STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 22, 2025

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT in relation to expanding eligibility for the cooling assistance component of the home energy assistance program

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule or regulation to the contrary an applicant for the cooling assistance component of the home energy assistance program shall not be required to demonstrate that the household contains at least one person with a documented medical condition that is exacerbated by extreme heat to be eligible for a cooling assistance component benefit.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after the state commissioner of social services receives a determination from the federal department of health and human services that the provisions of section one of this act shall not render the state ineligible for participation in the federal low-income home energy assistance program; provided that the state commissioner of social services shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the receipt of such determination in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.

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

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