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Introduced by Sen. DeFRANCISCO -- read twice and ordered printed, and  
when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the general obligations law, in relation to indemnification agreements relating to construction projects

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 5-322.1 of the general obligations  
2     law, as amended by chapter 67 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     1.     A covenant, promise, agreement or understanding in, or in  
5     connection with or collateral to a contract or agreement relative to the  
6     construction, alteration, repair or maintenance of a building, structure,  
7     appurtenances and appliances including moving, demolition and  
8     excavating connected therewith, purporting to indemnify or hold harmless  
9     the promisee against liability for damage arising out of bodily injury  
10    to persons or damage to property NOT contributed to, caused by or  
11    resulting from the negligence OR OTHER CULPABLE ACT of the [promisee,  
12    his] PROMISOR, ITS agents [or], employees, SUBCONTRACTORS or [indemnity,  
13    whether such negligence be in whole or in part,] VENDORS is against  
14    public policy and is void and unenforceable; provided that this section  
15    shall not affect the validity of any insurance contract, workers'  
16    compensation agreement or other agreement issued by an admitted insurer.  
17    [This subdivision shall not preclude a promisee requiring indemnification  
18    for damages arising out of bodily injury to persons or damage to  
19    property caused by or resulting from the negligence of a party other  
20    than the promisee, whether or not the promisor is partially negligent.]  
21    S 2.    This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
22    have become a law.

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

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