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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. PERSAUD -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Social Services

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to establishing an EBT card replacement program

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

1 Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section
2 131-sss to read as follows:

3 § 131-sss. Public benefit card replacement. 1. Definitions. For the
4 purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following
5 meanings:

6 (a) "Commissioner" shall mean the commissioner of the office of tempo-
7 rary and disability assistance.

8 (b) "Office" or "OTDA" shall mean the office of temporary and disabil-
9 ity assistance.

10 (c) "EBT card" shall mean an electronic benefit transfer card issued
11 for access to benefits provided pursuant to this chapter.

12 2. Within one year of the effective date of this section, the commis-
13 sioner shall develop and implement a program to replace all EBT cards
14 issued in the state which utilize magnetic strips with cards that
15 utilize chip technology. The office shall coordinate with all commis-
16 sioners of social services and EBT card issuers within the state to
17 implement such card replacement program.

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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