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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 the automatic reinstatement of public assistance following the completion of residential drug treatment

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 131-y to read as follows:

§ 131-y. Automatic reinstatement of public assistance following the completion of residential drug treatment. 1. Any individual who has been placed in a mandated residential treatment facility and has had his or her public assistance suspended as a result of such placement shall not be required to reapply for public assistance when such placement has ended and shall be automatically reenrolled in both a cash and non-cash public assistance program beginning on and after the day of release from such facility.

2. Residential treatment facilities shall work in conjunction with the department to provide the necessary services and assistance to ensure such individuals who require the reinstatement of public assistance after release from a facility pursuant to this section are re-enrolled in cash and non-cash public assistance programs prior to their release from such facility.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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