## Section 601. Department; commissioner.

There shall be a department of social services the head of which shall be the commissioner of social services.

## Section 602. Deputies.

The commissioner may appoint three deputies.

## Section 603. Powers and duties.

Except as otherwise provided in chapters 24-A and 24-B, the commissioner shall have the powers and perform the duties of a commissioner of social services under the social services law, provided that no form of outdoor relief shall be dispensed by the city except under the provisions of a state or local law which shall specifically provide the method, manner and conditions of dispensing the same.

## Section 604. Public institutions under the commissioner.

The commissioner shall control, maintain and operate such institutions as are now or may be put under his or her control.

Section 605. Powers and duties of the commissioner of homeless services. [Repealed]