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DIGEST OF LAWS OF 1998
RELATING TO PROGRAMS OF THE OFFICE
OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

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TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE

Chapter 58 - Additional State Payments
[Senate 6098-B, a Budget Bill]

Establishes the standard of monthly need for additional State payments for persons and couples living alone and living with others.

Statutes involved:

Social Services Law
Section 209, subd. 2, paras. (a) and (b), amended

Effective date: April 28, 1998.

Chapter 214 - Welfare Reform Technical Amendments
[Senate 7483-A by Senator Holland, et al.]

Makes technical and conforming amendments to the Welfare Reform Act of 1997 (Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997). The amendments correct errors and omissions in the Welfare Reform Act of 1997 and conform the Social Services Law to the requirements of the Federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997 relating to assistance for aliens, the administration and implementation of the child support enforcement program and welfare reform.

Statutes involved:

Chapter 436, Laws of 1997
Part B, sect. 1, amended
Part B, sect. 119, repealed
Part B, sect. 120, repealed
Part B, sect. 147, repealed
Part B, sect. 153, subds. (a) and (i), amended
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Chapter 398, Laws of 1997
Section 36, amended
Section 148-a, added
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Social Services Law
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Section 165, repealed and a new section 165, added
Section 366, subd. 1, para. (a), subpara. 1, amended
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Tax Law

Section 171-a, subd. 4, amended
Section 171-h, subd. 4, paras. (e) and (f), amended
Section 697, subsect. (e), para. 3, amended
Section 697, subsect. (1), amended

Family Court Act

Article 5B, Part 6.C, sect. 580-613, sect. heading, amended
Section 580-307, subd. a, amended
Section 580-501, amended
Section 580-204, amended
Section 580-605, subd. (c), amended
Section 580-701, subd. (b), amended
Section 580-802, subd. (b), amended
Section 580-904, amended
Section 580-905, amended
Section 154, subd. (b), added
Section 573, repealed
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Section 571, subd. 10, amended
Section 571, subd. 11, added
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Section 532, subd. (a), amended
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Section 545, subd. 1, amended
Section 454, subd. 2, para. (h), added
Section 572, repealed

Domestic Relations Law

Section 240-b, amended
Section 236, Part B, subd. 4, para. a, amended
Section 240, subd. 1, amended

Public Health Law

Section 4135-b, subd. 1, para. (a), amended
Section 4138, subd. 1, para. (e), amended

Civil Practice Law and Rules

Section 5241, subd. (b), para. 2, amended
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Section 5241, subd. (g), para. 2, subpara. (D), amended
Section 5241, subd. (g), para. 3, amended
Section 5252, subd. 1, amended

Labor Law

Section 21, subd. 13, renumb. subd. 14
Section 596, subd. 3, para. (b), amended
Section 602, amended

Environmental Conservation Law

Section 11-0713, subd. 2, amended

Effective date: July 7, 1998

Chapter 316 - Additional State Payments
[Senate 6368-A by Senator Holland, et al.]

Makes the State permanently and fully responsible for the payment of the social services districts' shares of the costs of additional State payments to Supplemental Security Income recipients.

Statutes involved:

Social Services Law

Section 212, subd. 1, opening para., amended
Section 212, subd. 2, amended
Section 212, subd. 3, repealed

Effective date: July 14, 1998

Chapter 377 - Standard of Monthly Need, Personal Needs Allowance
[Assembly 10858-A by the Committee on Rules]

Increases the standards of need for determining eligibility and payment of federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and additional State payments to the aged, blind and disabled to reflect SSI benefit increases that may result from any cost-of-living adjustment occurring between January 1, 1999 and June 30, 1999.

Statutes involved:

Social Services Law

Section 131-o, subd. 1, paras. (a), (b), (c) and (d), amended

Section 209, subd. 2, paras. (c), (d), (e) and (f), amended

Section 210, subd. 1, amended

Effective date: December 31, 1998

Chapter 429 - Inspection of Motor Vehicles
[Senate 5918-A by Senator Holland]

Permits automobile dealers to transfer to welfare-to-work programs operated by a private industry council, a county or a social services district and authorized by the Department of Labor, automobiles that have not been inspected.

Statutes involved:

Vehicle and Traffic Law

Section 301, subd. (a), amended

Effective date: July 22, 1998

Chapter 564 - Child Assistance Program
[Senate 6360-A by Senator Holland, et al.]

Provides that persons in receipt of benefits under the Child Assistance Program (CAP) and the Medical Assistance Program (MA) who, prior to April 1, 1999, become ineligible for MA due solely to increased earnings from employment or loss of earned income disregards will remain eligible for MA until March 31, 1999. In addition, the Chapter provides for an additional 12 month extension of MA eligibility for persons who become ineligible for CAP benefits or MA due solely to increased earnings from employment or loss of earned income disregards.

Statutes involved:

Social Services Law

Section 131-z, subd. 6, amended

Effective date: August 5, 1998

HOUSING SERVICES

Chapter 204 - Homelessness Intervention Program
[Senate 6966 by Senator Holland, at the request of
the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance]

Establishes the Homelessness Intervention Program (HIP) by creating more flexibility in the Homeless Rehousing Assistance Program and the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) and by adding HPP services as eligible activities under HIP.

Statutes involved:

Social Services Law
Section 48, amended
Section 49, amended
Section 50, amended
Section 51, amended

Effective date: July 7, 1998

CHILD SUPPORT

Chapter 214 - Welfare Reform Technical Amendments
[Senate 7483-A by Senator Holland, et al.]

Makes technical and conforming amendments to the Welfare Reform Act of 1997 (Chapter 436 of the Laws of 1997). The amendments correct errors and omissions in the Welfare Reform Act of 1997 and conform the Social Services Law to the requirements of the Federal Balanced Budget Act of 1997 relating to assistance for aliens, the administration and implementation of the child support enforcement program and welfare reform.

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Chapter 393 - Child Support Obligations
[Assembly 105-B by Assemblyman Hoyt, et al.]

Authorizes the Family Court to order a party to purchase, maintain or assign a life or accident insurance policy and to designate, as an irrevocable beneficiary, the individual on whose behalf a child support obligation has been established.

Statutes involved:

Family Court Act
Section 416, amended

Domestic Relations Law
Section 236, Part B, subd. 8, para. a, amended

Effective date: July 22, 1998

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