individual of rental assist-  
7 ance and mortgage assistance programs available through the division of  
8 housing and community renewal and other state agencies. The commission-  
9 er shall also provide a link to such programs on the department's  
10 website. Such link shall be prominently displayed and easily accessible  
11 by individuals seeking unemployment benefits.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
13 the notice of rental assistance and mortgage assistance programs  
14 required pursuant to section one of this act shall be provided to all  
15 individuals who have filed a claim for unemployment benefits on or after  
16 March 1, 2020.

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

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