TO: Local District Commissioners
SUBJECT: Recovery of Security Deposits from Landlords

ATTACHMENTS: None

This is to provide you with information regarding a recent change in Social Services Law 143-c which concerns security deposits. This change, effective June 12, 1991, provides that whenever a local district pays a security deposit for an applicant/recipient of public assistance, the local district make a diligent effort to recover a security deposit from a landlord as allowed by law. This new provision should not delay recoupment or recovery from the applicant/recipient when such recoupment or recovery is required by Department regulation 352.6.

Department regulation 352.6 is being amended to conform to this change in law.

If you have any questions, please call Maureen Standish at 1-800-342-4100, extension 3-6555.

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