AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to including exposure to novel coronavirus, COVID-19 as an occupational disease

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

Section 1. Paragraph 30 of subdivision 2 of section 3 of the workers' compensation law is renumbered paragraph 31 and a new paragraph 30 is added to read as follows:

30. Novel coronavirus, COVID-19 exposure. Any and all work that causes workers to be in contact with the public, patients, inmates, residents, parolees, clients, students, customers, diners, persons in the custody of the state or any of its political subdivisions, or travelers during an outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19; or any and all work that could expose workers to novel coronavirus, COVID-19, which shall include, but not be limited to, work in a hospital, medical facility, laboratory, medical office, nursing home, correctional facility, mental health facility, social services facility, airport, bus station, train station, subway station, park, restaurant, cafeteria, retail facility, airplane, bus, train, subway, university, college, school, daycare facility.

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

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childcare facility, hotel, resort,
casino, convention center,
meeting facility or work for a
public utility, work for any businesses
deemed to provide essential services
during an outbreak of the
novel coronavirus, COVID-19, any work outside
the home during a period of closure
of non-essential businesses, or public
employment during an outbreak of
the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

§ 2. The closing paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 3 of the work-
ners' compensation law, as amended by chapter 666 of the laws of 1971, is
amended to read as follows:
Nothing in paragraph thirty thirty-one of this subdivision shall be
construed to apply to any disability or death due to any disease
described in paragraph twenty-nine of this subdivision.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.