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#### DIGEST OF LAWS OF 1998

#### RELATING TO PROGRAMS OF THE OFFICE

#### OF TEMPORARY AND DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

#### NOTICE

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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.

#### <u> Chapter 214 - Welfare Reform Technical Amendments</u>

[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

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Part B, sect. 120, repealed

Part B, sect. 147, repealed

Part B, sect. 153, subds. (a) and (i), amended

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  Section 602, amended
Environmental Conservation Law
  Section 11-0713, subd. 2, amended
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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:

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Section 212, subd. 3, repealed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

<u>Chapter 204 - Homelessness Intervention Program</u> [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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