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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, certif-
18 ication 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.

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

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1 (c) The commissioner may promulgate rules and regulations related to
2 determining eligible costs associated with hiring individuals who have
3 been displaced from their place of employment due to any executive order
4 issued by the governor related to COVID-19, the distribution of grants
5 pursuant to this section, and the responsibilities of nursing homes and
6 adult care facilities that have received such grants.

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

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

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

25 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the
26 provisions of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed on the day of
27 the expiration of the declared state of emergency relating to the novel
28 coronavirus (COVID-19); and provided, further, that the superintendent
29 of financial services shall notify the legislative bill drafting commis-
30 sion upon the occurrence of the expiration of the state disaster emer-
31 gency declared by executive order number 202 and any further amendments
32 or modifications, and as may be further extended pursuant to section 28
33 of the executive law, in order that the commission may maintain an accu-
34 rate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of
35 the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of
36 section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public offi-
37 cers law.