

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

May 1, 2020

Introduced by Sen. SERINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to grants for nursing homes and adult care facilities to hire additional employees during the COVID-19 pandemic; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section  
2 2807-ii to read as follows:

3 § 2807-ii. Pandemic displaced employees grants for nursing homes and  
4 adult care facilities. 1. (a) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision  
5 of law to the contrary, within funds appropriated for services and  
6 expenses related to the outbreak of coronavirus disease of two thousand  
7 nineteen (COVID-19) pursuant to chapter fifty of the laws of two thou-  
8 sand twenty, the commissioner shall make grants available pursuant to  
9 this section to nursing homes and adult care facilities that have hired  
10 an employee or multiple employees who have been displaced from their  
11 place of employment due to any executive order issued by the governor  
12 related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

13 (b) Such grants shall cover eligible costs associated with hiring  
14 individuals who have been displaced from their place of employment due  
15 to any executive order issued by the governor related to COVID-19,  
16 including, but not limited to (i) administrative costs associated with  
17 recruiting such individuals for employment, as well as training, certifi-  
18 cation and orientation; or (ii) salary for temporary employment of such  
19 individuals to staff phone lines at such facilities that are solely  
20 dedicated to providing information on residents of such facilities to  
21 family members of such residents for as long as the governor's declara-  
22 tion of a state disaster emergency, pursuant to executive order number  
23 two hundred two of two thousand twenty remains in effect.

24 (c) The commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations related to  
25 determining eligible costs associated with hiring individuals who have  
26 been displaced from their place of employment due to any executive order

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

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1 issued by the governor related to COVID-19, the distribution of grants  
2 pursuant to this section, and the responsibilities of nursing homes and  
3 adult care facilities that have received such grants.

4 2. Grants shall, as equitably as possible, be distributed among nurs-  
5 ing homes and adult care facilities in urban, suburban and rural areas  
6 of the state, reflective of the needs of each area due to the COVID-19  
7 pandemic.

8 3. Grants made by the commissioner pursuant to subparagraph (i) of  
9 paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section shall not exceed three  
10 thousand dollars for each employee hired who had been displaced from  
11 their place of employment due to any executive order issued by the  
12 governor related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The commissioner is author-  
13 ized to establish limits on grants made for each employee hired by a  
14 facility, or limits on grants made to each facility, pursuant to subpar-  
15 agraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section.

16 4. The commissioner shall prepare and submit a report to the governor  
17 and the legislature, including to the temporary president of the senate,  
18 the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the assembly and the  
19 minority leader of the assembly, on or before September first, two thou-  
20 sand twenty-one, indicating grant recipients and the amount of each  
21 grant awarded pursuant to this section.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
23 deemed repealed October 1, 2021.