STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

March 20, 2024

Introduced by M. of A. SOLAGES -- read once and referred 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 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 corporations, public utility companies, public utility corporations, gas corporations, electric corporations, [~~or~~] 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.

(e) "Utility corporation energy affordability programs" shall be defined by the public service commission and shall be limited to utility corporation programs which are intended to assist customers with energy affordability by reducing customers' energy **or water service** burden.

2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the commissioner shall provide for automated identification of OTDA assistance program participants for participation in utility corporation energy **or water service** affordability programs pursuant to subdivision four of this section.

§ 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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