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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:*

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

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1 (a) the state comptroller in the course of his or her audit determines  
2 that there is reasonable cause to believe that payment may not properly  
3 be due, in whole or in part;

4 (b) in accordance with specific statutory or contractual provisions,  
5 payment must be preceded by an inspection period or by an audit to  
6 determine the resources applied or used by a contractor in fulfilling  
7 the terms of the contract;

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

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

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

14 (f) the goods or property have not been delivered or the services have  
15 not been rendered by the contractor in compliance with the terms or  
16 conditions of the contract;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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