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Senator Beck moves that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out Sec. 88, amending 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.321, in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 88 to read as follows:

Sec. 88. 2024 Acts and Resolves No. 113, Sec. E.321 is amended to read:

Sec. E.321 GENERAL ASSISTANCE EMERGENCY HOUSING

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(b)(1) General Assistance Emergency Housing shall be provided in a community-based shelter whenever possible. If there is inadequate community-based shelter space available within the Agency of Human Services district in which the household presents itself, the household shall be provided emergency housing in a hotel or motel within the district, if available, until adequate community-based shelter space becomes available in the district. The utilization of hotel and motel rooms pursuant to this subdivision shall be capped at 1,100 rooms per night between September 15, 2024 through November 30, 2024 and between April 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

(2) The maximum number of days that an eligible household receives emergency housing in a hotel or motel under this section, per 12-month period, shall not exceed 80 days.

1           (3) The Department shall provide emergency winter housing to  
2 households meeting the eligibility criteria in subsection (a) of this section  
3 between December 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025. The Department shall  
4 provide emergency winter housing to households meeting the priority  
5 eligibility criteria defined in subsection (l) of this section between April 1,  
6 2025 and June 30, 2025. Households meeting the priority eligibility criteria  
7 between April 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025 shall be prioritized ahead of  
8 households meeting only the eligibility criteria in subsection (a) of this section  
9 and who have remaining days on their fiscal year 2025 allocation for  
10 emergency housing. Emergency housing in a hotel or motel provided pursuant  
11 to this subdivision shall not count toward the maximum days of eligibility per  
12 12-month period provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection.

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14           (l) As used in this section:

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16           (3) “Priority eligibility criteria” means:

17                           (A) the household was housed in a hotel or motel room pursuant to  
18 this section on March 31, 2025;

19                           (B) where applicable, the Department has determined there is  
20 sufficient medical evidence and documentation that a household member has a

1 medical condition listed in subdivisions (C)(ii) through (vi) of this subsection  
2 (1); and  
3 (C) the household has a member who meets one of the following:  
4 (i) is a child 19 years of age or under;  
5 (ii) meets the Medicare definition of “homebound” as defined in  
6 42 C.F.R. § 405.2416(d);  
7 (iii) requires a lifesaving device that requires access to electricity;  
8 (iv) is in active cancer treatment or treatment for severe kidney  
9 disease or renal disease, or has severe liver or heart conditions;  
10 (v) is actively receiving Medicaid-eligible or Medicare-eligible  
11 “home-based nursing services”; or  
12 (vi) is in the third trimester of pregnancy or who will enter the  
13 third trimester of pregnancy between April 1, 2025 and June 30, 2025.