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AN ACT to amend the legislative law, in relation to restricting the employment of relatives by members of the legislature

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

Section 1. The legislative law is amended by adding a new section 81 to read as follows:

S 81. RESTRICTIONS ON RELATIVE EMPLOYMENT. 1. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "RELATIVE" MEANS:

A. A SPOUSE;

B. A PARENT OR STEPPARENT;

C. A SIBLING OR STEP SIBLING;

D. A CHILD, STEPCHILD, FOSTER CHILD, OR WARD;

E. A MOTHER-IN-LAW OR FATHER-IN-LAW;

F. A SON-IN-LAW OR DAUGHTER-IN-LAW;

G. A GRANDPARENT; OR

H. A GRANDCHILD.

2. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION, A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE MAY NOT EMPLOY FOR LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS THE MEMBER'S OWN RELATIVE, OR THE RELATIVE OF ANOTHER MEMBER FROM THE SAME LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT, USING PUBLIC FUNDS OVER WHICH THE MEMBER HAS DIRECT CONTROL.

3. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE WHO:

A. HAS A PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT THAT NECESSITATES THE EMPLOYMENT OF A PARTICULAR RELATIVE; AND

B. DISCLOSES THE EMPLOYMENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMISSION.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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