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Introduced by M. of A. GONZALEZ-ROJAS, PAULIN, ANDERSON, BICHOTTE HERMELYN, BORES, BRONSON, BURDICK, R. CARROLL, CLARK, CRUZ, CUNNINGHAM, DAVILA, DE LOS SANTOS, DINOWITZ, EPSTEIN, FORREST, GALLAGHER, GIBBS, GLICK, HEVESI, JACOBSON, KELLES, KIM, LAVINE, LEE, LEVENBERG, LUCAS, LUNSFORD, MAMDANI, MITAYNES, OTIS, RAGA, RAJKUMAR, REYES, RIVERA, ROSENTHAL, ROZIC, SAYEGH, SEAWRIGHT, SEPTIMO, SHIMSKY, SHRESTHA, SIMON, SIMONE, TAPIA, TAYLOR, WALKER, WEPRIN, ZINERMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to providing practical support for access to abortion care

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 2599-bb-1 of the public health law, as added by section 1 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

1. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Abortion" shall mean the termination of pregnancy pursuant to section twenty-five hundred ninety-nine-bb of this article.

(b) "Health care services" shall mean the range of care related to the provision of abortion.

(c) **"Practical support" shall mean financial assistance to an individual to enable access to abortion care.**

(d) "Program" shall mean the reproductive freedom and equity grant program established pursuant to subdivision two of this section.

§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 2599-bb-1 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

(c) Address practical support needs of individuals accessing abortion care for individuals who lack ability to pay for such support. Funds may be awarded to support practical support needs including, but not

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

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limited to, reimbursement for ground and air transportation, lodging, meals, childcare, translation services, and doula support.

§ 3. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid and after exhaustion of all further judicial review, the judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this act directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment shall have been rendered.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately.