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I N A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. BLAKE -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to requiring state agencies to pay small businesses within fifteen days of receipt of an invoice; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2015 amending the state finance law relating to requiring state agencies to pay small businesses within fifteen days of receipt of an invoice, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.5283-A and A.6902-B, in relation to making technical corrections

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 2 and 6 of section 179-f of the state finance
2 law, subdivision 2 as amended and subdivision 6 as added by a chapter of
3 the laws of 2015 amending the state finance law relating to requiring
4 state agencies to pay small businesses within fifteen days of receipt of
5 an invoice, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S.5283-A and
6 A.6902-B, are amended to read as follows:
7 2. The required payment date shall be thirty calendar days, excluding
8 legal holidays, provided, however, that for a small business the
9 required payment date shall be fifteen calendar days, excluding legal
10 holidays, ABSENT A SHOWING BY THE CONTRACTING AGENCY OF CIRCUMSTANCES
11 BEYOND ITS CONTROL, PROVIDED THAT THE SMALL BUSINESS SUBMITS ITS INVOICE
12 ELECTRONICALLY, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE
13 ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND IDEN-
14 TIFIES THAT IT IS SEEKING EXPEDITED PAYMENT AS A SMALL BUSINESS, or in
15 the case of final payments on highway construction contracts seventy-
16 five calendar days, excluding legal holidays, after receipt of an
17 invoice for the amount of the contract payment due; except when:
18 (a) the state comptroller in the course of his or her audit determines
19 that there is reasonable cause to believe that payment may not properly
20 be due, in whole or in part;
21 (b) in accordance with specific statutory or contractual provisions,
22 payment must be preceded by an inspection period or by an audit to

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

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1 determine the resources applied or used by a contractor in fulfilling
2 the terms of the contract;

3 (c) the necessary state government appropriation required to authorize
4 payment has yet to be enacted;

5 (d) the cash balance of the fund or sub-fund from which the payment is
6 to be made is insufficient to finance the payment;

7 (e) a proper invoice must be examined by the federal government prior
8 to payment;

9 (f) the goods or property have not been delivered or the services have
10 not been rendered by the contractor in compliance with the terms or
11 conditions of the contract;

12 (g) the required payment date is modified in accordance with subdivi-
13 sion three of this section; or

14 (h) in the case of final payments on highway construction contracts
15 the commissioner of transportation determines that the contractor has
16 failed to properly submit the necessary documents and other submissions
17 prescribed by the contract specifications and requirements, by the
18 provisions of subdivision eight of section thirty-eight of the highway
19 law, and by all other applicable state and federal laws in order to
20 enable the department of transportation to process the final payment
21 properly and expeditiously.

22 Any time taken to satisfy or rectify any of the types of conditions
23 described in paragraphs (a) through (f) or (h) of this subdivision shall
24 extend the required payment date by an equal period of time, provided,
25 however, that for small businesses, the required payment date shall be
26 fifteen calendar days, excluding legal holidays, after such conditions
27 have been satisfied or rectified, and provided further that all reason-
28 able and practicable efforts shall be taken to satisfy or rectify such
29 conditions as soon as possible.

30 6. As used in this section, "small business" shall mean a business
31 whose primary place of business is in New York state, has a significant
32 business presence in the state, is independently owned and operated, not
33 dominant in its field, and employs no more than [three] TWO hundred
34 employees AT THE TIME OF THE AWARD CONTRACTING AND PAYMENT. THE "SMALL
35 BUSINESS" SHALL, UPON REQUEST, PROVIDE THE CONTRACTING ENTITY WITH
36 SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTATION TO REFLECT AND CONFIRM ITS STATUS AS A SMALL
37 BUSINESS.

38 S 2. Section 2 of a chapter of the laws of 2015 amending the state
39 finance law relating to requiring state agencies to pay small businesses
40 within fifteen days of receipt of an invoice, as proposed in legislative
41 bills numbers S.5283-A and A.6902-B, is amended to read as follows:

42 S 2. This act shall take effect on the [one] THREE hundred [eightieth]
43 SIXTY-FIFTH day after it shall have become a law and shall apply only to
44 invoices received after such date.

45 S 3. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
46 manner as a chapter of the laws of 2015 amending the the state finance
47 law relating to requiring state agencies to pay small businesses within
48 fifteen days of receipt of an invoice, as proposed in legislative bills
49 numbers S.5283-A and A.6902-B, takes effect.