STATE OF NEW YORK

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2021-2022 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

April 16, 2021

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

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to unemployment insurance benefits for flight attendants during the COVID-19 state of emergency; 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:

Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 591-b to read as follows:

§ 591-b. Eligibility for flight attendants during the COVID-19 state of emergency. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, a person employed as a flight attendant shall be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits pursuant to this article during the declared state of emergency relating to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), whether or not such person resides within the state, if such person is employed by an airline company doing business in the state of New York. The amount of unemployment insurance benefits awarded shall be equal to the amount such person would have received if such person were not previously denied due to residency requirements, provided, however, such person shall provide proof of prior eligibility but for such person's residency. If such person was fined and/or had to forfeit unemployment insurance benefits after a hearing pursuant to this article due to residency ineligibility, such person shall be reimbursed for such fine and any forfeited unemployment insurance benefits.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the provisions of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed one hundred eighty days after the expiration of the declared state of emergency relating to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and provided, further, that the commissioner of labor shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occurrence of the expiration of the state disas-

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

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ter emergency declared by executive order number 202 and any further amendments or modifications, and as may be further extended pursuant to section 28 of the executive law, in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.