

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

December 19, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to guaranteeing access to certain public benefits for non-citizens

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

1 Section 1. Section 398-e of the social services law, as amended by
2 chapter 669 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 398-e. Eligibility for protective services, foster care services,
4 [~~and~~] residential services for victims of domestic violence and other
5 public benefits and services. A noncitizen, including a non-qualified
6 alien, as determined by applicable federal statute and regulation, is
7 eligible for protective services for adults and children, foster care
8 services, [~~and~~] prevention services, adoption subsidy, kinship guardian-
9 ship assistance, after-care services for youth and families involved
10 with child welfare, child care assistance, residential services for
11 victims of domestic violence, and all other public services and benefits
12 to the extent such person is otherwise eligible pursuant to this chapter
13 and the regulations of the office of children and family services and
14 the office of temporary and disability assistance.

15 § 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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