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Introduced by Sen. PERALTA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor -- recommitted to the Committee on Labor in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to permanent total disability

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 15 of the workers' compensation
2 law, as amended by chapter 675 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 1. Permanent total disability. In case of total disability adjudged to
5 be permanent sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the average weekly
6 wages shall be paid to the employee during the continuance of such total
7 disability. Loss of both hands, or both arms, or both feet, or both
8 legs, or both eyes, or of any two thereof or approval for federal social
9 security disability benefits as a result of the compensable accident or
10 occupational disease shall, in the absence of conclusive proof to the
11 contrary, constitute permanent total disability. In all other cases
12 permanent total disability shall be determined in accordance with the
13 facts. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an injured
14 employee disabled due to the loss or total loss of use of both eyes, or
15 both hands, or both arms, or both feet, or both legs, or of any two
16 thereof shall not suffer any diminution of his or her compensation by
17 engaging in business or employment provided his or her earnings or
18 wages, when combined with his or her compensation, shall not be in
19 excess of the wage base on which the maximum weekly compensation benefit
20 is computed under the law in effect at time of such earning; further
21 provided, that if the combination exceeds such wage base, the compen-

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

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1 sation shall be diminished to an amount which, together with his or her
2 earnings or wages, shall equal the wage base; and further provided that
3 the application of this subdivision shall not result in reduction of
4 compensation which an injured employee who is disabled due to the loss
5 or total loss of use of both eyes, or both hands, or both arms, or both
6 feet, or both legs or of any two thereof, would otherwise be entitled to
7 under any other provision of this section.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.