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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to directing the commissioner of health to waive certain requirements of the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children during a state of emergency declared as a result of a public health crisis

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 206 of the public health law is amended by adding a new paragraph (x) to read as follows:

(x) during a state of emergency declared as a result of a public health crisis, waive certain requirements of the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children, including, but not limited to:

(i) the requirement that the monthly allowances available under the program expire each month and provide that any unused portions of such allowances may carry over from month to month;

(ii) the current monthly monetary limit for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables and provide for an increase in the amount of such monetary limit of not less than sixty percent; and

(iii) any other requirements of the program that the commissioner deems necessary to waive in order to protect the best interests of eligible individuals receiving allowances under the program.

§ 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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