STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SIMONE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Housing

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to requiring the commissioner of housing and community renewal to develop a common application and web portal for certain public assistance, funding, tax credits, and grants for housing

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

Section 1. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section 14-a to read as follows:

§ 14-a. Housing assistance application and web portal. 1. The commissioner, in consultation with the office of temporary and disability assistance and any other state agency that the commissioner deems necessary, shall cause to be developed a common application and web portal with which an individual may apply for and manage any public assistance, funding, tax credit, or grant for housing that such individual is entitled to receive under the laws of the state, and that is capable of meeting all other requirements of this section.

2. (a) The common application developed pursuant to this section shall be made available to an individual upon request from a state agency that grants public assistance, funding, tax credits, or grants for housing. Such application shall also be capable of being completed and submitted by an applicant on the web portal created pursuant to this section.

(b) The web portal required to be developed pursuant to this section shall be accessible by any state agency required to administer any public assistance, funding, tax credit, or grant for housing required of such state agency under the laws of the state, and any such public assistance, funding, tax credit, or grant for housing shall be made capable of administration through such web portal.

(c) Upon development of the web portal by the commissioner, any state agency required to administer any public assistance, funding, tax credit, or grant for housing under the laws of the state shall upload any incorporating documents, bylaws, or any other relevant information that such state agency deems helpful to individuals using such web portal.

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

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3. The provisions of this section shall apply only to statewide public assistance, funding, tax credits, or grants for housing, and shall not include any locally managed public assistance, funding, tax credit, or grant for housing.

4. The commissioner shall have the authority to obtain any information the commissioner shall deem necessary to fulfill the provisions of this section from any state agency.

5. For the purposes of this section, the term "state agency" shall mean any state agency, department, commission, division, office, bureau, or subdivision thereof.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.