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AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to expanding eligibility for temporary disability insurance and paid family leave benefits and to making certain conforming technical changes

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision 9 of section 201 of the workers' compensation  
2 law, as amended by chapter 675 of the laws of 1977, paragraph B as  
3 amended by chapter 352 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as  
4 follows:

5 9. [~~A-~~] (a) "Disability" during employment means the inability of an  
6 employee, as a result of injury or sickness not arising out of and in  
7 the course of an employment, to perform the regular duties of [~~his~~]  
8 their employment or the duties of any other employment which [~~his~~] their  
9 employer may offer [~~him~~] them at [~~his~~] their regular wages and which  
10 [~~his~~] their injury or sickness does not prevent [~~him~~] them from perform-  
11 ing. "Disability" during unemployment means the inability of an employ-  
12 ee, as a result of injury or sickness not arising out of and in the  
13 course of an employment, to perform the duties of any employment for  
14 which [~~he is~~] they are reasonably qualified by training and experience.

15 [~~B-~~] (b) "Disability" also includes disability caused by or in  
16 connection with a pregnancy or neonatal loss.

17 (c) "Disability" also includes the inability of an employee to work in  
18 order to receive medical treatment for a serious health condition not  
19 arising out of and in the course of employment.

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

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1 § 2. Section 201 of the workers' compensation law is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision 25 to read as follows:

3 25. "Neonatal loss" means the death of a child during the first twelve  
4 weeks of life.

5 § 3. Subdivision 20 of section 201 of the workers' compensation law,  
6 as amended by chapter 550 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 20. "Family member" means a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild,  
9 sibling, spouse, or domestic partner as defined in this section, or any  
10 other individual related by blood to the employee or whose close associ-  
11 ation with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship.

12 § 4. Section 203 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by  
13 section 3 of part SS of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 § 203. Employees eligible for benefits under section two hundred four  
16 of this article. Employees in employment of a covered employer for four  
17 or more consecutive weeks and employees in employment during the work  
18 period usual to and available during such four or more consecutive weeks  
19 in any trade or business in which they are regularly employed and in  
20 which hiring from day to day of such employees is the usual employment  
21 practice shall be eligible for disability and family leave benefits as  
22 provided in section two hundred four of this article. [~~Employees in~~  
23 ~~employment of a covered employer for twenty six or more consecutive~~  
24 ~~weeks and employees in employment during the work period usual to and~~  
25 ~~available during such twenty six or more consecutive weeks in any trade~~  
26 ~~or business in which they are regularly employed and in which hiring~~  
27 ~~from day to day of such employees is the usual employment practice shall~~  
28 ~~be eligible for family leave benefits as provided in section two hundred~~  
29 ~~four of this article. Every such employee shall continue to be eligible~~  
30 ~~for family leave benefits only during employment with a covered employ-~~  
31 ~~er.] Every such employee shall continue to be eligible for disability  
32 and family leave benefits during such employment and for a period of  
33 four weeks after such employment terminates regardless of whether the  
34 employee performs any work for remuneration or profit in non-covered  
35 employment. If during such four week period the employee performs any  
36 work for remuneration or profit for another covered employer the employ-  
37 ee shall become eligible for disability and family leave benefits imme-  
38 diately with respect to that employment. In addition every such employee  
39 who has previously completed four or more consecutive weeks in employ-  
40 ment with the covered employer for purposes of disability and family  
41 leave benefits [~~, or twenty six or more consecutive weeks in employment~~  
42 ~~with the covered employer for purposes of paid family leave,] and  
43 returns to work with the same employer after an agreed and specified  
44 unpaid leave of absence or vacation without pay shall become eligible  
45 for benefits immediately with respect to such employment. An employee  
46 who during a period in which [~~he or she is~~] they are eligible to receive  
47 benefits under subdivision two of section two hundred seven of this  
48 article returns to employment with a covered employer and an employee  
49 who is currently receiving unemployment insurance benefits or benefits  
50 under section two hundred seven of this article and who returns to  
51 employment with a covered employer shall become eligible for disability  
52 and family leave benefits immediately with respect to such employment.  
53 An employee regularly in the employment of a single employer on a work  
54 schedule less than the employer's normal work week shall become eligible  
55 for disability and family leave benefits on the twenty-fifth day of such  
56 regular employment [~~and for purposes of paid family leave an employer~~~~~~

1 ~~shall become eligible for benefits on the one hundred seventy fifth day~~  
2 ~~of such regular employment~~. An employee who is eligible for disability  
3 and family leave benefits in the employment of a covered employer shall  
4 not be deemed, for the purposes of this article, to have such employment  
5 terminated during any period [~~he or she is~~] they are eligible to receive  
6 benefits under section two hundred four of this article with respect to  
7 such employment.

8 § 5. Section 203-a of the workers' compensation law, as added by  
9 section 4 of part SS of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 § 203-a. [~~Retaliatory~~] Interference and retaliatory action prohibited  
12 for disability and family leave. 1. The provisions of section one  
13 hundred twenty of this chapter and section two hundred forty-one of this  
14 article shall be applicable to disability and family leave.

15 2. It shall be unlawful for any employer to interfere with, restrain,  
16 or deny the exercise of, or the attempt to exercise, any right provided  
17 under this article, including: (a) failing to comply with the require-  
18 ments of section two hundred twenty-nine of this article, such as by  
19 failing to provide an employee with the notice of rights required by  
20 such section; (b) failing to provide an employee with complete and accu-  
21 rate information related to the submission of a claim for disability or  
22 family leave benefits, such as by failing to inform the employee that it  
23 is the employee's responsibility to submit the completed application  
24 materials to the employer's insurance carrier or by failing or refusing  
25 to provide the employee with the name of the employer's insurance carri-  
26 er and/or the employer's policy number with said insurance carrier; (c)  
27 failing to accurately complete and return to the employee the disability  
28 or family leave application paperwork within the time period specified  
29 by the chair; (d) providing the employer's insurance carrier with inac-  
30 curate information about an employee's employment as it relates to the  
31 employee's eligibility for disability or family leave benefits; (e)  
32 refusing to allow an employee who has requested disability or family  
33 leave under this article to begin leave until the employer's insurance  
34 carrier has approved the employee's claim for disability or family leave  
35 benefits; (f) failing or refusing to carry disability or family leave  
36 insurance as required by section two hundred eleven of this article; (g)  
37 threatening termination, demotion, discipline, suspension, or reduction  
38 of hours or wages, reporting or threatening to report an employee's  
39 suspected citizenship or immigration status or the suspected citizenship  
40 or immigration status of a family member of the employee to a federal,  
41 state, or local agency, or threatening any other action against an  
42 employee seeking to take disability or family leave that might reason-  
43 ably deter an employee from exercising a right provided under this arti-  
44 cle; or (h) threatening or taking any other action that may have the  
45 effect of preventing or discouraging an employee from exercising a right  
46 provided under this article.

47 3. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to diminish the rights,  
48 privileges, or remedies of any employee under any collective bargaining  
49 agreement or employment contract.

50 § 6. Section 203-b of the workers' compensation law, as added by  
51 section 4 of part SS of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to  
52 read as follows:

53 § 203-b. Reinstatement following disability or family leave. Any  
54 eligible employee of a covered employer who takes leave, including leave  
55 due to a disability, under this article shall be entitled, on return  
56 from such leave, to be restored by the employer to the position of

1 employment held by the employee when the leave commenced, or to be  
2 restored to a comparable position with comparable employment benefits,  
3 pay and other terms and conditions of employment. The taking of family  
4 leave or leave due to a disability shall not result in the loss of any  
5 employment benefit accrued prior to the date on which the leave  
6 commenced. Nothing in this section shall be construed to entitle any  
7 restored employee to the accrual of any seniority or employment benefits  
8 during any period of leave, or any right, benefit or position to which  
9 the employee would have been entitled had the employee not taken the  
10 leave.

11 § 7. Section 203-c of the workers' compensation law, as added by  
12 section 4 of part SS of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to  
13 read as follows:

14 § 203-c. Health insurance during disability or family leave. In  
15 accordance with the Family and Medical Leave Act (29 U.S.C. §§  
16 2601-2654), during any period of disability or family leave the employer  
17 shall maintain any existing health benefits of the employee in force for  
18 the duration of such leave as if the employee had continued to work from  
19 the date [~~he or she~~] they commenced disability or family leave until the  
20 date [~~he or she returns~~] they return to employment.

21 § 8. Section 204 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by  
22 section 5 of part SS of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 § 204. Disability and family leave during employment. 1. Disability  
25 benefits shall be payable to an eligible employee for disabilities,  
26 beginning with the [~~eighth~~] first day of disability and thereafter  
27 during the continuance of disability, subject to the limitations as to  
28 maximum and minimum amounts and duration and other conditions and limi-  
29 tations in this section and in sections two hundred five and two hundred  
30 six of this article. Family leave benefits shall be payable to an eligi-  
31 ble employee for the first full day when family leave is required and  
32 thereafter during the continuance of the need for family leave, subject  
33 to the limitations as to maximum and minimum amounts and duration and  
34 other conditions and limitations in this section and in sections two  
35 hundred five and two hundred six of this article. Successive periods of  
36 disability or family leave caused by the same or related injury or sick-  
37 ness shall be deemed a single period of disability or family leave only  
38 if separated by less than three months.

39 2. (a) The weekly benefit for family leave that occurs (i) on or after  
40 January first, two thousand eighteen shall not exceed eight weeks during  
41 any fifty-two week calendar period and shall be fifty percent of the  
42 employee's average weekly wage but shall not exceed fifty percent of the  
43 state average weekly wage, (ii) on or after January first, two thousand  
44 nineteen shall not exceed ten weeks during any fifty-two week calendar  
45 period and shall be fifty-five percent of the employee's average weekly  
46 wage but shall not exceed fifty-five percent of the state average weekly  
47 wage, (iii) on or after January first, two thousand twenty shall not  
48 exceed ten weeks during any fifty-two week calendar period and shall be  
49 sixty percent of the employee's average weekly wage but shall not exceed  
50 sixty percent of the state average weekly wage, [~~and~~] (iv) on or after  
51 January first [~~of each succeeding year~~], two thousand twenty-three shall  
52 not exceed twelve weeks during any fifty-two week calendar period and  
53 shall be sixty-seven percent of the employee's average weekly wage but  
54 shall not exceed sixty-seven percent of the New York state average week-  
55 ly wage in effect, and (v) on or after January first, two thousand twen-  
56 ty-six, shall not exceed twelve weeks during any fifty-two week calendar

1 period and shall be ninety percent of the portion of the employee's  
2 average weekly wage that is equal to or less than fifty percent of the  
3 New York state average weekly wage in effect and sixty-seven percent of  
4 the portion of the employee's average weekly wage that is more than  
5 fifty percent of the New York state average weekly wage in effect but  
6 shall not exceed sixty-seven percent of the New York state average week-  
7 ly wage in effect. The superintendent of financial services shall have  
8 discretion to delay the increases in the family leave benefit level  
9 provided in subparagraphs (ii), (iii), [~~and~~] (iv), and (v) of this para-  
10 graph by one or more calendar years. In determining whether to delay the  
11 increase in the family leave benefit for any year, the superintendent of  
12 financial services shall consider: (1) the current cost to employees of  
13 the family leave benefit and any expected change in the cost after the  
14 benefit increase; (2) the current number of insurers issuing insurance  
15 policies with a family leave benefit and any expected change in the  
16 number of insurers issuing such policies after the benefit increase; (3)  
17 the impact of the benefit increase on employers' business and the over-  
18 all stability of the program to the extent that information is readily  
19 available; (4) the impact of the benefit increase on the financial  
20 stability of the disability and family leave insurance market and carri-  
21 ers; and (5) any additional factors that the superintendent of financial  
22 services deems relevant. If the superintendent of financial services  
23 delays the increase in the family leave benefit level for one or more  
24 calendar years, the family leave benefit level that shall take effect  
25 immediately following the delay shall be the same benefit level that  
26 would have taken effect but for the delay. The weekly benefits for fami-  
27 ly leave that occurs on or after January first, two thousand eighteen  
28 shall not be less than one hundred dollars per week except that if the  
29 employee's wages at the time of family leave are less than one hundred  
30 dollars per week, the employee shall receive [~~his or her~~] their full  
31 wages. Benefits may be payable to employees for paid family leave taken  
32 intermittently or for less than a full work week in increments of one  
33 [~~full day or one fifth of the weekly benefit~~] hour or shorter periods if  
34 consistent with the increments the employer typically uses to measure  
35 employee leave, except that benefits shall not be payable until the  
36 employee accumulates at least eight hours of family leave.

37 (b) The weekly benefit which the disabled employee is entitled to  
38 receive for disability commencing on or after January first, two thou-  
39 sand twenty-six shall be ninety percent of the portion of the employee's  
40 average weekly wage that is equal to or less than fifty percent of the  
41 New York state average weekly wage in effect and sixty-seven percent of  
42 the portion of the employee's average weekly wage that is more than  
43 fifty percent of the New York state average weekly wage in effect but  
44 shall not exceed sixty-seven percent of the New York state average week-  
45 ly wage in effect; except that if the employee's average weekly wage is  
46 less than one hundred dollars, the benefit shall be such average weekly  
47 wage. The weekly benefit which the disabled employee is entitled to  
48 receive for disability commencing on or after May first, nineteen  
49 hundred eighty-nine shall be one-half of the employee's weekly wage, but  
50 in no case shall such benefit exceed one hundred seventy dollars; except  
51 that if the employee's average weekly wage is less than twenty dollars,  
52 the benefit shall be such average weekly wage. The weekly benefit which  
53 the disabled employee is entitled to receive for disability commencing  
54 on or after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-four shall be one-half  
55 of the employee's weekly wage, but in no case shall such benefit exceed  
56 one hundred forty-five dollars; except that if the employee's average

1 weekly wage is less than twenty dollars, the benefit shall be such aver-  
2 age weekly wage. The weekly benefit which the disabled employee is enti-  
3 tled to receive for disability commencing on or after July first, nine-  
4 teen hundred eighty-three and prior to July first, nineteen hundred  
5 eighty-four shall be one-half of the employee's average weekly wage, but  
6 in no case shall such benefit exceed one hundred thirty-five dollars nor  
7 be less than twenty dollars; except that if the employee's average week-  
8 ly wage is less than twenty dollars the benefit shall be such average  
9 weekly wage. The weekly benefit which the disabled employee is entitled  
10 to receive for disability commencing on or after July first, nineteen  
11 hundred seventy-four, and prior to July first, nineteen hundred eighty-  
12 three, shall be one-half of the employee's average weekly wage, but in  
13 no case shall such benefit exceed ninety-five dollars nor be less than  
14 twenty dollars; except that if the employee's average weekly wage is  
15 less than twenty dollars, the benefit shall be such average weekly wage.  
16 The weekly benefit which the disabled employee is entitled to receive  
17 for disability commencing on or after July first, nineteen hundred  
18 seventy and prior to July first, nineteen hundred seventy-four shall be  
19 one-half of the employee's average weekly wage, but in no case shall  
20 such benefit exceed seventy-five dollars nor be less than twenty  
21 dollars; except that if the employee's average weekly wage is less than  
22 twenty dollars the benefit shall be such average weekly wage. [~~For any  
23 period of disability less than a full week, the benefits payable shall  
24 be calculated by dividing the weekly benefit by the number of the  
25 employee's normal work days per week and multiplying the quotient by the  
26 number of normal work days in such period of disability~~] Benefits may be  
27 payable to employees for leave due to a disability taken intermittently  
28 in increments of one hour or shorter periods if consistent with the  
29 increments the employer typically uses to measure employee leave, except  
30 that benefits shall not be payable until the employee accumulates at  
31 least eight hours of leave due to a disability. The weekly benefit for a  
32 disabled employee who is concurrently eligible for benefits in the  
33 employment of more than one covered employer shall, within the maximum  
34 and minimum herein provided, be (i) one-half of the total of the employ-  
35 ee's average weekly wages received from all such covered employers, or  
36 (ii) for disability commencing on or after January first, two thousand  
37 twenty-six, ninety percent of the portion of the employee's average  
38 weekly wage received from all such covered employers that is equal to or  
39 less than fifty percent of the New York state average weekly wage in  
40 effect and sixty-seven percent of the portion of the employee's average  
41 weekly wage received from all such covered employers that is more than  
42 fifty percent of the New York state average weekly wage in effect, and  
43 shall be allocated in the proportion of their respective average weekly  
44 wage payments.

45 § 9. Section 207 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chap-  
46 ter 600 of the laws of 1949, subdivisions 1 and 2 as amended by chapter  
47 438 of the laws of 1964, subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 436 of the  
48 laws of 1986, and subdivision 5 as added by section 8 of part SS of  
49 chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

50 § 207. Disability while unemployed. 1. Employees entitled to unemploy-  
51 ment insurance benefits. An employee whose employment with a covered  
52 employer is terminated and who during a period of unemployment within  
53 twenty-six weeks immediately following such termination of employment  
54 shall become ineligible for benefits currently being claimed under the  
55 unemployment insurance law solely because of disability commencing after  
56 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty or need for family leave commenc-

1 ing after January first, two thousand twenty-six, and who on the day  
2 such disability or need for family leave commences is not employed or  
3 working for remuneration or profit and is not then otherwise eligible  
4 for benefits under this article, shall be entitled to receive disability  
5 or family leave benefits as herein provided for each week of such disa-  
6 bility or need for family leave for which week [~~he~~] they would have  
7 received unemployment insurance benefits if [~~he~~] they were not so disa-  
8 bled or did not have such need for family leave. The weekly benefit of  
9 such [~~disabled~~] employee shall be computed in the same manner as  
10 provided in subdivision two of section two hundred four of this article,  
11 and the benefits [~~he is~~] they are entitled to receive shall be subject  
12 to the limitations as to maximum and minimum amounts and duration and  
13 other conditions and limitations prescribed in sections two hundred  
14 four, two hundred five and two hundred six of this article.

15 2. Employees not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits. An  
16 employee whose employment with a covered employer is terminated and who  
17 was in employment of one or more covered employers and was paid wages of  
18 at least thirteen dollars in such employment in each of twenty calendar  
19 weeks during the thirty calendar weeks immediately preceding the date  
20 [~~he~~] they last worked for such covered employer, and who during a period  
21 of unemployment within twenty-six weeks immediately following such  
22 termination of employment is not eligible to benefits under the unem-  
23 ployment insurance law because of lack of qualifying wages but who  
24 during unemployment has evidenced [~~his~~] their continued attachment to  
25 the labor market, shall be eligible for benefits under the provisions of  
26 this subdivision for disability commencing after June thirtieth, nine-  
27 teen hundred fifty or need for family leave commencing after January  
28 first, two thousand twenty-six. If such employee becomes disabled and  
29 continues to be disabled [~~for at least eight consecutive days~~] during  
30 such twenty-six week period and on the day such disability commences [~~he~~  
31 ~~is~~] they are not employed or working for remuneration or profit and [~~is~~]  
32 are not then otherwise eligible for benefits under this article, [~~he~~]  
33 they shall be entitled to receive disability benefits, as herein  
34 provided, beginning with the [~~eighth consecutive~~] first day of such  
35 disability, for each week of such disability thereafter. If such employ-  
36 ee has a need for family leave during such twenty-six week period and on  
37 the day such family leave commences such person is not employed or work-  
38 ing for remuneration or profit and is not then otherwise eligible for  
39 benefits under this article, such person shall be entitled to receive  
40 family leave benefits, as herein provided for each week of such family  
41 leave thereafter. The weekly benefit of such [~~disabled~~] employee shall  
42 be computed in the same manner as provided in subdivision two of section  
43 two hundred four of this article, and the benefits [~~he is~~] they are  
44 entitled to receive shall be subject to the limitations as to maximum  
45 and minimum amounts and duration and other conditions and limitations  
46 prescribed in sections two hundred four, two hundred five and two  
47 hundred six of this article.

48 3. Payment of benefits. The benefits payable under this section shall  
49 be subject to the provisions and limitations generally applicable to  
50 disability and family leave benefits payable under this article, and  
51 shall be paid by the [~~chairman~~] chair out of any assets in the fund  
52 created by section two hundred fourteen of this article. The [~~chairman~~]  
53 chair may require an employee claiming benefits under this section to  
54 file proofs of disability or need for family leave and of [~~his~~] their  
55 employment and wages, and other proofs reasonably necessary for the  
56 [~~chairman~~] chair to make in the first instance the determination of

1 eligibility and benefit rights under this section; and may require [~~his~~  
2 their] employer or [~~his~~] their former employer or employers to file  
3 reports of employment and wages and other information reasonably neces-  
4 sary for such determination. The [~~chairman~~] chair may make administra-  
5 tive regulations for such determinations. The [~~chairman~~] chair may also  
6 by regulation establish reasonable procedures for determining pro rata  
7 benefits payable with respect to disability or family leave periods of  
8 less than one week. Any employee claiming benefits under this section  
9 whose claim is rejected in whole or in part by the [~~chairman~~] chair,  
10 shall be entitled to request a review by the board and shall have all  
11 the rights with respect to contested claims provided in this article.

12 4. Qualification notwithstanding casual non-covered employment. An  
13 employment of not more than four weeks with a non-covered employer or  
14 employers occurring within such twenty-six [~~weeks~~] week period shall not  
15 disqualify an employee from benefits provided such employee was other-  
16 wise eligible to receive benefits under this section at the time such  
17 employment for a non-covered employer commenced.

18 [~~5. The foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to family  
19 leave benefits, as family leave benefits are not available to employees  
20 that are not employed at the time family leave is requested by filing  
21 the notice and medical certification required by the chair.~~]

22 § 10. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 212 of the workers'  
23 compensation law, as added by section 13 of part SS of chapter 54 of the  
24 laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

25 (b) Notwithstanding the definition of "employer" in section two  
26 hundred one of this article, a sole proprietor, member of a limited  
27 liability company or limited liability partnership, or other self-em-  
28 ployed person may become a covered employer under this article for a  
29 period of at least one year by complying with the provisions of subdivi-  
30 sion one of this section. A self-employed person who becomes a covered  
31 employer under this section shall become eligible for disability and  
32 family leave benefits no later than four weeks after the purchase of a  
33 policy of insurance under this article.

34 § 11. Section 229 of the workers' compensation law is amended by  
35 adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

36 3. Materials related to paid family leave and temporary disability  
37 insurance, including application forms, shall be considered vital docu-  
38 ments under section two hundred two-a of the executive law.

39 § 12. Subdivision 2 of section 2 of the workers' compensation law, as  
40 amended by chapter 717 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as  
41 follows:

42 2. (a) "Department" means the department of labor of the state of New  
43 York;

44 (b) "Chairman" or "chair" means the [~~chairman~~] chair of the workers'  
45 compensation board of the state of New York;

46 (c) "Commissioner" means the industrial commissioner of the state of  
47 New York;

48 (d) "Board" means the workers' compensation board of the state of New  
49 York;

50 (e) "Commissioners" means the commissioners of the state insurance  
51 fund of the department of labor of the state of New York.

52 § 13. Subdivision 2 of section 201 of the workers' compensation law,  
53 as amended by chapter 717 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as  
54 follows:

55 2. "Chairman" or "chair" means the [~~chairman~~] chair of the workers'  
56 compensation board of the state of New York.



1 § 14. Subdivision 6 of section 302 of the workers' compensation law,  
2 as amended by chapter 717 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4 6. "Chairman" or "chair" shall mean the [~~chairman~~] chair of the work-  
5 ers' compensation board.

6 § 15. Section 217 of the workers' compensation law is amended by  
7 adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

8 7. (a) When an eligible employee experiences a neonatal loss while  
9 receiving family leave benefits pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision  
10 fifteen of section two hundred one of this article, the remainder of the  
11 employee's family leave claim shall be deemed to automatically convert  
12 to a claim for leave due to a disability without need for any additional  
13 documentation. An eligible employee may apply for additional leave due  
14 to a disability if needed and may be required to provide documentation  
15 for the additional leave.

16 (b) When an eligible employee has filed a claim for family leave  
17 pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision fifteen of section two hundred  
18 one of this article and the pregnancy giving rise to the employee's  
19 family leave claim results in a pregnancy loss, the family leave claim  
20 shall be deemed to automatically convert to a claim for leave due to a  
21 disability for the entirety of the period for which the eligible employ-  
22 ee had applied for family leave benefits without need for any additional  
23 documentation. An eligible employee may apply for additional leave due  
24 to a disability if needed and may be required to provide documentation  
25 for the additional leave.

26 (c) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision, a  
27 non-birthing parent who experiences a neonatal loss or a pregnancy loss  
28 in relation to the pregnancy giving rise to the employee's claim for  
29 family leave pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision fifteen of section  
30 two hundred one of this article may elect to convert their claim to a  
31 claim for paid family leave pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision  
32 fifteen of section two hundred one of this article.

33 (d) The chair shall adopt rules and regulations to implement this  
34 subdivision.

35 § 16. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 205 of the workers'  
36 compensation law, as amended by section 6 of part SS of chapter 54 of  
37 the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

38 (b) for any day of disability or family leave during which the employ-  
39 ee performed work for remuneration or profit, except for during periods  
40 of intermittent leave pursuant to section two hundred four of this arti-  
41 cle;

42 § 17. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
43 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
44 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
45 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
46 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
47 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which  
48 such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the  
49 intent of the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if  
50 such invalid provisions had not been included herein.

51 § 18. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
52 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment  
53 and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation  
54 of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and  
55 completed on or before such effective date.