

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

January 23, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the transportation of eligible persons residing in a rural area

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 365-h of the social services law  
2 is amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

3 (c) Where the commissioner of health elects to assume such responsi-  
4 bility from a local social services district, and after any required  
5 federal approval, authorized transportation for an eligible person,  
6 whose originating location exists within a county defined as a rural  
7 area pursuant to subdivision seven of section four hundred eighty-one of  
8 the executive law, shall be assigned to an existing public transporta-  
9 tion system, as defined in subdivision one of section eighteen-b of the  
10 transportation law, if that system provides an appropriate, available  
11 and least expensive mode of transportation.

12 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
13 have become a law; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision  
14 4 of section 365-h of the social services law, made by section one of  
15 this act, shall not affect the expiration and repeal of such section,  
16 and shall expire and be deemed repealed therewith.

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

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