

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Davila) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to requiring the office of temporary and disability assistance to make publicly available on its website information regarding waivers, rental supplement plans and shelter supplement plans

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

1 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section
2 152-e to read as follows:

3 § 152-e. Public availability of information regarding waiver requests
4 and shelter and rental supplements. 1. For purposes of this section, the
5 following terms shall have the following meanings:

6 (a) "Office" shall mean the office of temporary and disability assist-
7 ance.

8 (b) "Waiver" means permission to deviate from a state or federal
9 program rule or statutory provision.

10 (c) "Shelter supplement plan" means a plan submitted by a social
11 services district for approval by the department to provide additional
12 monthly shelter supplements to public assistance applicants and recipi-
13 ents as provided in 18 NYCRR 352.3.

14 (d) "Rental supplement program plan" means any plan submitted by a
15 social services district for approval by the office to provide rental
16 assistance to individuals who are experiencing homelessness or are
17 facing imminent loss of housing.

18 2. The office shall make publicly available information regarding
19 waivers and rental supplement plans and shelter supplement plans by
20 providing, at a minimum, the following information:

21 (a) Within sixty days of the effective date of this section, the
22 office shall post on its website a compendium of existing waivers of
23 state or federal program rules or statutory provisions, including but
24 not limited to a description of the state or federal program rule or
25 statutory provision waived, the date first granted, the date the waiver
26 will expire if any, and the social services districts to which the waiv-

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

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1 er applies. The office shall review existing waivers at least once every
2 five years to analyze the continued need for existing waivers and shall
3 publish the results of the review and make it available to the public
4 for comment.

5 (b) Within ten days after a federal agency has provided notice of an
6 available federal waiver, the office shall post on its website the rele-
7 vant information about such available federal waiver including a summary
8 of such available waiver and a citation or link to the appropriate
9 federal authority for such available federal waiver. Any waiver request
10 submitted by the office to any federal agency shall be made publicly
11 available on the website of the office no later than ten days after the
12 request is submitted. Any approval or denial of such requests shall be
13 made available on the website of the office no later than ten days after
14 receipt.

15 (c) The office shall provide notice of waivers of state or federal
16 program rules or statutory provisions which may be requested by social
17 services districts. Within ten days after the office has provided notice
18 that a waiver may be requested by a social services district, the office
19 shall post on its website the relevant information about such available
20 waiver including a summary of such available waiver and a citation or
21 link to the appropriate authority for such available waiver. Any waiver
22 request submitted by a social services district to the office shall be
23 made publicly available on the website of the office no later than ten
24 days after the request is submitted to the office. Any approval or
25 denial of such requests shall be made available on the website of the
26 office no later than ten days after receipt.

27 (d) Any shelter supplement plan and any rental supplement program plan
28 submitted to the office by a social services district shall be made
29 publicly available on the website of the office no later than ten days
30 after such plan is submitted. Any approval or denial of such requests in
31 addition to any guidance issued related to such requests shall be made
32 publicly available on the website of the office no later than ten days
33 after issuance.

34 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.