

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CHANDLER-WATERMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the domestic relations law, in relation to prohibiting a person who has abandoned such person's spouse from collecting any portion of the spouse's pension

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The domestic relations law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 212 to read as follows:

3 § 212. Abandonment; bar to pension collection. (a) Notwithstanding any  
4 provision of law to the contrary, a person who has abandoned such  
5 person's spouse or domestic partner shall be barred from claiming or  
6 collecting, as part of a distributive award, any portion of a pension  
7 owed to such spouse or domestic partner by any public or private employ-  
8 er.

9 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to bar or impede the  
10 enforcement of an order for child support or for spousal maintenance by  
11 garnishment or attachment of such pension funds or by other means.

12 § 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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