



Legislation Text

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Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, legislation that would establish a hospitality gift fund for the homeless.

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Whereas, Homelessness in New York City has increased dramatically in recent years, while our nation has continued to face challenging economic conditions; and

Whereas, In New York City it is particularly difficult for people of modest means to secure reasonably affordable housing; and

Whereas, As of December 2017, there were over 60,000 homeless people sleeping each night in the New York City shelter system; and

Whereas, Over the course of Fiscal Year 2013, more than 111,000 different individuals slept in the shelter system, including more than 40,000 different children; and

Whereas, A.3495-2015, sponsored by Assembly Member Keith L.T. Wright, would have established a voluntary hotel unit fee of two dollars per day that would have funded a “Hospitality Gift Fund for the Homeless”; and

Whereas, The fund would have helped not-for profit tax-exempt entities deliver services to the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless, with the goal of reducing homelessness in New York State; and

Whereas, Every New Yorker deserves a decent place to live and more should be done to eliminate homelessness in New York City; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign legislation that would establish a hospitality gift fund for the homeless.

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