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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. HEVESI -- read once and referred to the Committee on Children and Families

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to allowing persons to request a second hearing to seal child protective services records

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 8 of
2 section 422 of the social services law is amended by adding a new undesignated paragraph to read as follows:

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4 Provided, however, the subject shall be entitled to request a second
5 hearing to request the sealing of such subject's case no sooner than two
6 years after the date of the first hearing, if such subject provides the
7 office of children and family services evidence that the subject has had
8 a significant change in life circumstances, and there is no evidence the
9 subject has committed maltreatment of a child in the preceding two
10 years. A significant change in life circumstances shall include, but
11 not be limited to, completing services such as drug or alcohol treatment
12 programs, parenting skills classes, or anger management programs; or
13 regular participation in mental health services.

14 § 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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