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## IN SENATE

January 13, 2025

Introduced by Sens. CLEARE, JACKSON, ROLISON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Crime Victims, Crime and Correction

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to providing priority status to victims of human trafficking for the receipt of certain assistance

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

1 Section 1. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of subdivision 1 of section 627 of  
2 the executive law, as added by section 18 of part A-1 of chapter 56 of  
3 the laws of 2010, are amended and a new paragraph (h) is added to read  
4 as follows:

5 (f) expedited determination of claims with respect to a livery opera-  
6 tor within thirty days of the date upon which the claim was accepted for  
7 filing, as well as standards for awards of loss of earnings or support  
8 granted pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated in accordance with  
9 the provisions of this subdivision and subdivision three of section six  
10 hundred thirty-one of this article. Each award for loss of earnings  
11 pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated in accordance with this  
12 subdivision made with respect to a claim involving a livery operator  
13 assault victim shall be for such period of time as the office determines  
14 that the livery operator assault victim is unable to work and has lost  
15 earnings as a result of such assault, in an amount not to exceed twenty  
16 thousand dollars. Such award shall be distributed in increments of five  
17 hundred dollars per week. Each award for loss of support pursuant to  
18 rules and regulations promulgated in accordance with this subdivision  
19 made with respect to a claim involving a livery operator homicide victim  
20 shall be in the amount of twenty thousand dollars, distributed in incre-  
21 ments of five hundred dollars per week; ~~and~~

22 (g) provisions for any claimant to submit an additional claim for any  
23 loss of earnings or support in excess of the amount awarded pursuant to

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

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1 rules and regulations in accordance with paragraph (f) of this subdivi-  
2 sion, or an additional claim for any other award pursuant to rules and  
3 regulations promulgated in accordance with this article, in each case  
4 pursuant to and in accordance with the other provisions of this article  
5 or any rules and regulations promulgated in accordance thereof and  
6 subject to any applicable maximum award limitations contained in this  
7 article~~[-]~~; and

8 (h) priority for applications and expedited determination of claims  
9 for a human trafficking victim, as defined in section four hundred  
10 eighty-three-aa of the social services law, who wishes to remove perma-  
11 nent marks that were part of the trafficking of such victim, including  
12 but not limited to, tattoos, markings, brandings, or other symbols or  
13 insignia.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.