STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

March 13, 2025

Introduced by Sen. JACKSON -- 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 eligibility for unemployment benefits for certain New York city emergency medical services personnel under quarantine for coronavirus (COVID-19)

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

Section 1. Section 591 of the labor law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

2-a. COVID-19 quarantine. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, any person who is employed by the city of New York or by a hospital within the city of New York whose duties are those of an emergency medical technician or advanced emergency medical technician (as those terms are defined in section three thousand one of the public health law) responding to calls for emergency medical services in the city of New York's 911 system, who is under mandatory or voluntary quarantine as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19), shall not be deprived of benefit payments by reason of such quarantine. Claimants shall not be required to participate in reemployment services or use vacation time while under quarantine.

§ 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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