

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

May 19, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to prohibiting certain entities from negotiating any contracts or settlements releasing such entities from liability for a tortious or potentially tortious act within thirty days of such act

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "unfair  
2 settlement timing act (USTA)".

3 § 2. The civil practice law and rules is amended by adding a new  
4 section 5003-c to read as follows:

5 § 5003-c. Fair settlement timing. Notwithstanding any other law or  
6 rule, no person, firm or corporation whose interest is adverse to that  
7 of a person receiving personal injuries or death as a result of a  
8 tortious or potentially tortious act may negotiate any contract, written  
9 or oral, or any settlement to release such person, firm or corporation  
10 from liability for such act within thirty days from the date of the  
11 tortious or potentially tortious act. Any contract, settlement or  
12 release obtained in violation of this section shall be voidable at the  
13 option of the releasor.

14 § 3. 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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