STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

March 13, 2026

Introduced by Sen. RAMOS -- 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 including a dependent allowance with unemployment benefits

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

Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 590 of the labor law is amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

(d) In addition to any benefits provided under paragraph (a) of this subdivision, a claimant who claimed dependents on their state income tax return filed in the tax year preceding the year in which the valid original unemployment claim was approved shall be eligible to receive a dependent allowance. Such dependent allowance shall be an amount equal to five percent of the average weekly wage for the current benefit year multiplied by the number of dependents claimed in the preceding tax year.

§ 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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