STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN ASSEMBLY

January 26, 2023

Introduced by M. of A. WOERNER, JACKSON, LEMONDES, SIMON, GONZALEZ-ROJAS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to providing equitable disability policies

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

Section 1. Section 226 of the workers' compensation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8-a to read as follows:

8-a. No insurance carrier or the state insurance fund who issues, reinstates, amends or endorses any contract of insurance or rider thereto providing the benefits required to be paid under this article shall make or permit any distinction, classification, discrimination, or otherwise recognize any difference, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, marital status, or national origin, in the amount or payment of premiums or rate charges, or in the benefits payable, or in any of the other terms or conditions of any policy of insurance providing the benefits required to be paid under this article. As used in this section, sex includes, but is not limited to, conditions unique to one's sex, such as pregnancy.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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