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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PERSAUD -- 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 requiring the office of temporary and disability assistance to make publicly available on its website information regarding waivers, rental supplement plans and shelter supplement plans

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

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 152-e to read as follows:

§ 152-e. Public availability of information regarding waiver requests and shelter and rental supplements. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Office" shall mean the office of temporary and disability assistance.

(b) "Waiver" means permission to deviate from a state or federal program rule or statutory provision.

(c) "Shelter supplement plan" means a plan submitted by a social services district for approval by the department to provide additional monthly shelter supplements to public assistance applicants and recipients as provided in 18 NYCRR 352.3.

(d) "Rental supplement program plan" means any plan submitted by a social services district for approval by the office to provide rental assistance to individuals who are experiencing homelessness or are facing imminent loss of housing.

2. The office shall make publicly available information regarding waivers and rental supplement plans and shelter supplement plans by providing, at a minimum, the following information:

(a) Within sixty days of the effective date of this section, the office shall post on its website a compendium of existing waivers of state or federal program rules or statutory provisions, including but not limited to a description of the state or federal program rule or statutory provision waived, the date first granted, the date the waiver will expire if any, and the social services districts to which the waiv-

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

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er applies. The office shall review existing waivers at least once every five years to analyze the continued need for existing waivers and shall publish the results of the review and make it available to the public for comment.

(b) Within ten days after a federal agency has provided notice of an available federal waiver, the office shall post on its website the relevant information about such available federal waiver including a summary of such available waiver and a citation or link to the appropriate federal authority for such available federal waiver. Any waiver request submitted by the office to any federal agency shall be made publicly available on the website of the office no later than ten days after the request is submitted. Any approval or denial of such requests shall be made available on the website of the office no later than ten days after receipt.

(c) The office shall provide notice of waivers of state or federal program rules or statutory provisions which may be requested by social services districts. Within ten days after the office has provided notice that a waiver may be requested by a social services district, the office shall post on its website the relevant information about such available waiver including a summary of such available waiver and a citation or link to the appropriate authority for such available waiver. Any waiver request submitted by a social services district to the office shall be made publicly available on the website of the office no later than ten days after the request is submitted to the office. Any approval or denial of such requests shall be made available on the website of the office no later than ten days after receipt.

(d) Any shelter supplement plan and any rental supplement program plan submitted to the office by a social services district shall be made publicly available on the website of the office no later than ten days after such plan is submitted. Any approval or denial of such requests in addition to any guidance issued related to such requests shall be made publicly available on the website of the office no later than ten days after issuance.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.