STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 15, 2026

Introduced by Sen. RHOADS -- 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 creating a temporary committee on examining the New York state industrial code; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 45 to read as follows:

§ 45. Joint committee for industrial code oversight. 1. There is hereby established a joint committee on evaluating the state industrial code. Such committee shall consist of eleven members one of whom shall be a representative of the New York State Building and Construction Trades; a representative from the New York State AFL-CIO; a representative from the New York City Central Labor Council; a representative from the Laborers International Union of North America; a representative from the New York Committee for Occupational Safety and Health; a member appointed by the governor; a member appointed by the temporary president of the senate; a member appointed by the senate minority leader; a member appointed by the speaker of the assembly; a member appointed by the assembly minority leader; and a non-voting chair appointed by the commissioner. Members of the committee shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Members of the committee shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this section.

2. The committee established pursuant to this section shall conduct a review of part twenty-three of the New York state industrial code as it pertains to construction, demolition and excavation activities within the state of New York; review Occupational Safety and Health Administration, American National Standards Institute and other nationally-recognized construction and safety standards to determine if any changes recommended to such code should occur.

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

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3. The committee shall make a report of the findings of its review, including any recommendations for changes that should be made to the state industrial code, including any recommendations for legislative action as it may deem necessary and appropriate. Such report shall be delivered to the governor, the commissioner, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the senate minority leader and the assembly minority leader on or before December first, two thousand twenty-seven.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that section one of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed 60 days after transmission of the report of the findings and recommendations of the committee to the governor, the commissioner of the department of labor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the senate minority leader and the assembly minority leader, as provided in subdivision 3 of section one of this act. Provided, however, that the commissioner of labor shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the transmission of the report of the findings of the committee, as provided in subdivision 3 of section one of this act, in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.