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AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to raising the level of claims for which proof of financial difficulty is not required

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

Section 1. The opening paragraph of paragraph (a) of subdivision 6 of section 631 of the executive law, as amended by chapter 400 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

Claims may be approved only if the board or board member, as the case may be, finds that unless the claimant's award is approved he OR SHE will suffer financial difficulty. However, no finding of financial difficulty is required for a claim for an emergency award or an award less than [five] SIX thousand dollars. In determining financial difficulty, the board or board member shall consider all relevant factors, including but not limited to:

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all claims pending before the board or submitted thereto on or after its effective date.

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

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