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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Housing, Construction and Community Development

AN ACT to amend the public housing law, in relation to requiring public housing authorities with housing complexes containing one hundred or more units to provide food and drinking water for all tenants in the affected buildings each day of a water service disruption

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

1 Section 1. The public housing law is amended by adding a new section
2 229 to read as follows:

3 § 229. Water service disruption. 1. For public housing authorities
4 with housing complexes containing one hundred or more units, in the
5 event of a disruption in water services that requires a pause of tenant
6 use of water for drinking or cooking lasting over twenty-four hours, the
7 housing authority shall provide three meals or three meal vouchers and
8 drinking water for each resident in the affected buildings each day of
9 the disruption, including an option for homebound residents to receive
10 meals and water directly.

11 2. The authority shall notify residents of meal and water availability
12 through written notice and in conjunction with all communications to
13 residents regarding the disruption. Such notice shall include:

14 a. the location and time meals, meal vouchers and water will be avail-
15 able to residents each day; and

16 b. the procedure for homebound individuals to receive meals and water
17 directly.

18 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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