STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 6, 2024

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to allowing for SNAP benefits to be used to purchase menstrual products

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

Section 1. Section 95 of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

12. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary and to the extent not inconsistent with federal law and regulations, the department shall, within ninety days after the effective date of this subdivision, apply for a waiver or request authorization from the federal government to ensure that supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits are able to be used for menstrual products including, but not limited to, products used for the purpose of catching menstruation and vaginal discharge, including but not limited to tampons, pads, and menstrual cups which can be either disposable or reusable.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that section one of this act shall take effect only upon the occurrence of the waiver or authorization from the federal government provided for in such section; provided further that the office of temporary and disability assistance shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of such waiver or authorization in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.

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

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