

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BRONSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to enacting the "automation displacement protection act"

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "automation displacement protection act".

3 § 2. The labor law is amended by adding a new article 25-D to read as
4 follows:

ARTICLE 25-D

PROTECTION OF WORKERS FROM AI DISPLACEMENT

Section 863. Definitions.

8 863-a. Notice of technological displacement.

9 863-b. Workforce transition period.

10 863-c. Incentive eligibility.

11 863-d. Civil penalties and remedies.

12 § 863. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following
13 terms shall have the following meanings:

14 1. "Covered employer" means any business enterprise that employs fifty
15 or more full-time employees in the state.

16 2. "Artificial intelligence" means the same as defined in section
17 seventeen hundred of the general business law.

18 3. "Technological displacement" means the elimination of employment
19 positions, or a reduction in hours equivalent to twenty-five percent or
20 more of total workforce time, within any twelve-month period, caused in
21 whole or in substantial part by the introduction or expanded use of an
22 artificial intelligence system or other automated technology.

23 § 863-a. Notice of technological displacement. 1. A covered employer
24 shall provide no fewer than ninety days advance written notice prior to
25 any technological displacement affecting twenty-five or more employees,
26 or twenty-five percent of the workforce, whichever is less.

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

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1 2. Notice under subdivision one of this section shall be provided to:
2 (a) all affected employees and any employee organization representing
3 them;
4 (b) the commissioner;
5 (c) the chief elected official of each locality where the affected
6 facility is located; and
7 (d) the local workforce development board.

8 3. The notice under subdivision one of this section shall describe:
9 (a) the functions to be automated;
10 (b) the number, classification, and location of affected employees;
11 (c) the anticipated date of displacement;
12 (d) available retraining or reassignment programs; and
13 (e) the identity of any vendor or contractor supplying the artificial
14 intelligence system.

15 § 863-b. Workforce transition period. 1. Each employee affected by a
16 technological displacement shall be entitled to a transition employment
17 period of ninety days from the date of notice provided under section
18 eight hundred sixty-three-a of this article, during which the covered
19 employer shall offer:

20 (a) continued employment or equivalent wages; or
21 (b) participation, at such covered employer's expense, in a recognized
22 retraining or reskilling program approved by the department.

23 2. A covered employer shall not discharge an employee affected by a
24 technological displacement during the transition period under subdivi-
25 sion one of this section except for just cause.

26 § 863-c. Incentive eligibility. 1. Any covered employer that fails to
27 comply with the notice or transition requirements of this article shall
28 be ineligible for state grants, loans, or tax incentives for five years
29 following such violation.

30 2. The commissioner shall maintain a public registry of covered
31 employers found to have violated this article.

32 § 863-d. Civil penalties and remedies. 1. A covered employer that
33 fails to provide the notice required by this article shall be liable to
34 each affected employee for up to sixty days of back pay and benefits.

35 2. The commissioner may assess a civil penalty of up to ten thousand
36 dollars per day for willful violations of this article.

37 3. The attorney general may bring an action to enjoin violations and
38 recover penalties on behalf of the state.

39 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.