

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. RICHARDSON -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to requiring contractors on public works projects to pay their subcontractors upon completion of work

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 139-f of the state finance law, as  
2 amended by section 16 of part MM of chapter 57 of the laws of 2008, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 2. Payment by contractors to subcontractors. [~~Within seven calendar~~  
5 ~~days of the receipt of any payment from the public owner~~] Payment by the  
6 contractor to a subcontractor or materialman shall not be contingent  
7 upon payment by an owner to the contractor. Upon completion of the  
8 performance of work or materials supplied, the contractor shall pay each  
9 of his subcontractors and materialmen the [~~proceeds from the~~] payment  
10 representing the value of the work performed and/or materials furnished  
11 by the subcontractor and/or materialman and reflecting the percentage of  
12 the subcontractor's work completed or the materialman's material  
13 supplied in the requisition approved by the owner and based upon the  
14 actual value of the subcontract or purchase order less an amount necessary to satisfy any claims, liens or judgments against the subcontractor  
15 or materialman which have not been suitably discharged and less any  
16 retained amount as hereafter described. Failure by the contractor to pay  
17 any subcontractor or materialman [~~within seven calendar days of the~~  
18 ~~receipt of any payment from the public owner~~] upon completion of the  
19 performance of work or materials supplied shall result in the commencement and accrual of interest on amounts due to such subcontractor or  
20 materialman for the period beginning on the day immediately following  
21 the [~~expiration of such seven calendar day period~~] completion of the  
22 performance of work or materials supplied and ending on the date on  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 which payment is made by the contractor to such subcontractor or materi-  
2 alman. Such interest payment shall be the sole responsibility of the  
3 contractor, and shall be paid at the rate of interest in effect on the  
4 date payment is made by the contractor.

5 Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, interest  
6 shall be computed at the rate established in paragraph (b) of subdivi-  
7 sion one of section seven hundred fifty-six-b of the general business  
8 law. ~~[The contractor shall retain not more than five per centum of each~~

9 ~~payment to the subcontractor and/or materialman except that the contrac-~~  
10 ~~tor may retain in excess of five per centum but not more than ten per~~  
11 ~~centum of each payment to the subcontractor provided that prior to~~  
12 ~~entering into a subcontract with the contractor, the subcontractor is~~  
13 ~~unable or unwilling to provide a performance bond and a labor and mate-~~  
14 ~~rial bond, both in the full amount of the subcontract, at the request of~~  
15 ~~the contractor. However, the contractor shall retain nothing from those~~  
16 ~~payments representing proceeds owed the subcontractor and/or materialman~~  
17 ~~from the public owner's payments to the contractor for the remaining~~  
18 ~~amounts of the contract balance as provided in subdivision one of this~~  
19 ~~section. If the contractor has failed to submit a requisition for~~  
20 ~~payment of the remaining amounts of the contract balance within ninety~~  
21 ~~days of substantial completion as provided in subdivision one of this~~  
22 ~~section, then any clause in the subcontract between the contractor and~~  
23 ~~the subcontractor or materialman which states that payment by the~~  
24 ~~contractor to such subcontractor or materialman is contingent upon~~  
25 ~~payment by the owner to the contractor shall be deemed invalid. Within~~  
26 ~~seven calendar days of the receipt of payment from the contractor, the~~  
27 ~~subcontractor and/or materialman shall pay each of his subcontractors~~  
28 ~~and materialmen in the same manner as the contractor has paid the~~  
29 ~~subcontractor, including interest as herein provided above. Nothing~~  
30 ~~provided herein shall create any obligation on the part of the public~~  
31 ~~owner to pay or to see to the payment of any moneys to any subcontractor~~  
32 ~~or materialman from any contractor nor shall anything provided herein~~  
33 ~~serve to create any relationship in contract or otherwise, implied or~~  
34 ~~expressed, between the subcontractor or materialman and the public~~  
35 ~~owner.]~~

36 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.