

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. RAMOS, GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed,  
and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

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:

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

4 30. Novel coronavirus,      30. Any and all work that causes workers to  
5 COVID-19 exposure.            be in contact with the public, patients,  
6                                    inmates, residents, parolees,  
7                                    clients, students, customers,  
8                                    diners, persons in the  
9                                    custody of the state or any  
10                                   of its political subdivisions,  
11                                   or travelers during an outbreak of the novel  
12                                   coronavirus, COVID-19; or any  
13                                   and all work that could  
14                                   expose workers to novel  
15                                   coronavirus, COVID-19, which  
16                                   shall include, but not be limited to,  
17                                   work in a hospital,  
18                                   medical facility, laboratory,  
19                                   medical office, nursing  
20                                   home, correctional facility,  
21                                   mental health facility, social  
22                                   services facility, airport,  
23                                   bus station, train station,  
24                                   subway station, park, restaurant,  
25                                   cafeteria, retail  
26                                   facility, airplane, bus, train,  
27                                   subway, university, college,  
28                                   school, daycare facility,

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

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1                   childcare facility, hotel, resort,  
2                   casino, convention center,  
3                   meeting facility or work for a  
4                   public utility, work for any businesses  
5                   deemed to provide essential services  
6                   during an outbreak of the  
7                   novel coronavirus, COVID-19, any work outside  
8                   the home during a period of closure  
9                   of non-essential businesses, or public  
10                   employment during an outbreak of  
11                   the novel coronavirus, COVID-19.

12       § 2. The closing paragraph of subdivision 2 of section 3 of the work-  
13       ers' compensation law, as amended by chapter 666 of the laws of 1971, is  
14       amended to read as follows:

15       Nothing in paragraph [~~thirty~~] thirty-one of this subdivision shall be  
16       construed to apply to any disability or death due to any disease  
17       described in paragraph twenty-nine of this subdivision.

18       § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.