

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

April 27, 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 workers' compensation law, in relation to assessment rates for employers who have an established alternate dispute resolution

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

1 Section 1. Section 151 of the workers' compensation law is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

3 2-a. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision two of this  
4 section, for fiscal years beginning on and after April first, two thou-  
5 sand twenty-six, for those affected employers who obtain coverage which  
6 includes the alternative to operate an alternate dispute resolution  
7 program for the express purpose of administering workers' compensation  
8 benefits for the employees of such employers through a self-insurance  
9 plan which has been approved by the chair as referenced in subdivision  
10 three of section two hundred twenty-eight of this chapter, the chair  
11 shall establish an assessment rate which reflects the savings in addi-  
12 tional estimated annual administrative expenses which the board would  
13 have incurred, but for the establishment of such alternative by the  
14 employer, and which is at a rate which in no event shall exceed fifty  
15 percent of the assessment rate for all other affected employers as  
16 described in subdivision two of this section.

17 § 2. Section 228 of the workers' compensation law is amended by adding  
18 a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

19 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision one of this section,  
20 in computing the estimated annual expenses necessary to administer such  
21 provisions of law for fiscal years beginning on and after April first,  
22 two thousand twenty-six, for all employers who utilize a dispute resol-  
23 ution program to administer workers' compensation benefits and who no  
24 longer participate in the program provided for in subdivision eight of  
25 section fifteen of this chapter as a result of their execution of a  
26 wholesale agreement with the board, the assessment rate for those  
27 employees to pay their fair share of the estimated annual amount shall  
28 be as determined pursuant to the provisions of subdivision two-a of  
29 section one hundred fifty-one of this chapter.

30 § 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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