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Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- 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 local social services districts distribute shelter information specifically for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender non-conforming persons

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

Section 1. Section 17 of the social services law is amended by adding a new subdivision (m) to read as follows:

(m) require all local social services districts to provide information including resources and accommodations for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender non-conforming individuals on their shelter webpage and as a pamphlet provided to intake shelters. Such information shall:

(i) specify where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender non-conforming individuals should go if they are looking to be housed in a shelter.

(ii) include whether lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender non-conforming shelter beds are an option in their municipality and, if there are no such shelter beds, the agency shall list resources of nearby non-profits or other lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender non-conforming shelter options within the municipality.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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