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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 2, 2025

Introduced by Sens. GOUNARDES, BRISPORT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services -- recommitted to the Committee on Social Services in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to authorizing domestic violence shelters to be reimbursed for housing a single individual in a room intended for double occupancy

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

Section 1. Section 131-u of the social services law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 3 and 4 to read as follows:

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a residential program for victims of domestic violence, as defined in section four hundred fifty-nine-a of this chapter, which operates an emergency shelter with at least ten beds and provides temporary housing assistance to a single individual who meets such program's necessary eligibility requirements, shall be reimbursed for the payment differential, if any, for housing a single individual in a room intended for double occupancy, if no other room intended for single occupancy is available within the facility in accordance with the following:

(a) for the fiscal year beginning April first, two thousand twenty-seven the reimbursement shall be fifty percent of any cost differential;

(b) for the fiscal year beginning April first, two thousand twenty-eight the reimbursement shall be seventy-five percent of any cost differential; and

(c) for the fiscal year beginning April first, two thousand twenty-nine the reimbursement shall be one hundred percent of any cost differential.

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

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4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a residential program for victims of domestic violence, as defined in section four hundred fifty-nine-a of this chapter, which operates an emergency shelter with fewer than ten beds and provides temporary housing assistance to a single individual who meets such a program's necessary eligibility requirements, shall be reimbursed for the payment differential, if any, for housing a single individual in a room intended for double occupancy, if no other room intended for single occupancy is available within the facility. Such reimbursement shall be one hundred percent of any cost differential for the fiscal year commencing on or after the effective date of this subdivision and thereafter.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.