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IN SENATE

May 21, 2009

Introduced by Sen. SQUADRON -- 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 financial contributions by recipients of temporary housing assistance and discontinuance of temporary housing assistance based on a recipient's actions

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 131-a of the social services law,
2 as amended by section 12 of part B of chapter 436 of the laws of 1997,
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 7. (a) Whenever a social services official finds that a recipient of
5 public assistance has failed to fully apply the amount allowed in his
6 grant for shelter to the payment of rent for his housing accommodations,
7 unless rent is being withheld pursuant to law or court order, the social
8 services official shall furnish such recipient's shelter allowance in
9 the form of direct payments to the owner of such housing accommodations
10 or his or her designated agent.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the contrary, a
12 recipient of temporary housing assistance shall not be required to make
13 a financial contribution toward the cost of temporary housing assist-
14 ance. A social services district may, for a period of time, terminate
15 temporary housing assistance to a recipient only if the recipient
16 engages in acts which pose an imminent threat to the health or safety of
17 the recipient or others.

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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