

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

January 10, 2025

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Introduced by M. of A. ROSENTHAL, DE LOS SANTOS, ZINERMAN, RAGA, COLTON  
-- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to prohibiting the requirement that a court proceeding has been initiated against an individual in order for such individual to qualify for a rent arrears grant or ongoing rental assistance

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

1 Section 1. Section 131 of the social services law, is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision 21 to read as follows:

3 21. Notwithstanding any other section of law to the contrary, proof of  
4 a court proceeding that has been initiated against the applicant or  
5 recipient shall not be required to qualify for emergency assistance to  
6 cover rent arrears or public assistance to provide ongoing rental  
7 support.

8 § 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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