STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 1, 2020

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:

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.

30. 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 workers' 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.