STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 22, 2019

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:

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

2. Payment by contractors to subcontractors. [~~Within seven calendar days of the receipt of any payment from the public owner~~] **Payment by the contractor to a subcontractor or materialman shall not be contingent upon payment by an owner to the contractor. Upon completion of the performance of work or materials supplied**, the contractor shall pay each of his subcontractors and materialmen the [~~proceeds from the~~] payment representing the value of the work performed and/or materials furnished by the subcontractor and/or materialman and reflecting the percentage of the subcontractor's work completed or the materialman's material supplied in the requisition approved by the owner and based upon the actual value of the subcontract or purchase order less an amount necessary to satisfy any claims, liens or judgments against the subcontractor or materialman which have not been suitably discharged and less any retained amount as hereafter described. Failure by the contractor to pay any subcontractor or materialman [~~within seven calendar days of the receipt of any payment from the public owner~~] **upon completion of the performance of work or materials supplied** shall result in the commencement and accrual of interest on amounts due to such subcontractor or materialman for the period beginning on the day immediately following the [~~expiration of such seven calendar day period~~] **completion of the performance of work or materials supplied** and ending on the date on

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

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which payment is made by the contractor to such subcontractor or materialman. Such interest payment shall be the sole responsibility of the contractor, and shall be paid at the rate of interest in effect on the date payment is made by the contractor.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, interest shall be computed at the rate established in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section seven hundred fifty-six-b of the general business law. [~~The contractor shall retain not more than five per centum of each payment to the subcontractor and/or materialman except that the contractor may retain in excess of five per centum but not more than ten per centum of each payment to the subcontractor provided that prior to entering into a subcontract with the contractor, the subcontractor is unable or unwilling to provide a performance bond and a labor and material bond, both in the full amount of the subcontract, at the request of the contractor. However, the contractor shall retain nothing from those payments representing proceeds owed the subcontractor and/or materialman from the public owner's payments to the contractor for the remaining amounts of the contract balance as provided in subdivision one of this section. If the contractor has failed to submit a requisition for payment of the remaining amounts of the contract balance within ninety days of substantial completion as provided in subdivision one of this section, then any clause in the subcontract between the contractor and the subcontractor or materialman which states that payment by the contractor to such subcontractor or materialman is contingent upon payment by the owner to the contractor shall be deemed invalid. Within seven calendar days of the receipt of payment from the contractor, the subcontractor and/or materialman shall pay each of his subcontractors and materialmen in the same manner as the contractor has paid the subcontractor, including interest as herein provided above. Nothing provided herein shall create any obligation on the part of the public owner to pay or to see to the payment of any moneys to any subcontractor or materialman from any contractor nor shall anything provided herein serve to create any relationship in contract or otherwise, implied or expressed, between the subcontractor or materialman and the public owner.~~]

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.