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## IN SENATE

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## January 8, 2014

Introduced by Sen. SANDERS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law, in relation to providing a disability benefit for employees of the New York city transit authority and its subsidiary corporations who are disabled by reason of an assault sustained in the course of employment

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

- 1 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new 2 section 1210-b to read as follows:
- 3 S 1210-B. DISABILITY BENEFIT FOR EMPLOYEES. 1. AS USED IN THIS 4 SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:
  - A. "AUTHORITY" SHALL MEAN THE NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND ANY OF ITS SUBSIDIARY CORPORATIONS, INCLUDING THE MANHATTAN AND BRONX SURFACE OPERATING AUTHORITY.
    - B. "EMPLOYEE" SHALL MEAN ANY OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY.
- 2. ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE AUTHORITY WHO, AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS 9 10 SUSTAINS AN INJURY FOR WHICH HE OR SHE IS DETERMINED TO BE SECTION, ELIGIBLE FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFITS AS A RESULT 11 OF 12 SUSTAINED IN THE COURSE OF HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT SHALL BE ENTITLED, IN 13 ADDITION TO ANY WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENT AND ANY OTHER BENEFIT EMPLOYEE OWING TO SUCH DISABILITY WHETHER PURSUANT TO 14 RECEIVED BY THE
- 15 LAW OR CONTRACT, TO A DISABILITY BENEFIT PAYMENT EQUAL TO ONE-HALF OF 16 THE WEEKLY WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENT, EXCLUDING SCHEDULE AWARDS THAT
- 17 THE EMPLOYEE RECEIVES FOR THE SAME DISABILITY. SUCH DISABILITY PAYMENT
- 18 SHALL BE MADE BY THE AUTHORITY BI-WEEKLY AND SHALL CONTINUE FOR SO LONG
- 19 AS THE EMPLOYEE RECEIVES A WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENT FOR THE SAME 20 DISABILITY. THE BENEFITS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE
- 20 DISABILITI. THE BENEFITS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE 21 DEEMED TO OFFSET OR REDUCE ANY OTHER PAYMENT TO WHICH THE EMPLOYEE IS
- 22 OTHERWISE ENTITLED.

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23 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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