# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

# IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GALLAGHER, FORREST, MITAYNES, MAMDANI, RAMOS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY

proposing an amendment to section 17 of article 1 of the constitution, in relation to employee's collective bargaining rights

Section 1. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That section 17 of article 1 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

§ 17. Labor of human beings is not a commodity nor an article of commerce and shall never be so considered or construed.

No laborer, worker or mechanic, in the employ of a contractor or sub-contractor engaged in the performance of any public work, shall be permitted to work more than eight hours in any day or more than five days in any week, except in cases of extraordinary emergency; nor shall he or she be paid less than the rate of wages prevailing in the same trade or occupation in the locality within the state where such public work is to be situated, erected or used.

Employees shall have the right to organize*, strike,* and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing.

§ 2. Resolved (if the Senate concur), That the foregoing be referred to the first regular legislative session convening after the next succeeding general election of members of the assembly, and, in conformity with section 1 of article 19 of the constitution, be published for 3 months previous to the time of such election.

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

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