

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2023-2024 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 31, 2023

Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, BORRELLO, GALLIVAN, O'MARA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to farm worker meal and lodging minimum wage credits

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

1 Section 1. Section 673 of the labor law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3 3. Meals, lodging and utilities allowances. Notwithstanding any other
4 provision of law or regulation to the contrary, the following items and
5 their respective values may be considered part of the minimum wage rate,
6 and shall be annually adjusted to reflect an increase in the rate of
7 cost of living, as determined by the cost of living adjustment calcula-
8 tor, if any of the following items are provided to the employee:

9 a. Meals. Employees may be charged \$2.97 per meal on or after January
10 first, two thousand twenty-three. No allowance for meals shall be
11 considered as part of the minimum wage if a migrant seasonal employee
12 earns less than \$441.01 in a two-week period on or after January first,
13 two thousand twenty-three, other than by reason of voluntary absence.

14 b. Lodging and utilities. (1) Migrant seasonal employees. No allowance
15 for lodging or utilities shall be considered as part of the minimum wage
16 for a migrant seasonal employee. (2) All other employees. All other
17 employees not provided for in subparagraph one of this paragraph may be
18 charged \$33.12 per week on and after January first, two thousand twen-
19 ty-three per employee for single occupancy or \$22.12 per week on and
20 after January first, two thousand twenty-three per employee for multiple
21 occupancy. When a house or apartment and utilities are furnished by an
22 employer to an employee, a fair and reasonable amount may be allowed for
23 such facilities, which amount shall not exceed the lesser of either the
24 reasonable value of comparable facilities in the locality, or \$8.74 a

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

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1 day on and after January first, two thousand twenty-three for an indi-
2 vidual employee, and \$13.99 a day on and after January first, two thou-
3 sand twenty-three when the employee's family resides with the employee.
4 § 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
5 have become a law.