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Introduced by M. of A. BICHOTTE HERMELYN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the study of supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefit fraud

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

1 Section 1. Section 95 of the social services law is amended by adding
2 a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

3 12. (a) No later than two hundred forty days after the effective date
4 of this subdivision, the commissioner shall conduct a study on the
5 prevalence of supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefit
6 fraud. Such study shall include, but not be limited to:

7 (i) a detailed evaluation of the prevalence of stolen supplemental
8 nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefits;

9 (ii) an examination of current barriers, feasibility, and impact on
10 participant access and ease of use in developing and implementing an
11 electronic benefit transfer system using industry-standard commercial
12 electronic funds transfer technology, including, at a minimum, the use
13 of EMV computer chip cards; and

14 (iii) analysis of such other information as the commissioner deems
15 appropriate.

16 (b) Upon the completion of the study required pursuant to paragraph
17 (a) of this subdivision, the commissioner shall submit to the governor,
18 the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly a
19 report containing the findings of such study.

20 (c) No later than one hundred twenty days after the end of each fiscal
21 year that begins after the submission of the report required pursuant to
22 paragraph (b) of this subdivision, the commissioner shall submit to the
23 governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the
24 assembly an updated report, which shall include, but not be limited to:

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

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1 (i) periodic review and modification of regulations relating to
2 supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) benefit transfers which
3 takes into account evolving technology; and
4 (ii) analysis of the threat of supplemental nutrition assistance
5 program (SNAP) benefit fraud and means of protecting against such
6 threat.

7 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.