STATE OF NEW YORK

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2017-2018 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 16, 2017

Introduced by Sens. GOLDEN, KAMINSKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Rules -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to granting sick leave for officers and employees with a qualifying World Trade Center condition

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new section 92-d to read as follows:

§ 92-d. Sick leave for officers and employees with a qualifying World Trade Center condition. Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, officers and employees of the state, a public authority or any municipal corporation outside of a city with a population of one million or more who filed a notice of participation in World Trade Center rescue, recovery or cleanup operations and subsequently develop a qualifying World Trade Center condition, as defined in section two of the retirement and social security law, while employed by the state, a public authority or such municipal corporation or public authority shall be granted line of duty sick leave commencing on the date that such employee was diagnosed with a qualifying World Trade Center condition regardless of whether such officer or employee was employed by his or her current employer at the time that such officer or employee participated in World Trade Center rescue, recovery or cleanup operations. The officer or employee shall be compensated at his or her regular rate of pay for those regular work hours during which the officer or employee is absent from work. Such leave shall be provided without loss of an officer or employee's accrued sick leave.

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

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§ 2. The state shall reimburse any public authority or municipal corporation of less than one million people for the cost of any line duty sick leave granted pursuant to this act.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that any officer or employee who is currently employed by the state, public authority or municipal corporation who has been diagnosed with a qualifying World Trade Center condition and is using sick leave due to such condition shall receive a restoration of such sick leave retroactive to the date such officer or employee was diagnosed with a qualifying World Trade Center condition.