STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

April 24, 2024

Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to automated identification of OTDA assistance program participants

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 2 2 of section 131-ss of the social services law, as amended by chapter 78 of the laws of 2024, are amended to read as follows:

- (d) "Utility corporation" shall include utility companies, utility 5 corporations, public utility companies, public utility corporations, gas 6 corporations, electric corporations, [ex] municipalities as defined in section two of the public service law and regulated pursuant to the public service law, water-works corporations, a municipal corporation that provides public utility services, a rural electric cooperative, or a state public authority that provides utility services.
- 11 "Utility corporation energy affordability programs" shall be 12 defined by the public service commission and shall be limited to utility corporation programs which are intended to assist customers with energy 13 affordability by reducing customers' energy or water service burden. 14
- 15 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the commis-16 sioner shall provide for automated identification of OTDA assistance 17 program participants for participation in utility corporation energy or 18 water service affordability programs pursuant to subdivision four of 19 this section.
- § 2. This act shall take effect immediately. 20

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

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