

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 8, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to protections for telecommunications tower technicians; to amend a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the labor law relating to providing protections for telecommunications tower technicians, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 2709 and A. 4938, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; to repeal certain provisions of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the labor law relating to providing protections for telecommunications tower technicians, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 2709 and A. 4938, relating to legislative intent; and to repeal article 21-C of the labor law relating to protections for tower technicians

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

1 Section 1. Section 1 of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the  
2 labor law relating to providing protections for telecommunications tower  
3 technicians, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 2709 and A.  
4 4938, is REPEALED.

5 § 2. Article 21-c of the labor law, as added by a chapter of the laws  
6 of 2025 amending the labor law relating to providing protections for  
7 telecommunications tower technicians, as proposed in legislative bills  
8 numbers S. 2709 and A. 4938, is REPEALED.

9 § 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 149 to  
10 read as follows:

11 § 149. Tower technician protections. 1. Definitions. For the purposes  
12 of this article, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

13 (a) "State agency" or "state agencies" means all state departments,  
14 boards, commissions, offices or institutions.

15 (b) "Telecommunications tower" means any freestanding tower, monopole  
16 or similar structure or facility used for the provision of wireless  
17 services including ancillary telecommunications equipment required to  
18 integrate such structure or facility into an existing or proposed wire-  
19 less network.

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

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1 (c) "Tower technician" means any telecommunications professional who  
2 installs, repairs, and maintains telecommunications towers and equip-  
3 ment.

4 (d) "Contractor" means any person, firm, partnership, corporation,  
5 association, company, organization or other entity, including a  
6 construction manager, general or prime contractor, joint venture, or any  
7 combination thereof, which enters into a construction contract with a  
8 state agency.

9 (e) "Tower services" means any work performed by a tower technician on  
10 state-owned telecommunications towers.

11 2. Tower technician protections. Any construction contract for tower  
12 services entered into by a state agency and a private entity shall  
13 include training requirements for all tower technicians performing work  
14 pursuant to the construction contract with the state agency. The train-  
15 ing requirements for tower technicians shall be determined by the office  
16 of general services in consultation with any party deemed necessary by  
17 the office of general services. Such training requirements shall be  
18 published on the office of general services website.

19 3. A contractor shall provide confirmation to the state agency that  
20 all tower technicians performing tower services pursuant to the contract  
21 have received the training required by subdivision two of this section  
22 prior to commencing work pursuant to the contract. Such confirmation  
23 shall include a list of tower technicians and the dates when each  
24 required training was completed.

25 4. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to diminish the rights,  
26 privileges, or remedies of any employee under any collective bargaining  
27 agreement to the contrary.

28 § 4. Section 3 of a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending the labor law  
29 relating to providing protections for telecommunications tower techni-  
30 cians, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 2709 and A. 4938, is  
31 amended to read as follows:

32 § 3. This act shall take effect [~~immediately~~] on July 1, 2026 and  
33 shall apply to any contract awarded on or after such effective date.

34 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
35 sections one, two, and three of this act shall take effect on the same  
36 date and in the same manner as a chapter of the laws of 2025 amending  
37 the labor law relating to providing protections for telecommunications  
38 tower technicians, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 2709 and  
39 A. 4938, takes effect.