STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

June 22, 2026

Introduced by Sen. RAMOS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the public officers law, in relation to extending certain conflict of interest prohibitions to spouses, domestic or romantic partners, persons residing in the same household, or immediate family members of members of the legislature

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

Section 1. The public officers law is amended by adding a new section 75-b to read as follows:

§ 75-b. Conflict of interest of a spouse, domestic or romantic partner, person residing in the same household, or immediate family member of a member of the legislature. 1. For purposes of this section, any financial interest, compensation arrangement, contractual relations, or other pecuniary benefit held by the spouse, domestic or romantic partner, person residing in the same household, or immediate family member of a member of the legislature shall be deemed an indirect interest of such member of the legislature.

2. No spouse, domestic or romantic partner, person residing in the same household, or immediate family member of a member of the legislature shall knowingly solicit, negotiate for, accept, or enter into any agreement, promise, understanding, arrangement, contract, compensation, or other pecuniary benefit, whether such compensation or other pecuniary interest is to be paid immediately or at a future date, from any person, firm, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, developer, contractor, or other entity that:

(a) has a matter pending before a state agency, public authority, or local governmental entity within a county in which the legislator represents any part of; and

(b) may reasonably be expected to benefit financially from official action, influence, or advocacy involving such legislator.

3. The activities, agreements, or arrangements prohibited pursuant to subdivision two of this section shall be deemed to include any promise, agreement, understanding, or commitment made while the legislator is

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

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serving as a member of the legislature, regardless of whether such compensation or other pecuniary interest is provided before, while, or after such legislator serves as a member of the legislature.

4. Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, a violation of this section shall be deemed cured if the financial interest, compensation or other pecuniary benefit is fully returned to the payor or otherwise divested by the spouse, domestic or romantic partner, person residing in the same household, or immediate family member of a member of the legislature within fourteen days after the legislator or such spouse, domestic or romantic partner, person residing in the same household, or immediate family member knows or reasonably should have known of the prohibited indirect interest.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.