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Introduced by Sens. HOYLMAN, ADDABBO, AVELLA, KAMINSKY, KENNEDY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Civil Service and Pensions

AN ACT to amend the retirement and social security law and the legislative law, in relation to forfeiture of pension rights or retirement benefits upon conviction of a felony related to public employment

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

1 Section 1. The retirement and social security law is amended by adding
2 a new section 157-a to read as follows:

3 § 157-a. Pension forfeiture; per diem expense acceptance. 1. Any state
4 officer or local officer, as such terms are defined in section two of
5 the public officers law, who accepts compensation from the state in the
6 form of reimbursement for per diem expenses, in whole or in part, and is
7 convicted in any federal or state court of competent jurisdiction of a
8 felony related to public office, shall be subject to forfeiture of
9 rights of privileges under a public retirement system or pension plan.

10 2. The provisions of subdivisions two, three, four, five, six, seven,
11 eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen of section one
12 hundred fifty-seven of this article shall apply to any action for an
13 order to reduce or revoke the pension to which such public official is
14 otherwise entitled for service as a public official.

15 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 5 of the legislative law, as added by
16 section 7 of part CC of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 2. (a) Each member of the legislature, upon verification of attend-
19 ance, which shall be by electronic verification when practicable, in
20 compliance with the policies set forth by the speaker of the assembly
21 and the temporary president of the senate for their respective bodies,
22 shall be eligible to receive payment of actual and necessary travel

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

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1 expenses and a per diem equivalent to the most recent federal per diem
2 rates published by the general services administration as set forth in
3 41 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 301, App. A, for the time in
4 which the member was in travel status in the performance of his or her
5 duties during the months in which the legislature is scheduled to be in
6 regular session. During the months when the legislature is not scheduled
7 to be in regular session, members shall receive such actual and neces-
8 sary travel expenses and per diems, in compliance with verification
9 policies and in accord with standards and limits for reimbursable events
10 set forth by the speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of
11 the senate for their respective bodies. The per diem allowances includ-
12 ing partial per diem allowances shall be made on audit and warrant of
13 the comptroller on vouchers approved by the temporary president of the
14 senate or his or her designee and speaker of the assembly or his or her
15 designee for their respective houses.

16 (b) Each house shall make available on its website all documentation
17 otherwise available to the public pursuant to section eighty-eight of
18 the public officers law related to the payment of travel expenses and
19 per diems.

20 (c) Any state officer or local officer, as such terms are defined in
21 section two of the public officers law, who accepts compensation from
22 the state in the form of reimbursement for per diem expenses, in whole
23 or in part, and is convicted in any federal or state court of competent
24 jurisdiction of a felony related to public office, shall be subject to
25 forfeiture of rights of privileges under a public retirement system or
26 pension plan. The provisions of subdivisions two, three, four, five,
27 six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen of
28 section one hundred fifty-seven of the retirement and social security
29 law shall apply to any action for an order to reduce or revoke the
30 pension to which such public official is otherwise entitled for service
31 as a public official.

32 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.