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AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to allowing farm workers one day of rest each week, and including farm laborers within the provisions pertaining to overtime compensation and unemployment insurance, and regulating the farm employment of certain employees whose earning capacity is affected or impaired by youth or age, and granting collective bargaining rights to certain farm laborers and establishing an advisory committee on collective bargaining; and to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to the eligibility of farm laborers for disability benefits and the provision of claim forms to farm laborers injured in the course of employment and in relation to service as farm laborers

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "farmwork-  
2     ers' fair labor practices act".  
3     S 2. Subdivision 16 of section 2 of the labor law, as added by chapter  
4     564 of the laws of 2010, is renumbered subdivision 18 and a new subdivi-  
5     sion 17 is added to read as follows:  
6     17. "FARM LABOR" SHALL INCLUDE ALL SERVICES PERFORMED IN AGRICULTURAL  
7     EMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTION WITH CULTIVATING THE SOIL, OR IN CONNECTION  
8     WITH RAISING OR HARVESTING OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, INCLUDING  
9     SERVICES PERFORMED ON ORCHARDS, PLANTATIONS, NURSERIES AND GREENHOUSES,  
10    AND SHALL INCLUDE THE RAISING, HATCHING, SHEARING, CARING FOR AND  
11    MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, DAIRY, BEES AND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS,  
12    AND SHALL INCLUDE THE HARVESTING OR PRODUCTION OF MAPLE SYRUP OR MAPLE  
13    SUGAR, AND SHALL INCLUDE THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FARM EQUIPMENT  
14    AND IMPROVEMENT OR MAINTENANCE OF FARM WATER USE AREAS, AND SHALL  
15    INCLUDE THE PLANTING, DRYING, PACKAGING OR OTHER PROCESSING OF ANY AGRI-  
16    CULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL COMMODITY RAISED ON THE EMPLOYER'S FARM.    THE

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 TERM "FARM LABOR" SHALL NOT INCLUDE SERVICES PERFORMED IN CONNECTION  
2 WITH COMMERCIAL CANNING, FREEZING, GRADING OR OTHER PROCESSING OF ANY  
3 AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL COMMODITY NOT RAISED ON THE EMPLOYER'S  
4 FARM. THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE PARENT, CHILD, SPOUSE OR  
5 OTHER MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYER'S FAMILY RELATED BY THE THIRD DEGREE OF  
6 CONSANGUINITY OR AFFINITY.

7 S 3. Subdivision 1 of section 161 of the labor law is amended by  
8 adding a new undesignated paragraph to read as follows:

9 EVERY PERSON EMPLOYED AS A FARM LABORER SHALL BE ALLOWED AT LEAST  
10 TWENTY-FOUR CONSECUTIVE HOURS OF REST IN EACH AND EVERY CALENDAR WEEK. A  
11 FARM LABORER MAY CONSENT IN WRITING TO WAIVE THIS RIGHT AND WORK ON THE  
12 DAY OF REST, PROVIDED THAT HE OR SHE SHALL BE PAID AS PROVIDED UNDER  
13 SECTION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE-A OF THIS TITLE. THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL  
14 NOT APPLY TO THE PARENT, CHILD, SPOUSE OR OTHER MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYER'S  
15 FAMILY RELATED BY THE THIRD DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY OR AFFINITY. TWEN-  
16 TY-FOUR CONSECUTIVE HOURS SPENT AT REST BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES, SUCH  
17 AS WEATHER OR CROP CONDITIONS, SHALL BE DEEMED TO CONSTITUTE THE REST  
18 REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH. THE DAY OF REST SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THE  
19 TRADITIONAL DAY RESERVED BY THE FARM LABORER FOR RELIGIOUS WORSHIP,  
20 WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

21 S 4. Paragraphs b and d of subdivision 2 of section 161 of the labor  
22 law, as amended by chapter 281 of the laws of 1941, are amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 b. Employees in [dairies, creameries,] milk condenseries, milk powder  
25 factories, milk sugar factories, milk shipping stations, butter and  
26 cheese factories, ice cream manufacturing plants and milk bottling  
27 plants, where not more than seven persons are employed;

28 d. Employees whose duties include not more than three hours' work on  
29 Sunday in setting sponges in bakeries, [caring for live animals,] main-  
30 taining fires, or making necessary repairs to boilers or machinery.

31 S 5. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 163-a to read as  
32 follows:

33 S 163-A. HOURS OF AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT. NO PERSON OR CORPORATION  
34 OPERATING A FARM SHALL REQUIRE ANY FARM LABORER TO WORK MORE THAN TEN  
35 HOURS IN ANY DAY, FIFTY-FIVE HOURS IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK, OR SIX DAYS IN  
36 ANY CALENDAR WEEK, UNLESS SUCH FARM LABORER IS PAID AS FOLLOWS:

37 1. HOURLY RATE. A. ANY FARM LABORER WHO IS PAID ON AN HOURLY BASIS AND  
38 WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, OR WHO IS SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN  
39 YEARS OF AGE AND NOT REQUIRED BY LAW TO ATTEND SCHOOL SHALL NOT BE  
40 EMPLOYED MORE THAN TEN HOURS IN ANY DAY, OR MORE THAN FIFTY-FIVE HOURS  
41 IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK, OR MORE THAN SIX DAYS IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK UNLESS  
42 THE FARM LABORER RECEIVES ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES THE REGULAR RATE AT  
43 WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED FOR ALL HOURS WORKED IN EXCESS OF TEN HOURS IN ANY  
44 DAY OR FIFTY-FIVE HOURS IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK. ANY FARM LABORER WHO WORKS  
45 ON THE SEVENTH DAY IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK SHALL RECEIVE ONE AND ONE-HALF  
46 TIMES THE REGULAR RATE AT WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED FOR THE FIRST EIGHT HOURS  
47 WORKED, AND TWO TIMES THE REGULAR RATE AT WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED FOR ALL  
48 HOURS WORKED IN EXCESS OF EIGHT HOURS THAT DAY.

49 B. ANY FARM LABORER WHO IS PAID AN HOURLY WAGE RATE SHALL NOT BE  
50 EMPLOYED MORE THAN TEN HOURS IN ANY DAY OR MORE THAN FIFTY-FIVE HOURS IN  
51 ANY CALENDAR WEEK UNLESS THE FARM LABORER RECEIVES ONE AND ONE-HALF  
52 TIMES THE REGULAR RATE AT WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED FOR ALL HOURS WORKED IN  
53 EXCESS OF TEN HOURS IN ANY DAY OR FIFTY-FIVE HOURS IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK.  
54 ANY FARM LABORER WHO WORKS ON THE SEVENTH DAY IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK SHALL  
55 RECEIVE ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES THE REGULAR RATE AT WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED  
56 FOR THE FIRST EIGHT HOURS WORKED, AND TWO TIMES THE REGULAR RATE AT

1 WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED FOR ALL HOURS WORKED IN EXCESS OF EIGHT HOURS THAT  
2 DAY.

3 2. PIECE WORK RATE. A. ANY FARM LABORER WHO IS PAID ON A PIECE RATE  
4 BASIS SHALL BE PAID AT A RATE WHICH SHALL BE NO LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED  
5 FIFTY PERCENT OF THE MINIMUM WAGE RATE ESTABLISHED BY REGULATIONS OF THE  
6 DEPARTMENT FOR HOURS WORKED IN EXCESS OF TEN HOURS IN ANY DAY OR FIFTY-  
7 FIVE HOURS IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK.

8 B. ANY FARM LABORER WHO IS PAID A PIECE WORK RATE WHO WORKS ON THE  
9 SEVENTH DAY IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK SHALL BE PAID AT A RATE NO LESS THAN  
10 ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE MINIMUM WAGE RATE ESTABLISHED BY REGU-  
11 LATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FIRST EIGHT HOURS AND TWO HUNDRED  
12 PERCENT OF THAT MINIMUM WAGE RATE FOR ANY HOURS WORKED IN EXCESS OF  
13 EIGHT ON THAT DAY. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT A FARM EMPLOY-  
14 ER FROM PAYING A PIECE WORK RATE IN EXCESS OF THE RATES REQUIRED BY THIS  
15 SECTION.

16 S 6. Section 564 of the labor law, as added by chapter 675 of the laws  
17 of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

18 S 564. Agricultural labor. 1. Coverage. (a) Notwithstanding the  
19 provisions of section five hundred sixty of this article, an employer of  
20 persons engaged in agricultural labor shall become liable for contrib-  
21 utions under this article if the employer:

22 (1) has paid cash remuneration of [twenty] SIX thousand TWO HUNDRED  
23 FIFTY dollars or more in any calendar quarter to persons employed in  
24 agricultural labor, and such liability shall commence on the first day  
25 of such quarter, or

26 (2) has employed in agricultural labor ten or more persons on each of  
27 twenty days during a calendar year or the preceding calendar year, each  
28 day being in a different calendar week, and the liability shall in such  
29 event commence on the first day of the calendar year, or

30 (3) is liable for the tax imposed under the federal unemployment tax  
31 act as an employer of agricultural labor and the liability shall in such  
32 event commence on the first day of the calendar quarter in such calendar  
33 year when he first paid remuneration for agricultural labor in this  
34 state.

35 (b) An employer who becomes liable for contributions under paragraph  
36 (a) of this subdivision shall cease to be liable as of the first day of  
37 a calendar quarter next following the filing of a written application  
38 provided the commissioner finds that the employer:

39 (1) has not paid to persons employed in agricultural labor cash remun-  
40 eration of [twenty] SIX thousand TWO HUNDRED FIFTY dollars or more in  
41 any of the eight calendar quarters preceding such day, and

42 (2) has not employed in agricultural labor ten or more persons on each  
43 of twenty days during the current or the preceding calendar year, each  
44 day being in a different week, and

45 (3) is not liable for the tax imposed under the federal unemployment  
46 tax act as an employer of agricultural labor.

47 2. Crew leader. Whenever a person renders services as a member of a  
48 crew which is paid and furnished by the crew leader to perform services  
49 in agricultural labor for another employer, such other employer shall,  
50 for the purpose of this article, be deemed to be the employer of such  
51 person, unless:

52 (a) the crew leader holds a valid certificate of registration under  
53 the federal farm labor contractor registration act of nineteen hundred  
54 sixty-three or substantially all the members of the crew operate or  
55 maintain tractors, mechanized harvesting or cropdusting machinery or any  
56 other mechanized equipment which is provided by the crew leader, and

1 (b) the crew leader is not an employee of such other employer and has  
2 not entered into a written agreement with such employer under which he  
3 is designated as an employee.

4 S 7. Subdivision 1 of section 674 of the labor law, as added by chap-  
5 ter 552 of the laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

6 1. The commissioner may promulgate such regulations as he deems appro-  
7 priate to carry out the purposes of this article and to safeguard mini-  
8 mum wage standards. Such regulations may include, but are not limited  
9 to, the defining of the circumstances or conditions for the acceptance  
10 of non-hourly rates and piece rates as equivalent to the minimum hourly  
11 rates established by this article. Such regulations also may include,  
12 but are not limited to, waiting time and call-in pay rates; wage  
13 provisions governing guaranteed earnings during specified periods of  
14 work; AND allowances for meals, lodging, and other items, services and  
15 facilities when furnished by the employer[; and the employment of indi-  
16 viduals whose earning capacity is affected or impaired by youth or age,  
17 or by physical or mental deficiency or injury, under special certif-  
18 icates issued by the commissioner, at such wages lower than the minimum  
19 wage established by this article and for such period as shall be  
20 prescribed in such regulations].

21 S 8. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 701 of the labor law,  
22 as amended by chapter 43 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 (a) The term "employees" includes but is not restricted to any indi-  
25 vidual employed by a labor organization; any individual whose employment  
26 has ceased as a consequence of, or in connection with, any current labor  
27 dispute or because of any unfair labor practice, and who has not  
28 obtained any other regular and substantially equivalent employment; and  
29 shall not be limited to the employees of a particular employer, unless  
30 the article explicitly states otherwise, but shall not include any indi-  
31 vidual employed by his parent or spouse or in the domestic service of  
32 and directly employed, controlled and paid by any person in his home,  
33 any individual whose primary responsibility is the care of a minor child  
34 or children and/or someone who lives in the home of a person for the  
35 purpose of serving as a companion to a sick, convalescing or elderly  
36 person or any individuals employed only for the duration of a labor  
37 dispute, or any individuals employed as farm laborers BY A FARM EMPLOYER  
38 WITH SALES OF UNDER SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS DURING THE PREVI-  
39 OUS CALENDAR YEAR ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL-  
40 TURE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE, or, any individual who  
41 participates in and receives rehabilitative or therapeutic services in a  
42 charitable non-profit rehabilitation facility or sheltered workshop or  
43 any individual employed in a charitable non-profit rehabilitation facil-  
44 ity or sheltered workshop who has received rehabilitative or therapeutic  
45 services and whose capacity to perform the work for which he is engaged  
46 is substantially impaired by physical or mental deficiency or injury.

47 S 9. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 704-b to read as  
48 follows:

49 S 704-B. UNFAIR LABOR PRACTICES; AGRICULTURE. 1. IT IS THE POLICY OF  
50 THE STATE TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF FARM LABORERS WITHOUT CAUSING IMMEDI-  
51 ATE AND IRREPARABLE HARM TO EMPLOYERS. IN RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO  
52 AVOID INTERRUPTION OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION OF CROPS WITH A SHORT  
53 PEAK HARVEST SEASON, THIS POLICY IS BEST ACHIEVED BY PROVIDING FARM  
54 EMPLOYERS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES WITH A SHORT TEMPORARY PERIOD TO SETTLE  
55 THEIR LABOR DISPUTE WITHOUT CAUSING IMMEDIATE OR IRREPARABLE HARM TO THE  
56 EMPLOYER.

2. DEFINITIONS. WHEN USED IN THIS SECTION THE TERMS:

(A) "SHORT PEAK HARVEST SEASON" MEANS THE PERIOD FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES THAT HAVE A MAXIMUM HARVEST PERIOD OF NO MORE THAN SIX WEEKS DURING WHICH SUCH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT IS HARVESTED FOR SALE, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS.

(B) "WORK STOPPAGE" MEANS ANY STRIKE, OR CONCERTED CESSATION OR SLOW-DOWN OF WORK BY EMPLOYEES.

(C) "LOCKOUT" MEANS A WORK STOPPAGE DURING WHICH AN EMPLOYER PREVENTS EMPLOYEES FROM WORKING.

3. IN THE EVENT THAT THE BOARD AND ITS EMPLOYEES RECEIVE NOTICE THAT A LABOR DISPUTE HAS ARISEN BETWEEN A FARM EMPLOYER THAT WILL OR MAY RESULT IN A WORK STOPPAGE OR LOCKOUT, THE BOARD SHALL IMMEDIATELY INITIATE SETTLEMENT PROCEEDINGS UNDER SECTION SEVEN HUNDRED TWO-A OF THIS ARTICLE.

(A) AFTER THE INITIATION OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDINGS, ANY WORK STOPPAGE OR LOCKOUT SHALL CEASE FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-ONE DAYS IF BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES EXIST:

(I) THE WORK STOPPAGE OR LOCKOUT OCCURS DURING A SHORT PEAK HARVEST SEASON; AND

(II) THE WORK STOPPAGE OR LOCKOUT WILL CAUSE IMMEDIATE AND IRREPARABLE INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO THE EMPLOYER.

(B) DURING SUCH TWENTY-ONE DAY PERIOD, BOTH PARTIES SHALL ENTER INTO GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS TO SETTLE THE LABOR DISPUTE, WHICH PERIOD SHALL BE REFERRED TO AS A COOLING OFF PERIOD.

(C) THE BOARD SHALL CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE AND EXPEDITED FACT-FINDING HEARING TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION EXIST. EACH PARTY SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN AND ORAL TESTIMONY AT THE HEARING. THE BOARD SHALL NOT BE BOUND BY TECHNICAL RULES OF EVIDENCE PREVAILING IN COURTS OF LAW OR EQUITY.

(D) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE ITS DETERMINATION IN WRITING WITHIN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS OF THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE FINDINGS OF FACT AND A RATIONALE FOR ITS DETERMINATION. A COPY OF THE BOARD'S DETERMINATION SHALL BE PROVIDED TO EACH PARTY WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS.

(E) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS ABSENT FROM WORK WITHOUT PERMISSION, OR WHO ABSTAINS WHOLLY OR IN PART FROM THE FULL PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT DUTIES WITHOUT PERMISSION ON THE DATE WHEN A WORK STOPPAGE OR LOCKOUT OCCURS SHALL BE PRESUMED TO HAVE ENGAGED IN SUCH WORK STOPPAGE OR LOCKOUT.

4. IF EITHER PARTY IS FOUND TO BE IN VIOLATION OF THE BOARD'S DETERMINATION, THE BOARD MAY FILE A PETITION WITH THE SUPREME COURT IN ALBANY COUNTY UPON NOTICE TO ALL PARTIES FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. THE BOARD SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE ANY UNDERTAKINGS OR BOND AND SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY DAMAGES OR COSTS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED BY REASON OF ANY TEMPORARY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF ORDERED. IF THE BOARD FAILS TO ACT WITHIN TEN DAYS, THE BOARD SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE MADE A FINAL DETERMINATION NOT TO SEEK TEMPORARY INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.

S 10. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 719 to read as follows:

S 719. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. 1. THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BETWEEN FARM EMPLOYERS AND FARM LABORERS WHOSE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR ON OR BEFORE APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF SIX MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE COMMISSIONER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, ONE UPON THE NOMINATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, ONE UPON NOMINATION OF THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT

1 OF THE SENATE, ONE UPON NOMINATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK  
2 STATE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR-CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS,  
3 ONE UPON THE NOMINATION OF THE NEW YORK STATE FARM BUREAU, AND ONE  
4 MEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND LABOR  
5 RELATIONS WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED TO CHAIR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6 2. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION  
7 TO IMPLEMENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES WHERE  
8 APPROPRIATE, AND TO FOSTER LABOR-MANAGEMENT COOPERATION AND DISPUTE  
9 RESOLUTION BETWEEN FARM EMPLOYERS AND FARM LABORERS. IN MAKING ITS  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIDER THE PROVISIONS OF  
11 THE STATE LABOR RELATIONS ACT, THE LAWS OF OTHER STATES RELATING TO  
12 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND LABOR RELATIONS IN FARM EMPLOYMENT, AND THE  
13 UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY INCLUDING BUT NOT  
14 LIMITED TO LENGTH OF HARVEST AND GROWING SEASONS, SEASONAL FLUCTUATIONS  
15 IN EMPLOYMENT, ANNUAL SALES, AND IMPORT AND EXPORT CONDITIONS AFFECTING  
16 NEW YORK AGRICULTURE. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVER-  
17 NOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE  
18 SENATE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

19 3. THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION  
20 FOR THEIR SERVICES, BUT SHALL BE ALLOWED THEIR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY  
21 EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

22 S 11. Section 51 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by chap-  
23 ter 561 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

24 S 51. Posting of notice regarding compensation. Every employer who has  
25 complied with section fifty of this article shall post and maintain in a  
26 conspicuous place or places in and about his place or places of business  
27 typewritten or printed IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH notices in form prescribed  
28 by the chairman, stating the fact that he has complied with all the  
29 rules and regulations of the chairman and the board and that he has  
30 secured the payment of compensation to his employees and their depen-  
31 dents in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, but failure to  
32 post such notice as herein provided shall not in any way affect the  
33 exclusiveness of the remedy provided for by section eleven of this chap-  
34 ter. Every employer who owns or operates automotive or horse-drawn vehi-  
35 cles and has no minimum staff of regular employees required to report  
36 for work at an established place of business maintained by such employer  
37 and every employer who is engaged in the business of moving household  
38 goods or furniture shall post such notices in each and every vehicle  
39 owned or operated by him. Failure to post or maintain such notice in any  
40 of said vehicles shall constitute presumptive evidence that such employ-  
41 er has failed to secure the payment of compensation. The chairman may  
42 require any employer to furnish a written statement at any time showing  
43 the stock corporation, mutual corporation or reciprocal insurer in which  
44 such employer is insured or the manner in which such employer has  
45 complied with any provision of this chapter. Failure for a period of ten  
46 days to furnish such written statement shall constitute presumptive  
47 evidence that such employer has neglected or failed in respect of any of  
48 the matters so required. Any employer who fails to comply with the  
49 provisions of this section shall be required to pay to the board a fine  
50 of [up to two hundred fifty] FIVE HUNDRED dollars for each violation, in  
51 addition to any other penalties imposed by law to be deposited into the  
52 uninsured employers' fund.

53 S 12. The workers' compensation law is amended by adding a new section  
54 110-b to read as follows:

55 S 110-B. REPORTING OF INJURIES TO EMPLOYER. EVERY FARM LABOR CONTRAC-  
56 TOR, FOREMAN OR SUPERVISOR OF FARM LABORERS WHO HAS NOTICE OF ANY INJURY

1 TO A FARM LABORER INCURRED DURING THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT SHALL BE  
2 REQUIRED TO INFORM THE EMPLOYER, OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A FARM OF ANY SUCH  
3 INJURY.

4 S 13. The first undesignated paragraph of section 120 of the workers'  
5 compensation law, as amended by chapter 61 of the laws of 1989, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 It shall be unlawful for any employer or his or her duly authorized  
8 agent to discharge or in any other manner discriminate against an  
9 employee as to his or her employment because such employee has claimed  
10 or attempted to claim compensation from such employer, REQUESTED A CLAIM  
11 FORM FOR INJURIES RECEIVED IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT, or because he or  
12 she has testified or is about to testify in a proceeding under this  
13 chapter and no other valid reason is shown to exist for such action by  
14 the employer.

15 S 14. The opening paragraph of paragraph A of subdivision 6 of section  
16 201 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by chapter 481 of the  
17 laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

18 "Employment" means employment in any trade, business or occupation  
19 carried on by an employer, except that the following shall not be deemed  
20 employment under this article: services performed for the state, a  
21 municipal corporation, local governmental agency, other political subdi-  
22 vision or public authority; employment subject to the federal railroad  
23 unemployment insurance act; service performed on or as an officer or  
24 member of the crew of a vessel on the navigable water of the United  
25 States or outside the United States; [service as farm laborers;] casual  
26 employment and the first forty-five days of extra employment of employ-  
27 ees not regularly in employment as otherwise defined herein; service as  
28 golf caddies; and service during all or any part of the school year or  
29 regular vacation periods as a part-time worker of any person actually in  
30 regular attendance during the day time as a student in an elementary or  
31 secondary school. The term "employment" shall include domestic or  
32 personal work in a private home. The term "employment" shall not include  
33 the services of a licensed real estate broker or sales associate if it  
34 be proven that (a) substantially all of the remuneration (whether or not  
35 paid in cash) for the services performed by such broker or sales associ-  
36 ate is directly related to sales or other output (including the perform-  
37 ance of services) rather than to the number of hours worked; (b) the  
38 services performed by the broker or sales associate are performed pursu-  
39 ant to a written contract executed between such broker or sales associ-  
40 ate and the person for whom the services are performed within the past  
41 twelve to fifteen months; and (c) the written contract provided for in  
42 subparagraph (b) of this paragraph was not executed under duress and  
43 contains the following provisions:

44 S 15. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to diminish the rights,  
45 privileges, or remedies of any farm laborer under any collective  
46 bargaining agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this  
47 act.

48 S 16. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that section  
49 fifteen of this act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day  
50 after it shall have become a law, and provided further, that sections  
51 five, eight, and nine of this act shall take effect January 1, 2012;  
52 provided, however, that the renumbering provided by section two of this  
53 act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section  
54 2 of chapter 564 of the laws of 2010, takes effect.