

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

January 21, 2026

Introduced by M. of A. CASHMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Employees

AN ACT to amend the civil service law, in relation to requiring health benefits for state and retired state employees to have the option to only cover the employee or retiree and their spouse or domestic partner

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 164 of the civil service law is amended by adding a  
2 new subdivision 3 to read as follows:  
3 3. Each employee shall be entitled to choose between coverage for  
4 themselves, coverage for themselves and their spouse or domestic part-  
5 ner, or coverage for themselves, their spouse or domestic partner, and  
6 their dependents.  
7 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of April next succeeding  
8 the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the  
9 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
10 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized  
11 to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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