STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

March 15, 2023

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 prohibiting the requirement that a court proceeding has been initiated against an individual in order for such individual to qualify for a rent arrears grant or ongoing rental assistance

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

Section 1. Section 131 of the social services law, is amended by adding a new subdivision 21 to read as follows:

3 <u>21. Notwithstanding any other section of law to the contrary, proof of</u> 4 <u>a court proceeding that has been initiated against the applicant or</u> 5 <u>recipient shall not be required to qualify for emergency assistance to</u> 6 <u>cover rent arrears or public assistance to provide ongoing rental</u> 7 <u>support.</u>

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

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^{8 § 2.} This act shall take effect immediately.