

STATE OF NEW YORK

10648

IN ASSEMBLY

July 22, 2024

Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Rajkumar) --
read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT relating to directing the state comptroller to withhold certain payments to be made to the federal government; and providing for the expiration and 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. 1. The state comptroller is directed to withhold eight
2 million dollars in payments or future obligations to the National Rail-
3 road Passenger Corporation and/or to the federal department of the trea-
4 sury for payments in the category "interest on leases, loans and claims"
5 for every day that the federal government does not grant to asylum seek-
6 ers who are in the custody of the city of New York documentation or
7 other authorization permitting such persons to be eligible for employ-
8 ment.

9 2. For the purposes of this act:

10 (a) "Asylum seeker" means an individual who changes their country of
11 usual residence to seek temporary or permanent residence in another
12 country, and who has applied for asylum under 8 U.S.C. § 1158 or is
13 eligible to apply;

14 (b) "Refugee" shall have the same meaning as set forth in 8 U.S.C. §
15 1158;

16 (c) "Temporary protected status" shall have the same meaning as set
17 forth in 8 U.S.C. § 1254a; and

18 (d) "Removal proceedings" shall have the meaning as set forth in 8
19 U.S.C. § 1229a.

20 3. Authorization or documentation permitting employment shall include,
21 but are not limited to, eligibility for temporary protected status,
22 granting refugee status, or a new federal law in effect that makes
23 asylum seekers eligible within thirty days of applying for asylum.

24 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
25 deemed repealed when every adult asylum seeker in New York city's custo-
26 dy at the time of such effective date receives an employment authori-
27 zation document, or is eligible for an employment authorization document

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

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1 within 30 days, provided that the asylum seeker is not undergoing
2 removal proceedings; and provided that the mayor of the city of New York
3 shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission when the federal
4 government has complied with the requirements for employment authori-
5 zation for asylum seekers in order that the commission may maintain an
6 accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws
7 of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions
8 of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public
9 officers law.