STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

October 21, 2024

Introduced by Sen. CHU -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to capping the monthly maximum payment for hotel rooms to house homeless persons

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 43-a to read as follows:

§ 43-a. Contracting with hotels to provide rooms as shelter for homeless persons; payment standards. 1. In a city with a population of more than one million, notwithstanding any provision of any federal law, rule or regulation to the contrary, whenever the commissioner, social services agency, or a contracted entity subject to the provisions of section forty-three of this article enters into contracts with hotels to provide rooms as shelter for homeless persons, the daily maximum amount the department shall pay under a contract to provide rooms for homeless persons shall be equal to seventy-five percent of the New York city housing authority Section 8 voucher payment standard for a studio apartment pro-rated daily.

2. In a city with a population greater than one million, notwithstanding any provision of any federal law, rule or regulation to the contrary, whenever the commissioner, social services agency, or a contracted entity subject to the provisions of section forty-three of this article enters into contracts with hotels to provide rooms as shelter for multiple homeless individuals in a congregate room, the daily maximum amount the department shall pay under a contract to provide rooms for homeless families shall be equal to seventy-five percent of the New York city housing authority Section 8 voucher payment standard for an apartment of appropriate housing occupancy pro-rated daily.

3. The provisions of this section shall not apply to hotels contracted to provide rooms for homeless families south of ninety-sixth street in New York county, community boards one and two located in Kings county and community boards one and two located in Queens county, or during a declared national, state, or local public health emergency.

§ 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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