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SAMPSON, SAVINO, SCHNEIDERMAN, SERRANO, SQUADRON, STAVISKY,  
STEWART-COUSINS, THOMPSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when  
printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor -- recommitted to  
the Committee on Labor in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 --  
committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and  
recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to allowing farm workers one  
day of rest each week, and including farm laborers within the  
provisions pertaining to overtime compensation and unemployment insur-  
ance, and regulating the farm employment of certain employees whose  
earning capacity is affected or impaired by youth or age, and granting  
collective bargaining rights to certain farm laborers and establishing  
an advisory committee on collective bargaining; to amend the public  
health law, in relation to the application of the sanitary code to all  
farm and food processing labor camps for migrant workers; and to amend  
the workers' compensation law, in relation to the eligibility of farm  
laborers for workers' compensation benefits and the provision of claim  
forms to farm laborers injured in the course of employment and in  
relation to service as farm laborers

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

1     Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Farmwork-  
2     ers Fair Labor Practices Act".  
3     S 2. Section 2 of the labor law is amended by adding a new subdivision  
4     16 to read as follows:  
5     16. "FARM LABOR" SHALL INCLUDE ALL SERVICES PERFORMED IN AGRICULTURAL  
6     EMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTION WITH CULTIVATING THE SOIL, OR IN CONNECTION  
7     WITH RAISING OR HARVESTING OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES, INCLUDING

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

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1 SERVICES PERFORMED ON ORCHARDS, PLANTATIONS, NURSERIES AND GREENHOUSES,  
2 AND SHALL INCLUDE THE RAISING, HATCHING, SHEARING, CARING FOR AND  
3 MANAGEMENT OF LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, DAIRY, BEES AND FUR-BEARING ANIMALS,  
4 AND SHALL INCLUDE THE HARVESTING OR PRODUCTION OF MAPLE SYRUP OR MAPLE  
5 SUGAR, AND SHALL INCLUDE THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FARM EQUIPMENT  
6 AND IMPROVEMENT OR MAINTENANCE OF FARM WATER USE AREAS, AND SHALL  
7 INCLUDE THE PLANTING, DRYING, PACKAGING OR OTHER PROCESSING OF ANY AGRI-  
8 CULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL COMMODITY RAISED ON THE EMPLOYER'S FARM. THE  
9 TERM "FARM LABOR" SHALL NOT INCLUDE SERVICES PERFORMED IN CONNECTION  
10 WITH COMMERCIAL CANNING, FREEZING, GRADING OR OTHER PROCESSING OF ANY  
11 AGRICULTURAL OR HORTICULTURAL COMMODITY NOT RAISED ON THE EMPLOYER'S  
12 FARM. THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE PARENT, CHILD, SPOUSE OR  
13 OTHER MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYER'S FAMILY RELATED BY THE THIRD DEGREE OF  
14 CONSANGUINITY OR AFFINITY.

15 S 3. Subdivision 1 of section 161 of the labor law is amended by  
16 adding a new undesignated paragraph to read as follows:

17 EVERY PERSON EMPLOYED AS A FARM LABORER SHALL BE ALLOWED AT LEAST  
18 TWENTY-FOUR CONSECUTIVE HOURS OF REST IN EACH AND EVERY CALENDAR WEEK. A  
19 FARM LABORER MAY CONSENT IN WRITING TO WAIVE THIS RIGHT AND WORK ON THE  
20 DAY OF REST, PROVIDED THAT HE OR SHE SHALL BE PAID AS PROVIDED UNDER  
21 SECTION ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE-A OF THIS TITLE. THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL  
22 NOT APPLY TO THE PARENT, CHILD, SPOUSE OR OTHER MEMBER OF THE EMPLOYER'S  
23 FAMILY RELATED BY THE THIRD DEGREE OF CONSANGUINITY OR AFFINITY. TWEN-  
24 TY-FOUR CONSECUTIVE HOURS SPENT AT REST BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES, SUCH  
25 AS WEATHER OR CROP CONDITIONS, SHALL BE DEEMED TO CONSTITUTE THE REST  
26 REQUIRED BY THIS PARAGRAPH. THE DAY OF REST SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THE  
27 TRADITIONAL DAY RESERVED BY THE FARM LABORER FOR RELIGIOUS WORSHIP,  
28 WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

29 S 4. Paragraphs b and d of subdivision 2 of section 161 of the labor  
30 law, as amended by chapter 281 of the laws of 1941, are amended to read  
31 as follows:

32 b. Employees in [dairies, creameries,] milk condenseries, milk powder  
33 factories, milk sugar factories, milk shipping stations, butter and  
34 cheese factories, ice cream manufacturing plants and milk bottling  
35 plants, where not more than seven persons are employed;

36 d. Employees whose duties include not more than three hours' work on  
37 Sunday in setting sponges in bakeries, [caring for live animals,] main-  
38 taining fires, or making necessary repairs to boilers or machinery.

39 S 5. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 163-a to read as  
40 follows:

41 S 163-A. HOURS OF AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT. NO PERSON OR CORPORATION  
42 OPERATING A FARM SHALL REQUIRE ANY FARM LABORER TO WORK MORE THAN TEN  
43 HOURS IN ANY DAY, SIXTY HOURS IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK, OR SIX DAYS IN ANY  
44 CALENDAR WEEK, UNLESS SUCH FARM LABORER IS PAID AS FOLLOWS:

45 A. HOURLY RATE. (1) ANY FARM LABORER WHO IS PAID ON AN HOURLY BASIS  
46 AND WHO IS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, OR WHO IS SIXTEEN OR SEVENTEEN  
47 YEARS OF AGE AND NOT REQUIRED BY LAW TO ATTEND SCHOOL SHALL NOT BE  
48 EMPLOYED MORE THAN TEN HOURS IN ANY DAY, OR MORE THAN SIXTY HOURS IN ANY  
49 CALENDAR WEEK, OR MORE THAN SIX DAYS IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK UNLESS THE  
50 FARM LABORER RECEIVES ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES THE REGULAR RATE AT WHICH  
51 HE IS EMPLOYED FOR ALL HOURS WORKED IN EXCESS OF TEN HOURS IN ANY DAY OR  
52 SIXTY HOURS IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK. ANY FARM LABORER WHO WORKS ON THE  
53 SEVENTH DAY IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK SHALL RECEIVE ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES  
54 THE REGULAR RATE AT WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED FOR THE FIRST EIGHT HOURS  
55 WORKED, AND TWO TIMES THE REGULAR RATE AT WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED FOR ALL  
56 HOURS WORKED IN EXCESS OF EIGHT HOURS THAT DAY.

1 (2) BEGINNING ON JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN, ANY FARM LABOR-  
2 ER WHO IS PAID AN HOURLY WAGE RATE SHALL NOT BE EMPLOYED MORE THAN TEN  
3 HOURS IN ANY DAY OR MORE THAN FIFTY-FIVE HOURS IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK  
4 UNLESS THE FARM LABORER RECEIVES ONE AND ONE-HALF TIMES THE REGULAR RATE  
5 AT WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED FOR ALL HOURS WORKED IN EXCESS OF TEN HOURS IN  
6 ANY DAY OR FIFTY-FIVE HOURS IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK. ANY FARM LABORER WHO  
7 WORKS ON THE SEVENTH DAY IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK SHALL RECEIVE ONE AND  
8 ONE-HALF TIMES THE REGULAR RATE AT WHICH HE IS EMPLOYED FOR THE FIRST  
9 EIGHT HOURS WORKED, AND TWO TIMES THE REGULAR RATE AT WHICH HE IS  
10 EMPLOYED FOR ALL HOURS WORKED IN EXCESS OF EIGHT HOURS THAT DAY.

11 B. PIECE WORK RATE. (1) ANY FARM LABORER WHO IS PAID ON A PIECE RATE  
12 BASIS SHALL BE PAID AT A RATE WHICH SHALL BE NO LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED  
13 FIFTY PERCENT OF THE MINIMUM WAGE RATE ESTABLISHED BY REGULATIONS OF THE  
14 DEPARTMENT FOR HOURS WORKED IN EXCESS OF TEN HOURS IN ANY DAY OR SIXTY  
15 HOURS IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK.

16 (2) BEGINNING ON JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN, ANY FARM LABOR-  
17 ER WHO IS PAID ON A PIECE WORK BASIS SHALL BE PAID AT A RATE NO LESS  
18 THAN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE MINIMUM WAGE RATE ESTABLISHED BY  
19 REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR HOURS WORKED IN EXCESS OF TEN HOURS IN  
20 ANY DAY OR FIFTY-FIVE HOURS IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK.

21 (3) ANY FARM LABORER WHO IS PAID A PIECE WORK RATE WHO WORKS ON THE  
22 SEVENTH DAY IN ANY CALENDAR WEEK SHALL BE PAID AT A RATE NO LESS THAN  
23 ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERCENT OF THE MINIMUM WAGE RATE ESTABLISHED BY REGU-  
24 LATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE FIRST EIGHT HOURS AND TWO HUNDRED  
25 PERCENT OF THAT MINIMUM WAGE RATE FOR ANY HOURS WORKED IN EXCESS OF  
26 EIGHT ON THAT DAY. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT A FARM EMPLOY-  
27 ER FROM PAYING A PIECE WORK RATE IN EXCESS OF THE RATES REQUIRED BY THIS  
28 SECTION.

29 S 6. Section 564 of the labor law, as added by chapter 675 of the laws  
30 of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

31 S 564. Agricultural labor. 1. Coverage. (a) Notwithstanding the  
32 provisions of section five hundred sixty of this article, an employer of  
33 persons engaged in agricultural labor shall become liable for contrib-  
34 utions under this article if the employer:

35 (1) has paid cash remuneration of [twenty thousand] SIXTY-TWO HUNDRED  
36 FIFTY dollars or more in any calendar quarter to persons employed in  
37 agricultural labor, and such liability shall commence on the first day  
38 of such quarter, or

39 (2) has employed in agricultural labor [ten] THREE or more persons on  
40 each of twenty days during a calendar year or the preceding calendar  
41 year, each day being in a different calendar week, and the liability  
42 shall in such event commence on the first day of the calendar year, or

43 (3) is liable for the tax imposed under the federal unemployment tax  
44 act as an employer of agricultural labor and the liability shall in such  
45 event commence on the first day of the calendar quarter in such calendar  
46 year when he first paid remuneration for agricultural labor in this  
47 state.

48 (b) An employer who becomes liable for contributions under paragraph  
49 (a) of this subdivision shall cease to be liable as of the first day of  
50 a calendar quarter next following the filing of a written application  
51 provided the commissioner finds that the employer:

52 (1) has not paid to persons employed in agricultural labor cash remun-  
53 eration of [twenty thousand] SIXTY-TWO HUNDRED FIFTY dollars or more in  
54 any of the eight calendar quarters preceding such day, and

(2) has not employed in agricultural labor [ten] THREE or more persons on each of twenty days during the current or the preceding calendar year, each day being in a different week, and

(3) is not liable for the tax imposed under the federal unemployment tax act as an employer of agricultural labor.

2. EXCLUSION FROM COVERAGE. THE TERM "EMPLOYMENT" DOES NOT INCLUDE SERVICES RENDERED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AN ALIEN ADMITTED TO THE UNITED STATES TO PERFORM AGRICULTURAL LABOR PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 214(C) AND 101(A)(15)(H) OF THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT IF, AT THE TIME SUCH SERVICES ARE RENDERED, THEY ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYMENT IN SECTION 3306(C) OF THE FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT TAX ACT.

3. Crew leader. Whenever a person renders services as a member of a crew which is paid and furnished by the crew leader to perform services in agricultural labor for another employer, such other employer shall, for the purpose of this article, be deemed to be the employer of such person, unless:

(a) the crew leader holds a valid certificate of registration under the federal farm labor contractor registration act of nineteen hundred sixty-three or substantially all the members of the crew operate or maintain tractors, mechanized harvesting or cropdusting machinery or any other mechanized equipment which is provided by the crew leader, and

(b) the crew leader is not an employee of such other employer and has not entered into a written agreement with such employer under which he is designated as an employee.

S 7. The opening paragraph of subdivision 5 of section 651 of the labor law, as amended by chapter 640 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

"Employee" includes any individual employed or permitted to work by an employer in any occupation, but shall not include any individual who is employed or permitted to work: (a) in service as a part time baby sitter in the home of the employer; or someone who lives in the home of an employer for the purpose of serving as a companion to a sick, convalescing or elderly person, and whose principal duties do not include housekeeping; (b) [in labor on a farm; (c)] in a bona fide executive, administrative, or professional capacity; [(d)] (C) as an outside salesman; [(e)] (D) as a driver engaged in operating a taxicab; [(f)] (E) as a volunteer, learner or apprentice by a corporation, unincorporated association, community chest, fund or foundation organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual; [(g)] (F) as a member of a religious order, or as a duly ordained, commissioned or licensed minister, priest or rabbi, or as a sexton, or as a christian science reader; [(h)] (G) in or for such a religious or charitable institution, which work is incidental to or in return for charitable aid conferred upon such individual and not under any express contract of hire; [(i)] (H) in or for such a religious, educational or charitable institution if such individual is a student; [(j)] (I) in or for such a religious, educational or charitable institution if the earning capacity of such individual is impaired by age or by physical or mental deficiency or injury; [(k)] (J) in or for a summer camp or conference of such a religious, educational or charitable institution for not more than three months annually; [(l)] (K) as a staff counselor in a children's camp; [(m)] (L) in or for a college or university fraternity, sorority, student association or faculty association, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any

1 private shareholder or individual, and which is recognized by such  
2 college or university, if such individual is a student; [(n)] (M) by a  
3 federal, state or municipal government or political subdivision thereof.  
4 The exclusions from the term "employee" contained in this subdivision  
5 shall be as defined by regulations of the commissioner; or [(o)] (N) as  
6 a volunteer at a recreational or amusement event run by a business that  
7 operates such events, provided that no single such event lasts longer  
8 than eight consecutive days and no more than one such event concerning  
9 substantially the same subject matter occurs in any calendar year. Any  
10 such volunteer shall be at least eighteen years of age. A business seek-  
11 ing coverage under this paragraph shall notify every volunteer in writ-  
12 ing, in language acceptable to the commissioner, that by volunteering  
13 his or her services, such volunteer is waiving his or her right to  
14 receive the minimum wage pursuant to this article. Such notice shall be  
15 signed and dated by a representative of the business and the volunteer  
16 and kept on file by the business for thirty-six months.

17 S 8. Subdivision 1 of section 674 of the labor law, as added by chap-  
18 ter 552 of the laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

19 1. The commissioner may promulgate such regulations as he deems appro-  
20 priate to carry out the purposes of this article and to safeguard mini-  
21 mum wage standards. Such regulations may include, but are not limited  
22 to, the defining of the circumstances or conditions for the acceptance  
23 of non-hourly rates and piece rates as equivalent to the minimum hourly  
24 rates established by this article. Such regulations also may include,  
25 but are not limited to, waiting time and call-in pay rates; wage  
26 provisions governing guaranteed earnings during specified periods of  
27 work; allowances for meals, lodging, and other items, services and  
28 facilities when furnished by the employer; [and the employment of indi-  
29 viduals whose earning capacity is affected or impaired by youth or age,]  
30 or by physical or mental deficiency or injury, under special certif-  
31 icates issued by the commissioner, at such wages lower than the minimum  
32 wage established by this article and for such period as shall be  
33 prescribed in such regulations.

34 S 9. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 701 of the labor law,  
35 as amended by chapter 43 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as  
36 follows:

37 (a) The term "employees" includes but is not restricted to any indi-  
38 vidual employed by a labor organization; any individual whose employment  
39 has ceased as a consequence of, or in connection with, any current labor  
40 dispute or because of any unfair labor practice, and who has not  
41 obtained any other regular and substantially equivalent employment; and  
42 shall not be limited to the employees of a particular employer, unless  
43 the article explicitly states otherwise, but shall not include any indi-  
44 vidual employed by his parent or spouse or in the domestic service of  
45 and directly employed, controlled and paid by any person in his home,  
46 any individual whose primary responsibility is the care of a minor child  
47 or children and/or someone who lives in the home of a person for the  
48 purpose of serving as a companion to a sick, convalescing or elderly  
49 person or any individuals employed only for the duration of a labor  
50 dispute, or any individuals employed as farm laborers BY A FARM EMPLOYER  
51 WITH SALES OF UNDER FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS DURING THE PREVIOUS  
52 CALENDAR YEAR ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
53 NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE, or, any individual who partic-  
54 ipates in and receives rehabilitative or therapeutic services in a char-  
55 itable non-profit rehabilitation facility or sheltered workshop or any  
56 individual employed in a charitable non-profit rehabilitation facility

1 or sheltered workshop who has received rehabilitative or therapeutic  
2 services and whose capacity to perform the work for which he is engaged  
3 is substantially impaired by physical or mental deficiency or injury.

4 S 10. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 719 to read as  
5 follows:

6 S 719. ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURAL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING. 1.  
7 THERE IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAIN-  
8 ING BETWEEN FARM EMPLOYERS AND FARM LABORERS WHOSE MEMBERS SHALL BE  
9 APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR ON OR BEFORE APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN.  
10 THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE  
11 COMMISSIONER OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT  
12 OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, ONE UPON THE NOMI-  
13 NATION OF THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, ONE UPON NOMINATION OF THE TEMPO-  
14 RARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, ONE UPON NOMINATION BY THE PRESIDENT OF  
15 THE NEW YORK STATE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR-CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL  
16 ORGANIZATIONS, ONE UPON THE NOMINATION OF THE NEW YORK STATE FARM  
17 BUREAU, AND ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN COLLECTIVE  
18 BARGAINING AND LABOR RELATIONS WHO SHALL BE APPOINTED TO CHAIR THE ADVI-  
19 SORY COMMITTEE.

20 2. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION  
21 TO IMPLEMENT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING STRUCTURES AND PROCEDURES WHERE  
22 APPROPRIATE, AND TO FOSTER LABOR-MANAGEMENT COOPERATION AND DISPUTE  
23 RESOLUTION BETWEEN FARM EMPLOYERS AND FARM LABORERS. IN MAKING ITS  
24 RECOMMENDATIONS, THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIDER THE PROVISIONS OF  
25 THE STATE LABOR RELATIONS ACT, THE LAWS OF OTHER STATES RELATING TO  
26 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND LABOR RELATIONS IN FARM EMPLOYMENT, AND THE  
27 UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY INCLUDING BUT NOT  
28 LIMITED TO LENGTH OF HARVEST AND GROWING SEASONS, SEASONAL FLUCTUATIONS  
29 IN EMPLOYMENT, ANNUAL SALES, AND IMPORT AND EXPORT CONDITIONS AFFECTING  
30 NEW YORK AGRICULTURE. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVER-  
31 NOR, THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE  
32 SENATE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN.

33 3. THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL RECEIVE NO COMPENSATION  
34 FOR THEIR SERVICES, BUT SHALL BE ALLOWED THEIR ACTUAL AND NECESSARY  
35 EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES.

36 S 11. Paragraph (m) of subdivision 5 of section 225 of the public  
37 health law, as amended by chapter 894 of the laws of 1958 and such  
38 subdivision as renumbered by chapter 626 of the laws of 1971, is amended  
39 to read as follows:

40 (m) require that application be made for a permit to operate a farm or  
41 food processing labor camp as defined in the sanitary code; authorize  
42 appropriate officers or agencies to issue such a permit when the appli-  
43 cant is in compliance with the established regulations; prescribe stand-  
44 ards for living quarters at farm and food processing labor camps,  
45 including provisions for sanitary conditions; light, air, and safety;  
46 protection from fire hazards; maintenance; and such other matters as may  
47 be appropriate for security of life or health, provided however, that  
48 the provisions of the sanitary code established pursuant to the  
49 provisions hereof shall apply to all farm and food processing labor  
50 camps intended to house migrant workers and which are occupied [by five  
51 or more persons]. In the preparation of such regulations, the public  
52 health council may request and shall receive technical assistance from  
53 the board of standards and appeals of the state department of labor and  
54 the state building code commission. Such regulation shall be enforced in  
55 the same manner as are other provisions of the sanitary code;

1 S 12. Section 51 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by chap-  
2 ter 561 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

3 S 51. Posting of notice regarding compensation. Every employer who has  
4 complied with section fifty of this article shall post and maintain in a  
5 conspicuous place or places in and about his place or places of business  
6 typewritten or printed IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH notices in form prescribed  
7 by the chairman, stating the fact that he has complied with all the  
8 rules and regulations of the chairman and the board and that he has  
9 secured the payment of compensation to his employees and their depen-  
10 dents in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, but failure to  
11 post such notice as herein provided shall not in any way affect the  
12 exclusiveness of the remedy provided for by section eleven of this chap-  
13 ter. Every employer who owns or operates automotive or horse-drawn vehi-  
14 cles and has no minimum staff of regular employees required to report  
15 for work at an established place of business maintained by such employer  
16 and every employer who is engaged in the business of moving household  
17 goods or furniture shall post such notices in each and every vehicle  
18 owned or operated by him. Failure to post or maintain such notice in any  
19 of said vehicles shall constitute presumptive evidence that such employ-  
20 er has failed to secure the payment of compensation. The chairman may  
21 require any employer to furnish a written statement at any time showing  
22 the stock corporation, mutual corporation or reciprocal insurer in which  
23 such employer is insured or the manner in which such employer has  
24 complied with any provision of this chapter. Failure for a period of ten  
25 days to furnish such written statement shall constitute presumptive  
26 evidence that such employer has neglected or failed in respect of any of  
27 the matters so required. Any employer who fails to comply with the  
28 provisions of this section shall be required to pay to the board a fine  
29 of [up to two hundred fifty] FIVE HUNDRED dollars for each violation, in  
30 addition to any other penalties imposed by law to be deposited into the  
31 uninsured employers' fund.

32 S 13. The workers' compensation law is amended by adding a new section  
33 110-b to read as follows:

34 S 110-B. REPORTING OF INJURIES TO EMPLOYER. EVERY FARM LABOR CONTRAC-  
35 TOR, FOREMAN OR SUPERVISOR OF FARM LABORERS WHO HAS NOTICE OF ANY INJURY  
36 TO A FARM LABORER INCURRED DURING THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT SHALL BE  
37 REQUIRED TO INFORM THE EMPLOYER, OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A FARM OF ANY SUCH  
38 INJURY.

39 S 14. The first undesignated paragraph of section 120 of the workers'  
40 compensation law, as amended by chapter 61 of the laws of 1989, is  
41 amended to read as follows:

42 It shall be unlawful for any employer or his or her duly authorized  
43 agent to discharge or in any other manner discriminate against an  
44 employee as to his or her employment because such employee has claimed  
45 or attempted to claim compensation from such employer, REQUESTED A CLAIM  
46 FORM FOR INJURIES RECEIVED IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT, or because he or  
47 she has testified or is about to testify in a proceeding under this  
48 chapter and no other valid reason is shown to exist for such action by  
49 the employer.

50 S 15. The opening paragraph of paragraph A of subdivision 6 of section  
51 201 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by chapter 903 of the  
52 laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

53 "Employment" means employment in any trade, business or occupation  
54 carried on by an employer, except that the following shall not be deemed  
55 employment under this article: services performed for the state, a  
56 municipal corporation, local governmental agency, other political subdi-

1 vision or public authority; employment subject to the federal railroad  
2 unemployment insurance act; service performed on or as an officer or  
3 member of the crew of a vessel on the navigable water of the United  
4 States or outside the United States; [service as farm laborers;] casual  
5 employment and the first forty-five days of extra employment of employ-  
6 ees not regularly in employment as otherwise defined herein; service as  
7 golf caddies; and service during all or any part of the school year or  
8 regular vacation periods as a part-time worker of any person actually in  
9 regular attendance during the day time as a student in an elementary or  
10 secondary school. The term "employment" shall not include the services  
11 of a licensed real estate broker or sales associate if it be proven that  
12 (a) substantially all of the remuneration (whether or not paid in cash)  
13 for the services performed by such broker or sales associate is directly  
14 related to sales or other output (including the performance of services)  
15 rather than to the number of hours worked; (b) the services performed by  
16 the broker or sales associate are performed pursuant to a written  
17 contract executed between such broker or sales associate and the person  
18 for whom the services are performed within the past twelve to fifteen  
19 months; and (c) the written contract provided for in [paragraph] SUBPAR-  
20 AGRAPH (b) herein was not executed under duress and contains the follow-  
21 ing provisions:

22 S 16. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to diminish the rights,  
23 privileges, or remedies of any farm laborer under any collective  
24 bargaining agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this  
25 act.

26 S 17. This act shall take effect April 1, 2010, provided that section  
27 fifteen of this act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day  
28 after it shall have become a law, provided further, that section five of  
29 this act shall take effect January 1, 2011 and section nine of this act  
30 shall take effect April 1, 2011.