STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 11, 2022

Introduced by Sen. GAUGHRAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend subpart A of part BB of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021, establishing the "COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program of 2021", in relation to reports by the commissioner of the office of temporary and disability assistance for such program

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

Section 1. Section 14 of section 1 of subpart A of part BB of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021, establishing the "COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program of 2021", is amended to read as follows:

§ 14. Reports by the commissioner. The office shall be required to report and post information on their website, and update such information at least monthly beginning 30 days from when the commissioner makes an application for the program available. Such information shall include but not be limited to:

(a) the number of municipal recipients that choose to participate in the statewide program;

(b) the number of eligible households that received assistance under this title, including the particular category of assistance which was provided;

(c) **the breakdown of applications for each zip code including the total number of approved applications; the total number of denied applications; the total number of incomplete applications; and the total number of applications that are awaiting processing or are pending;**

(d) the average amount of funding provided per eligible household receiving assistance; [~~and~~]

[~~(d)~~] **(e)** the number of households that applied for assistance**; and**

(f) the breakdown of the total funding amount allocated by zip code, total funding amount committed but not yet released by zip code, and the total funding amount remaining available; and

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

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(g) identification of zip codes with the highest need for emergency rental assistance.

§ 2. Subdivision 5 of section 6 of section 1 of subpart A of part BB of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021, establishing the "COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program of 2021", is amended to read as follows:

5. Upon receipt of an application [~~and to the extent practicable~~], the commissioner shall make available a means by which an application submitted by a tenant, a landlord, or both jointly can be tracked by either the tenant or the landlord, regardless of who submitted such application. **Application information that may be tracked shall include whether an application is deemed incomplete or documents are unable to be verified. If an application is deemed incomplete, the commissioner shall notify the tenant and landlord within thirty days of receiving the application and provide action required to complete the application. If any application documents cannot be verified, the commissioner shall notify the tenant and landlord within thirty days of receiving the application and provide action required to validate the documents.**

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to subpart A of part BB of chapter 56 of the laws of 2021 made by sections one and two of this act shall not affect the expiration of such subpart and shall be deemed repealed therewith.