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IN SENATE

March 1, 2021

Introduced by Sen. RATH -- 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 increasing the number of members on the farm laborers wage board from three to five

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

Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 674-a of the labor law, as added by chapter 105 of the laws of 2019, are amended to read to as follows:

1. Wage board. The commissioner shall hereby convene a farm laborers wage board. The wage board shall be comprised of [~~three~~] **five** members: one representative of the farm bureau, one representative of the New York State AFL-CIO**, the commissioner of agriculture and markets, one representative of the business community at large** and one member appointed by the commissioner, who shall be selected from the general public and designated as chairperson. The wage board shall hold its first hearing no later than March first, two thousand twenty. The members of the board shall not receive a salary or other compensation, but shall be paid actual and necessary traveling expenses while engaged in the performance of their duties.

2. Organization. [~~Two-thirds~~] **Three-fifths** of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum. The chairperson may from time to time formulate rules governing the manner in which the wage board shall function and perform its duties under this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.

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

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