STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 24, 2024

Introduced by Sens. PERSAUD, SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to increasing the federal poverty level requirement for recipients of social services where it concerns the one-time disregard of earned income following job entry for up to six consecutive months

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

Section 1. Subparagraph (xiii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 8 of section 131-a of the social services law, as added by section 2 of part X of chapter 56 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

(xiii) once during the lifetime of a recipient of public assistance, all of the earned income of such recipient will be disregarded following job entry, provided that such exemption of income for purposes of public assistance eligibility shall be for no more than six consecutive months from the initial date of obtaining such employment and that the recipient's total income shall not be more than [~~two~~] four hundred percent of the federal poverty level. In the event a recipient moves from one to another social services district, this disregard shall follow the recipient. **The commissioner shall seek any federal waiver necessary to effectuate the one-time earned income disregard pursuant to this subdivision.**

§ 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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