



ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK STATE YMCAs
**YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT
Legislative Bill**

Bill # 47

Referred to Committee:
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Action on the Bill

Assembly

Senate

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AN ACT TO: Provide a solution to the homeless crisis.

**The People of the State of New York, represented
in the Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:**

Purpose

The purpose of this bill is to create shelters for temporary housing for the homeless as well as to create programs to help reduce the amount of homeless people.

Summary of Provisions

Section 1: Definitions

For this bill, homeless people are defined as people that cannot prove that they have ever rented or owned a place of residence.

Section 2: (or Section 1 if you have no definitions)

This bill proposes that we build shelters for the homeless as was defined above. While in this shelter, there will be agencies created to try and find them some type of job. Other agencies will provide education for the homeless. These agencies will provide an alternative to homelessness. Some job placements may include federal jobs such as cleaning up the highways. The education agencies could also teach skills for blue collar employment for the homeless.

Justification

Currently, shelters are made for people who are evicted and for people who can prove that they have nowhere else to go. We want these types of shelters to continue, however, we would like to add different types of shelters as well. These shelters would be for those homeless people that have not had or cannot prove that they have lived in or owned a residence. These shelters should be affiliated with agencies to assist them in getting back on their feet either through education or job placement.

Currently there are 564,708 people who are homeless. Only 3% of homeless people have jobs. Thus, government agencies can increase the amount of education and jobs thus decreasing homelessness.

Fiscal Implications

In the short term, these shelters agencies will cost additional government money. However, in the long term, it will help the economy by increasing the work force and decreasing expenditures used to combat the homeless problem and the issues that result from it. One suggested source of funding for these shelters and government agencies could be from the lottery which already funds public education.

Effective Date

This bill will go into effect immediately after passage