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Introduced by M. of A. SAYEGH, GIBBS, AUBRY, SANTABARBARA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Economic Development -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to requiring certain businesses to notify past and present employees of eligibility for the September eleventh victim compensation fund and the World Trade Center health program

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 "9/11
2 notice act".

3 § 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 399-
4 rr to read as follows:

5 § 399-rr. September eleventh victim compensation fund and World Trade
6 Center health program notification. 1. Definitions. For the purposes
7 of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

8 (a) the "eligible time period" shall be any time beginning September
9 eleventh two thousand one and ending July thirty-first, two thousand
10 two.

11 (b) the "notice area" shall be the "New York city disaster area",
12 designated as the area within New York city that is the area of Manhat-
13 tan that is south of Houston Street; any block in Brooklyn that is whol-
14 ly or partially contained within a one and one-half mile radius of the
15 former World Trade Center site; and any area related to or along the
16 routes of debris removal, such as barges and Fresh Kills landfill.

17 (c) the "September eleventh victim compensation fund" shall be the
18 September eleventh victim compensation fund established under the Air
19 Transportation Safety and System Stabilization Act (49 USC 40101).

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

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1 (d) the "World Trade Center health program" shall be the World Trade
2 Center health program established under 42 USC 300mm.

3 2. The department of labor shall ensure any business with fifty or
4 more employees which operated within the New York city disaster area
5 during the eligible time period and is still operating shall notify each
6 person employed within the New York city disaster area during the eligi-
7 ble time period of their eligibility under the September eleventh victim
8 compensation fund and the World Trade Center health program. This subdi-
9 vision shall apply to both current and former employees. The department
10 of labor shall determine the message that the employer shall provide and
11 the method of notification.

12 3. The department of labor shall consult with the special master of
13 the September eleventh victim compensation fund and the program adminis-
14 trator of the World Trade Center health program relating to matters
15 including, but not limited to, messaging and format to be used in the
16 promotion of the September eleventh victim compensation fund and the
17 World Trade Center health program and if the messages should be tailored
18 for the specific geographic areas covered by the World Trade Center
19 health program in a different manner than those covered by both the
20 World Trade Center health program and the September eleventh victim
21 compensation fund.

22 4. The commissioner of labor shall promulgate any rules and regu-
23 lations as are necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions of
24 this section.

25 § 3. This act shall take effect on the two hundred seventieth day
26 after it shall have become a law.