STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 21, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. VALDEZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT to amend the labor law, in relation to authorizing a claimant to receive a dependent allowance in addition to unemployment insurance benefits

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

Section 1. Section 590 of the labor law is amended by adding a new subdivision 13 to read as follows:

13. Dependent allowance. (a) In addition to the benefits received pursuant to this section, a claimant eligible for such benefits shall also be entitled to receive a dependent allowance. Such dependent allowance shall be equal to forty-five dollars per dependent per week.

(b) For the purposes of this subdivision, the term "dependent" shall mean:

(i) children eighteen years old and younger, including foster children, stepchildren, and children for whom the claimant has at least fifty percent custody in a shared custody arrangement;

(ii) full-time students up to the age of twenty-six;

(iii) nonworking adults in the household ages sixty and older; and

(iv) adults with disabilities in the household.

§ 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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