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**DIGEST OF LAWS OF 2018  
RELATING TO PROGRAMS OF THE  
OFFICE OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**

**NOTICE**

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**Gifts to Food Banks Program**

**Chapter 375 – Relates to Authorizing a Tax Check-Off for Gifts to Food Banks**

[S.8938/A.4572-A]

Authorizes a tax check-off for gifts to regional food banks to assist in providing food and nutritious supplement to those in need throughout New York State.

**Statutes involved:**

State Finance Law § 82, added

Tax Law § 625-a, added

**Effective date:** December 21, 2018

**Trafficking Victims**

**Chapter 189 – Establishes the Crime of Sex Trafficking of a Child**

[S.5988-B/A.6823-C]

Amends the Penal Law to establish the crime of sex trafficking of a child in relation to promoting prostitution and amends the Penal Law, the Correction Law, the Criminal Procedure Law, the Social Services Law, the Vehicle and Traffic Law, the Administrative Code of the City of New York, the Family Court Act, the Mental Hygiene Law, the Public Health Law, the Executive Law, and the General Business Law, in relation to making technical corrections relative thereto.

**Statutes involved:**

Criminal Procedure Law  
§ 420.35, amended  
§ 440.10, amended  
§ 700.05, amended

Correction Law § 168-a, amended

Executive Law  
§ 621, amended  
§ 631, amended

Family Court Act § 1012, amended

General Business Law § 410, amended

Mental Hygiene Law § 10.03, amended  
New York City Administrative Code  
§ 3-118, amended  
§ 9-131, amended  
§ 14-154, amended

Penal Law  
§ 70.02, amended  
§ 120.70, amended  
§ 130.91, amended  
§ 230.01, amended  
§ 230.34-a, added  
§ 460.10, amended

Public Health Law  
§ 2324-a, amended

Social Services Law  
§ 447-a, amended  
§ 483-bb, amended

Vehicle and Traffic Law  
§ 509-cc, amended  
§ 510-d, amended

**Effective date:** November 13, 2018

**Chapter 190 – Requires Certain Lodging Facilities to Make Available Information  
Concerning Services for Human Trafficking Victims**

[S.8874/A.10425-A]

Amends the General Business Law by adding a new § 206-f to require lodging facilities to provide information concerning services for human trafficking victims in certain public spaces of the lodging facilities. The information is to be provided via informational cards developed by, among others, OTDA in consultation with the New York State Interagency Task Force on Human Trafficking.

**Statutes involved:**

General Business Law § 206-f, added

**Effective date:** October 14, 2018

**Chapter 238 – Relates to Services for Victims of Human Trafficking Including  
Short-Term and Long-Term Safe Housing**

[S.8305/A.9566]

Amends Social Services Law §§ 483-aa and 483-bb to: (1) expand the eligible population of human trafficking victims who can be served through the OTDA Response to Human Trafficking Program by deleting the word “pre-certified”, which refers to those victims who are not yet eligible for benefits and/or services through social services districts (districts) or other federal/State programs because of a lack of qualifying immigration status. The OTDA Response to Human Trafficking Program may now serve *both* “pre-certified” victims *and* any individual who meets the definition of a human trafficking victim under the law, including those who are already eligible to be served by their districts or other federal/State resources; and (2) adds definitions of short-term and long-term safe house residential facilities for human trafficking victims.

**Statutes involved:**

Social Services Law  
§ 483-aa, amended  
§ 483-bb, amended

**Effective date:** December 22, 2018

**Veterans**

**Chapter 322 – Relates to Use of Personal Confidential Information Received from Veterans or Family Members of Veterans Receiving Services from the State**

[S.6610/A.1206]

Requires certain subdivisions of the State, when interacting with a client or customer, to inquire as to whether he/she or a family member is a veteran. The information will be considered private, and will be used only to assist in the assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and handling of the veteran's or family member's issues within the agency requesting such information and to refer the veteran or family member to the Division of Veterans' Affairs for information and assistance related to benefits and entitlements under federal and state law.

**Statutes involved:**

Executive Law § 354-e, added

**Effective date:** February 3, 2019