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AN ACT

to amend the executive law, in  
relation to the appointment of an  
independent special counsel to  
review matters involving the use of  
deadly physical force by a police  
officer; to amend the criminal  
procedure law, in relation to grand  
jury reports and proceedings, the  
district attorney's letter and leave  
to appeal; to amend the county law,  
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special district attorney; to amend the penal law, in relation to unlawful grand jury disclosure; to amend the executive law, in relation to establishing a model law enforcement use of force policy and to reporting duties of law enforcement departments with respect to enforcement of certain violations and misdemeanors; and to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to the contents of an application for a search warrant (Part A); to amend chapter 503 of the laws of 2009, relating to the disposition of monies recovered by county district attorneys before the filing of an accusatory instrument, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part B); to amend the tax law, in relation to suspending the transfer of monies into the emergency services revolving loan fund from the public safety communications account (Part C); to amend the executive law in relation to transferring certain functions to the division of state police from the division of homeland security and emergency services (Part D); to amend chapter 268 of the laws of 1996, amending the education law and the state finance law relating to providing a recruitment incentive and retention program for certain active members of the New York army national guard, New York air national guard, and New York naval militia, in relation to the effectiveness of such chapter (Part E); to amend chapter 83 of the laws of 1995 amending the state finance law and other laws relating to bonds, notes, and revenues, in relation to making certain provisions permanent; and to amend chapter 1 of the laws of 2005 amending the state finance law relating to restricting contacts in the procurement process and the recording of contacts relating thereto, in relation to making certain provisions permanent (Part F); to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to the authorization of certain providers, the computation of average weekly wages basis of compensation, penalties of the work-

ers' compensation board, an assumption of workers' compensation liability insurance policy and fund for reopened cases financing agreement, the authority to issue aggregate penalties, deposits into the aggregate trust fund, the pooled individual self-insured employer fund, workers' compensation board, workers' compensation board's designation to review appeals or any review of any orders, authorizations of assessments for annual expenses, payment of claims of affected World Trade Center volunteers and to allow public group self-insured employers to offer alternative coverage; to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the assumption of workers' compensation liability insurance policy, and the dormitory authority's authority to issue bonds to reduce assessments imposed on self-insured employers; to amend the insurance law, in relation to large deductible programs; and to repeal certain provisions of the public authorities law relating thereto (Part G); to amend the workers' compensation law and the insurance law, in relation to provide paid family leave benefits; and to repeal sections 223 and 224 of the workers' compensation law, relating to disability benefits (Part H); to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing the New York State Design and Construction Corporation act (Part I); to amend the civil service law, in relation to the state's contribution to the cost of health insurance premiums for retirees of the state and their dependents (Part J); to amend the civil service law, in relation to the reimbursement of medicare premium charges (Part K); to amend the civil service law, in relation to the expiration of public arbitration panels (Part L); to amend the state finance law, in relation to the dedicated infrastructure investment fund (Part M); and to provide for the administration of certain funds and accounts related to the 2016-17 budget, authorizing certain payments

and transfers; to amend the state finance law, in relation to the rainy day reserve fund, the dedicated infrastructure investment fund infrastructure investment account, and the school tax relief fund; to amend the state finance law, in relation to payments, transfers and deposits; to amend the state finance law, in relation to the period for which appropriations can be made; to amend chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, providing for the administration of certain funds and accounts related to the 2015-16 budget, in relation to certain transfers and to the effectiveness of certain provisions thereof; to amend the New York state urban development corporation act, in relation to funding project costs for certain capital projects; to amend chapter 389 of the laws of 1997, relating to the financing of the correctional facilities improvement fund and the youth facility improvement fund, in relation to the issuance of bonds; to amend the private housing finance law, in relation to housing program bonds and notes; to amend chapter 329 of the laws of 1991, amending the state finance law and other laws relating to the establishment of the dedicated highway and bridge trust fund, in relation to the issuance of bonds; to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the issuance of bonds; to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the dormitory authority; to amend chapter 61 of the laws of 2005 relating to providing for the administration of certain funds and accounts related to the 2005-2006 budget, in relation to issuance of bonds by the urban development corporation; to amend the New York state urban development corporation act, in relation to the issuance of bonds; to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the state environmental infrastructure projects; to amend the New York state urban development corporation act, in relation to authorizing the urban

development corporation to issue bonds to fund project costs for the implementation of a NY-CUNY challenge grant program; to amend chapter 81 of the laws of 2002, relating to providing for the administration of certain funds and accounts related to the 2002-2003 budget, in relation to increasing the aggregate amount of bonds to be issued by the New York state urban development corporation; to amend the public authorities law, in relation to financing of peace bridge and transportation capital projects; to amend the public authorities law, in relation to dormitories at certain educational institutions other than state operated institutions and statutory or contract colleges under the jurisdiction of the state university of New York; to amend the New York state medical care facilities finance agency act, in relation to bonds and mental health facilities improvement notes; to amend chapter 63 of the laws of 2005, relating to the composition and responsibilities of the New York state higher education capital matching grant board, in relation to increasing the amount of authorized matching capital grants; to direct the distribution of local sales tax revenue from the city of New York; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof (Part N)

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

1     Section 1. This act enacts into law major components of legislation  
2     which are necessary to implement the state fiscal plan for the 2016-2017  
3     state fiscal year. Each component is wholly contained within a Part  
4     identified as Parts A through N. The effective date for each particular  
5     provision contained within such Part is set forth in the last section of  
6     such Part. Any provision in any section contained within a Part, includ-  
7     ing the effective date of the Part, which makes a reference to a section  
8     "of this act", when used in connection with that particular component,  
9     shall be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the  
10    Part in which it is found. Section three of this act sets forth the  
11    general effective date of this act.

12                                   PART A

13    Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 6-a to  
14    read as follows:

15    § 6-a. Independent special counsel. 1. The governor may appoint an  
16    independent special counsel to review any matter involving credible  
17    allegations of the use of deadly physical force by a police officer as  
18    defined in subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal  
19    procedure law or a peace officer as defined in subdivision thirty-three  
20    of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, acting within his or her  
21    official powers, duties, functions, or capacity, and where such deadly  
22    physical force resulted in the death of an unarmed person, and  
23    (a) after a review of the facts of the case, the district attorney  
24    declines to present evidence to a grand jury regarding such fatality; or

1 (b) after presentation of evidence to a grand jury regarding such  
2 fatality, the grand jury declines to return an indictment on any charges  
3 against such police or peace officer.

4 2. Where, as described in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of subdivi-  
5 sion one of this section, the district attorney declines to present  
6 evidence to a grand jury or presents evidence and the grand jury  
7 declines to return an indictment, the district attorney shall, within  
8 sixty days of the occurrence of either paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) of  
9 subdivision one of this section, but no more than six months after the  
10 date of such death of such unarmed person as described in subdivision  
11 one of this section, provide to the independent special counsel: (i) all  
12 evidentiary materials gathered during the course of the investigation;  
13 (ii) where applicable, the grand jury minutes, including the  
14 instructions to the grand jury; (iii) where applicable, the grand jury  
15 exhibits; and (iv) any records and any other evidence in the possession,  
16 custody, and control of the district attorney, including but not limited  
17 to police reports, photographs, scientific reports, audio and video  
18 recordings, and physical evidence.

19 3. If the independent special counsel, after a review of all evidenti-  
20 ary and grand jury materials as described in this section, determines  
21 that there were: (a) substantial errors of such magnitude that there  
22 exists a reasonable probability that an indictment would have resulted  
23 but for these errors, and that the presumption of regularity afforded to  
24 such proceedings can no longer apply; or (b) there exists newly discov-  
25 ered evidence of such magnitude that there exists a reasonable probabil-  
26 ity that had such evidence been presented to the grand jury, an indict-  
27 ment would have resulted, then he or she shall refer the matter for

1 consideration of appointment of a special district attorney as provided  
2 in section seven hundred-one-a of the county law.

3 4. The evidentiary and grand jury materials provided to the independ-  
4 ent special counsel as described in this section shall remain confiden-  
5 tial and shall not be subject to disclosure under article six of the  
6 public officers law and, for purposes of this article, the release of  
7 evidentiary materials and grand jury materials by the district attorney  
8 to the independent special counsel shall be considered acting within the  
9 scope of the lawful discharge of the district attorney's duties pursuant  
10 to paragraph (a) of subdivision four of section 190.25 of the criminal  
11 procedure law, and therefore not unlawful disclosure under section  
12 215.70 of the penal law.

13 5. For purposes of this article and pursuant to subdivision four of  
14 section 190.25 of the criminal procedure law, the grand jury materials  
15 provided to the independent special counsel shall remain secret, except  
16 that the independent special counsel is permitted to disclose the  
17 evidentiary and grand jury materials to the governor, or his designee as  
18 part of a recommendation made pursuant to subdivision three of this  
19 section and such disclosure shall not be an unlawful grand jury disclo-  
20 sure under section 215.70 of the penal law.

21 6. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the independent  
22 special counsel, the governor, and members of the governor's staff may  
23 not further disclose any of the grand jury materials as described in  
24 this section with the exception of the grand jury instructions provided  
25 to the grand jury, unless authorized by court order issued upon applica-  
26 tion, pursuant to subdivision four of section 190.25 of the criminal  
27 procedure law. For the limited and exclusive purpose of making such

1 application to disclose grand jury material, the independent special  
2 counsel shall be deemed a "district attorney."

3 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 190.85 of the criminal procedure law is  
4 amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

5 (d) Stating its findings after investigation of an incident involving  
6 the use of deadly physical force by a police officer as defined in  
7 subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law or  
8 a peace officer as defined in subdivision thirty-three of section 1.20  
9 of the criminal procedure law, acting within his or her official powers,  
10 duties, functions, or capacity, and where such deadly physical force  
11 resulted in the death of an unarmed person. The report created pursuant  
12 to this paragraph shall include, but not be limited to, the charges  
13 presented, the legal instructions, and a summary of the evidence  
14 presented, provided that all names and identifying information are  
15 redacted from such report.

16 § 3. The criminal procedure law is amended by adding a new section  
17 190.86 to read as follows:

18 § 190.86 District attorney letter.

19 1. After an investigation of an incident involving a police officer as  
20 defined in subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of this chapter or a  
21 peace officer as defined in subdivision thirty-three of section 1.20 of  
22 this chapter, acting within his or her official powers, duties, func-  
23 tions, or capacity concerning acts that include the use of deadly phys-  
24 ical force against an unarmed person, and such encounter resulted in the  
25 death of such unarmed person, and when a grand jury declines to return  
26 an indictment on any charges against such police or peace officer  
27 regarding such death, in lieu of the issuance of a grand jury report as  
28 set forth in paragraph (d) of subdivision one of section 190.85 of this

1 article, the district attorney may issue a letter to the public, with a  
2 copy to the governor, and to the commissioner, chief, or the equivalent  
3 commanding officer of the department or agency employing the police or  
4 peace officers involved. In such letter, the district attorney may  
5 explain the facts of the case and may also make recommendations based  
6 upon the results of the grand jury's investigation.

7 2. When the district attorney elects not to present such a matter as  
8 described in subdivision one of this section to a grand jury, the  
9 district attorney may issue a letter to the public, with a copy to the  
10 governor, and to the commissioner, chief, or the equivalent commanding  
11 officer of the department or agency employing the police or peace offi-  
12 cers involved. In such letter, the district attorney may explain the  
13 facts of the case, the reasoning for not presenting the case to a grand  
14 jury, and may also make appropriate recommendations.

15 3. For purposes of this article, the release of such a letter by the  
16 district attorney in lieu of a grand jury report shall be considered  
17 acting within the district attorney's official duties and therefore not  
18 unlawful disclosure under section 215.70 of the penal law.

19 § 4. Subdivision 4 of section 190.25 of the criminal procedure law is  
20 amended by adding two new paragraphs (c) and (d) to read as follows:

21 (c) After presentation of evidence to a grand jury involving the use  
22 of deadly physical force by a police officer as defined in subdivision  
23 thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law or a peace  
24 officer as defined in subdivision thirty-three of section 1.20 of the  
25 criminal procedure law, acting within his or her official powers,  
26 duties, functions, or capacity, and where such deadly physical force  
27 resulted in the death of an unarmed person, and such grand jury declines  
28 to return an indictment to any charges against such on-duty police or

1 peace officer with respect to such death, a district attorney is author-  
2 ized to provide grand jury testimony, evidence, exhibits and the legal  
3 instructions to the independent special counsel, as defined in section  
4 six-a of the executive law, within sixty days of the completion of all  
5 grand jury action in such matter, including the issuance of a grand jury  
6 report pursuant to paragraph (d) of subdivision one of section 190.85 of  
7 this article.

8 (d) The grand jury materials provided to the independent special coun-  
9 sel, pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subdivision, shall remain secret,  
10 pursuant to the provisions of this section, except that the independent  
11 special counsel is permitted to disclose the grand jury materials to the  
12 governor and the governor's staff as part of a recommendation made  
13 pursuant to section six-a of the executive law and therefore, such  
14 disclosure shall not be an unlawful grand jury disclosure under section  
15 215.70 of the penal law. The independent special counsel, the governor,  
16 and members of the governor's staff may not disclose any grand jury  
17 material, except as authorized by court order issued upon application  
18 pursuant to this section, with the exception of the legal instructions  
19 provided to the grand jury which heard evidence, as provided in subdivi-  
20 sion six of section six-a of the executive law. The legal instructions  
21 may be made public provided that all names and identifying information  
22 are redacted. For the limited and exclusive purpose of making such  
23 application, the independent special counsel shall be deemed a "district  
24 attorney." Grand jury material provided to the independent special coun-  
25 sel shall remain confidential and shall not be subject to disclosure  
26 under article six of the public officers law.

27 § 5. The county law is amended by adding a new section 701-a to read  
28 as follows:

1    § 701-a. Special district attorney. Notwithstanding any other law to  
2 the contrary, whenever credible allegations of the use of deadly phys-  
3 ical force by a police officer as defined in subdivision thirty-four of  
4 section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law or a peace officer as defined  
5 in subdivision thirty-three of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure  
6 law, acting within his or her official powers, duties, functions, or  
7 capacity, and where such deadly physical force resulted in the death of  
8 an unarmed person, are received by the governor, or his designee pursu-  
9 ant to section six-a of the executive law, the governor shall have the  
10 authority to appoint a special district attorney to investigate the  
11 allegations and, where appropriate, prosecute the case. Such special  
12 district attorney shall be an attorney at law residing within the state.

13    2. The special district attorney shall possess and exercise all the  
14 powers and perform all the duties in respect of such actions or  
15 proceedings, which the district attorney is authorized or required to  
16 exercise or perform. The special district attorney shall be provided by  
17 the district attorney and/or the special independent counsel as defined  
18 in subdivision one of section six-a of the executive law, all evidenti-  
19 ary materials as set forth in subdivision two of section six-a of the  
20 executive law.

21    § 6. Section 230.20 of the criminal procedure law is amended by adding  
22 a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

23    5. Any party aggrieved by an order of the appellate division concern-  
24 ing a motion made pursuant to subdivision two of this section may seek  
25 leave to appeal from such order to the court of appeals, pursuant to  
26 subdivision three of section 450.90 of this chapter.

27    § 7. Section 450.90 of the criminal procedure law is amended by adding  
28 a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

1     3. Provided that a certificate granting leave to appeal is issued  
2 pursuant to section 460.20 of this title, an appeal may be taken to the  
3 court of appeals by any party aggrieved by an order of the appellate  
4 division concerning a motion made pursuant to subdivision two of section  
5 230.20 of this chapter. Upon the request of either party, the hearing  
6 and determination of an appeal granted pursuant to this subdivision  
7 shall be conducted in an expeditious manner. The chief administrator of  
8 the courts, with the advice and consent of the administrative board of  
9 the courts, shall adopt rules for the expeditious briefing, hearing and  
10 determination of such appeals.

11     § 8. Section 215.70 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 843 of the  
12 laws of 1980, is amended to read as follows:

13     § 215.70 Unlawful grand jury disclosure.

14     A person is guilty of unlawful grand jury disclosure when, being a  
15 grand juror, a public prosecutor, a grand jury stenographer, a grand  
16 jury interpreter, a police officer or a peace officer guarding a witness  
17 in a grand jury proceeding, or a clerk, attendant, warden or other  
18 public servant having official duties in or about a grand jury room or  
19 proceeding, or a public officer or public employee, or independent  
20 special counsel, as defined in subdivision one of section six-a of the  
21 executive law, or anyone to whom the independent special counsel  
22 discloses grand jury material pursuant to paragraph (d) of subdivision  
23 four of section 190.25 of the criminal procedure law, he or she inten-  
24 tionally discloses to another the nature or substance of any grand jury  
25 testimony, or any decision, result or other matter attending a grand  
26 jury proceeding which is required by law to be kept secret, except in  
27 the proper discharge of his or her official duties or upon written order

1 of the court. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit a witness from  
2 disclosing his or her own testimony.

3 Unlawful grand jury disclosure is a class E felony.

4 § 9. Subdivision 4 of section 840 of the executive law is amended by  
5 adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

6 (c) As appropriate, review and update its model law enforcement use of  
7 force policy suitable for adoption by any law enforcement agency  
8 throughout the state. The most current version of such policy shall be  
9 filed with the division of criminal justice services. The chief of  
10 every local police department, each county sheriff, and the superinten-  
11 dent of state police must implement a use of force policy. The use of  
12 force policy shall provide comprehensive guidance to law enforcement  
13 officers on the proper use of force, consistent with current law, as it  
14 relates to the use of force while acting within his or her official  
15 powers, duties or functions. The use of force policy should be consist-  
16 ent with the model law enforcement policy as required by this section  
17 except that a department shall not be limited from imposing further  
18 restrictions or additional guidance on the proper use of force.

19 § 10. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-s to  
20 read as follows:

21 § 837-s. Reporting duties of law enforcement departments with respect  
22 to enforcement of certain violations and misdemeanors. 1. The chief of  
23 every police department, each county sheriff, and the superintendent of  
24 state police shall report, annually, to the division the total number of  
25 arrests made or appearance tickets or summonses issued by a law enforce-  
26 ment officer for offenses which do not require the taking of finger-  
27 prints pursuant to subdivision one of section 160.10 of the criminal  
28 procedure law. Such reports shall be in the form and manner prescribed

1 by the division and shall contain such information as the division deems  
2 necessary including, but not limited to, the age, sex, race and ethnici-  
3 ty of the person arrested or to whom an appearance ticket was issued.

4 2. The chief of every police department, each county sheriff, and the  
5 superintendent of state police shall report to the division any arrest-  
6 related death in the form and manner prescribed by the division. An  
7 arrest-related death is a death which occurs during law enforcement  
8 custody or an attempt to establish custody including, but not limited  
9 to, deaths caused by any use of force.

10 § 11. Subdivision 3 of section 690.35 of the criminal procedure law is  
11 amended by adding a new paragraph (f) to read as follows:

12 (f) A statement whether the application for the warrant had been  
13 previously submitted to another judge, and if so, the statement must  
14 include the name of the judge or judges to whom the application was  
15 previously submitted, the result of such application or applications,  
16 and when such application or applications were made.

17 § 12. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdi-  
18 vision, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
19 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
20 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
21 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
22 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
23 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of  
24 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
25 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

26 § 13. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
27 have become a law and shall apply only to acts that occurred on or after  
28 such effective date, except that section one of this act shall remain in

1 effect until the expiration of the term of the fifty-sixth governor of  
2 New York State and that section eleven of this act shall take effect on  
3 the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law.

4 PART B

5 Section 1. Section 2 of part H of chapter 503 of the laws of 2009  
6 relating to the disposition of monies recovered by county district  
7 attorneys before the filing of an accusatory instrument, as amended by  
8 section 25 of part B of chapter 55 of the laws of 2015, is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall remain in full  
11 force and effect until March 31, [2016] 2017, when it shall expire and  
12 be deemed repealed.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
14 have been in full force and effect on and after March 31, 2016.

15 PART C

16 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 6 of section 186-f of the tax  
17 law, as amended by section 1 of part D of chapter 55 of the laws of  
18 2014, is amended to read as follows:

19 (b) The sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars must be  
20 deposited into the New York state emergency services revolving loan fund  
21 annually; provided, however, that such sums shall not be deposited for  
22 state fiscal years two thousand eleven--two thousand twelve, two thou-  
23 sand twelve--two thousand thirteen, two thousand fourteen--two thousand  
24 fifteen [and], two thousand fifteen--two thousand sixteen, two thousand

1 sixteen--two thousand seventeen and two thousand seventeen--two thousand  
2 eighteen;

3 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

4 PART D

5 Section 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the responsibil-  
6 ities, duties and functions, pursuant to subdivision 2 of section 70 of  
7 the civil service law, of the intelligence and analysis unit of the  
8 office of counterterrorism within the division of homeland security and  
9 emergency services shall be transferred to the division of state police.

10 § 2. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of subdivision 2 of section 709 of the  
11 executive law, as amended by section 14 of part B of chapter 56 of the  
12 laws of 2010, are amended to read as follows:

13 (f) coordinate state resources for the collection and analysis of  
14 information relating to [terrorist threats and terrorist activities and  
15 other] natural and man-made disasters throughout the state subject to  
16 any applicable laws, rules, or regulations;

17 (g) coordinate and facilitate information sharing among local, state,  
18 and federal [law enforcement] agencies to ensure appropriate intelli-  
19 gence to assist in the early identification of and response to [poten-  
20 tial terrorist activities and other] natural and man-made disasters,  
21 subject to any applicable laws, rules, or regulations governing the  
22 release, disclosure or sharing of any such information;

23 § 3. Section 709-a of the executive law, as added by section 15-a of  
24 part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

25 § 709-a. Office of counterterrorism. The office of counterterrorism  
26 shall develop and analyze the state's policies, protocols and strategies

1 relating to the prevention and detection of terrorist acts and terrorist  
2 threats. The office shall also be responsible for [the collection, anal-  
3 ysis and sharing of information relating to terrorist threats and  
4 terrorist activities throughout the state;] coordinating strategies,  
5 protocols and first responder equipment needs to detect a biological,  
6 chemical or radiological terrorist act or threat; working with private  
7 entities and local, state and federal agencies to conduct assessments of  
8 the vulnerability of critical infrastructure to terrorist attack; and  
9 consulting with appropriate state and local governments and private  
10 entities to facilitate and foster cooperation to better prepare the  
11 state to prevent and detect threats and acts of terrorism.

12 § 4. 1. Transfer of records. Upon the transfer of functions, pursuant  
13 to section 1 of this act, the division of homeland security and emergen-  
14 cy services shall deliver to the division of state police, all pertinent  
15 books, papers, records and property.

16 2. Existing rights and remedies preserved. No existing right or remedy  
17 of any character shall be lost, impaired or affected by reason of this  
18 act.

19 3. Pending actions and proceedings. No action or proceeding pending at  
20 the time when this act shall take effect, brought by or against the  
21 division of homeland security and emergency services relating to the  
22 function, power or duty transferred to or devolved upon the division of  
23 state police shall be affected by this act, but the same may be prose-  
24 cuted or defended in the name of the division of state police and upon  
25 the application to the court, the division of state police shall be  
26 substituted as a party.

27 4. Completion of unfinished business. Any business or other matter  
28 undertaken or commenced by the division of homeland security and emer-

1 gency services pertaining to or connected with the functions, powers,  
2 obligations and duties transferred and assigned to the division of state  
3 police, pending on the effective date of this act, may be conducted and  
4 completed by the division of state police in the same manner and under  
5 the same terms and conditions and with the same effect as if conducted  
6 and completed by the division of homeland security and emergency  
7 services.

8 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

9 PART E

10 Section 1. Section 5 of chapter 268 of the laws of 1996, amending the  
11 education law and the state finance law relating to providing a recruit-  
12 ment incentive and retention program for certain active members of the  
13 New York army national guard, New York air national guard, and New York  
14 naval militia, as amended by section 24 of part A of chapter 57 of the  
15 laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

16 § 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 1997 and shall expire and  
17 be deemed repealed September 1, [2016] 2021; provided that any person  
18 who has begun to receive the benefits of this act prior to its expira-  
19 tion and repeal shall be entitled to continue to receive the benefits of  
20 this act after its expiration and repeal until completion of a baccalau-  
21 reate degree or cessation of status as an active member, whichever  
22 occurs first.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

24 PART F

1 Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 362 of the chapter 83 of the laws  
2 of 1995 amending the state finance law and other laws relating to bonds,  
3 notes and revenues, as amended by section 37 of part L of chapter 55 of  
4 the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

5 5. Sections thirty-one through forty-two of this act shall take effect  
6 on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law and shall be  
7 deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1,  
8 1995[; provided that section 163 of the state finance law, as added by  
9 section thirty-three of this act shall remain in full force and effect  
10 until June 30, 2016 at which time it shall expire and be deemed  
11 repealed. Contracts executed prior to the expiration of such section 163  
12 shall remain in full force and effect until the expiration of any such  
13 contract notwithstanding the expiration of certain provisions of this  
14 act].

15 § 2. Section 16 of chapter 1 of the laws of 2005, amending the state  
16 finance law relating to restricting contacts in the procurement process  
17 and the recording of contacts relating thereto, as amended by chapter 62  
18 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

19 § 16. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
20 sections one, six, eight, nine, ten, eleven and fifteen of this act  
21 shall take effect January 1, 2006; and provided, however, the amendments  
22 to paragraph f of subdivision 9 of section 163 of the state finance law  
23 made by section fifteen of this act shall not affect the repeal of such  
24 section and shall be deemed repealed therewith; provided, further, that  
25 the amendments to article 1-A of the legislative law, made by this act,  
26 shall not affect the repeal of such article pursuant to chapter 2 of the  
27 laws of 1999, as amended, and shall be deemed repealed therewith;  
28 provided, further, that sections thirteen and fourteen of this act shall

1 take effect January 1, 2006 [and shall be deemed repealed July 31,  
2 2016]; provided, further, that effective immediately, the advisory coun-  
3 cil on procurement lobbying created pursuant to section twelve of this  
4 act shall be constituted no later than sixty days following the effec-  
5 tive date of this act, provided that effective sixty days following the  
6 effective date of this act, the advisory council on procurement lobbying  
7 shall be authorized to establish model guidelines and to add, amend  
8 and/or repeal any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation  
9 of its duties under sections twelve and thirteen of this act, and the  
10 advisory council authorized to make and complete such model guidelines  
11 on or before the effective date of section thirteen of this act;  
12 provided, further, that procurement contracts for which bid solicita-  
13 tions have been issued prior to the effective date of this act shall be  
14 awarded pursuant to the provisions of law in effect at the time of issu-  
15 ance.

16 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
17 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2016.

18 PART G

19 Section 1. Section 13-b of the workers' compensation law, as amended  
20 by chapter 1068 of the laws of 1960, the section heading and subdivi-  
21 sions 1 and 2 as amended by chapter 473 of the laws of 2000, and subdivi-  
22 sion 3 as amended by section 85 of part A of chapter 58 of the laws of  
23 2010, is amended to read as follows:

24 § 13-b. Authorization of [physicians] providers, medical bureaus and  
25 laboratories by the chair. 1. [Upon the recommendation of the medical  
26 society of the county in which the physician's office is located or of a

1 board designated by such county society or of a board representing duly  
2 licensed physicians of any other school of medical practice in such  
3 county, the chair may authorize physicians licensed to practice medicine  
4 in the state of New York to render medical care under this chapter and  
5 to perform independent medical examinations in accordance with subdivi-  
6 sion four of section thirteen-a of this article. If, within sixty days  
7 after the chair requests such recommendations the medical society of  
8 such county or board fails to act, or if there is no such society in  
9 such county, the chair shall designate a board of three outstanding  
10 physicians, who shall make the requisite recommendations.

11 No such authorization shall be made in the absence of a recommendation  
12 of the appropriate society or board or of a review and recommendation by  
13 the medical appeals unit. No person shall render medical care or conduct  
14 independent medical examinations under this chapter without such author-  
15 ization by the chair, provided, that:] As used in this chapter, the  
16 following definitions shall have the following meanings unless their  
17 context requires otherwise:

18 (a) "Acupuncturist" shall mean licensed as having completed a formal  
19 course of study and having passed an examination in accordance with the  
20 education law, the regulations of the commissioner of education, and the  
21 requirements of the board of regents. Acupuncturists are required by the  
22 education law to advise, in writing, each patient of the requirement  
23 that he or she consult with a physician for the condition or conditions  
24 necessitating acupuncture care, as prescribed by such law.

25 (b) "Authorization agreement" shall mean an agreement between the  
26 chair and the provider signed by the provider desirous of rendering  
27 medical care and/or treatment to a claimant or claimants injured in the

1 course of their employment and/or to conduct independent medical exam-  
2 inations.

3 (c) "Chair" of the board shall mean either the chair or the chair's  
4 designee.

5 (d) "Chiropractor" shall mean licensed and having completed two years  
6 of preprofessional college study and a four-year resident program in  
7 chiropractic in accordance with the education law, and consistent with  
8 the licensing requirements of the commissioner of education.

9 (e) "Nurse practitioner" shall mean a licensed professional nurse  
10 certified by a national certifying body as having completed the required  
11 educational program in accordance with the education law and the regu-  
12 lations of the commissioner of education.

13 (f) "Occupational therapist" shall mean licensed as having a bach-  
14 elor's or master's degree in occupational therapy from a registered  
15 program with the education department or receipt of a diploma or degree  
16 resulting from completion of not less than four years of postsecondary  
17 study, which includes the professional study of occupational therapy in  
18 accordance with the education law and the regulations of the commission-  
19 er of education.

20 (g) "Physical therapist" shall mean licensed as having completed a  
21 master's degree or higher in physical therapy in accordance with the  
22 education law and the licensing requirements of the commissioner of  
23 education.

24 (h) "Physician" shall mean licensed with a degree of doctor of medi-  
25 cine, M.D., or doctor of osteopathy, D.O., or an equivalent degree in  
26 accordance with the education law and the licensing requirements of the  
27 state board of medicine and the regulations of the commissioner of  
28 education.

1     (i) "Physicians' assistant" shall mean a licensed provider who has  
2 graduated from a two-to-four year state-approved physicians' assistant  
3 program, has passed a licensing examination, and whose actions and  
4 duties are within the scope of practice of the supervising physician, in  
5 accordance with the education law and the regulations of the commission-  
6 er of education.

7     (j) "Podiatrist" shall mean licensed as having received a doctoral  
8 degree in podiatry in accordance with the regulations of the commission-  
9 er of education and the education law, and must satisfactorily meet all  
10 other requirements of the state board for podiatry.

11     (k) "Provider" shall mean a duly licensed acupuncturist, chiropractor,  
12 independent medical examiner, nurse practitioner, physical therapist,  
13 physician, physicians' assistant, podiatrist, psychologist, or social  
14 worker subject to an authorization agreement.

15     (l) "Psychologist" shall mean licensed as having received a doctoral  
16 degree in psychology from a program of psychology registered with the  
17 department of education or the substantial equivalent thereof in accord-  
18 ance with the education law, the requirements of the state board for  
19 psychology, and the regulations of the commissioner of education.

20     (m) "Social worker" shall mean licensed clinical social worker. A  
21 licensed clinical social worker has completed a master's of social work  
22 that includes completion of a core curriculum of at least twelve credit  
23 hours of clinical courses or the equivalent post-graduate clinical  
24 coursework, in accordance with the education law and the commissioner of  
25 education.

26     [(a)] 2. Any [physician] provider licensed [to practice medicine]  
27 pursuant to the education law to provide medical care and treatment in  
28 the state of New York may render emergency [medical] care and treatment

1 in an emergency hospital or urgent care setting providing emergency  
2 treatment under this chapter without authorization by the chair under  
3 this section; [and]

4 [(b) A] (a) Such licensed [physician] provider as identified in the  
5 opening paragraph of this subdivision who is [a member of a constituted  
6 medical staff of any hospital] on staff at any hospital or urgent care  
7 center providing emergency treatment may [render] continue such medical  
8 care under this chapter while an injured employee remains a patient in  
9 such hospital or urgent care setting; and

10 [(c)] (b) Under the [active and personal] direct supervision of an  
11 authorized [physician] provider, medical care may be rendered by a  
12 registered nurse or other person trained in laboratory or diagnostic  
13 techniques within the scope of such person's specialized training and  
14 qualifications. This supervision shall be evidenced by signed records of  
15 instructions for treatment and signed records of the patient's condition  
16 and progress. Reports of such treatment and supervision shall be made by  
17 such [physician] provider to the chair on such forms and at such times  
18 as the chair may require.

19 [(d) Upon the referral which may be directive as to treatment of an  
20 authorized physician physical therapy care may be rendered by a duly  
21 licensed physical therapist. Where physical therapy care is rendered  
22 records of the patient's condition and progress, together with records  
23 of instruction for treatment, if any, shall be maintained by the phys-  
24 ical therapist and physician. Said records shall be submitted to the  
25 chair on such forms and at such times as the chair may require.

26 (e) Upon the prescription or referral of an authorized physician occu-  
27 pational therapy care may be rendered by a duly licensed occupational  
28 therapist. Where occupational therapy care is rendered records of the

1 patient's condition and progress, together with records of instruction  
2 for treatment, if any shall be maintained by the occupational therapist  
3 and physician. Said records shall be submitted to the chair on forms and  
4 at such times as the chair may require.

5 (f)] (c) Where it would place an unreasonable burden upon the employer  
6 or carrier to arrange for, or for the claimant to attend, an independent  
7 medical examination by an authorized [physician] provider, the employer  
8 or carrier shall arrange for such examination to be performed by a qual-  
9 ified [physician] provider in a medical facility convenient to the  
10 claimant.

11 (d) Upon the prescription or referral of an authorized physician, care  
12 or treatment may be rendered to an injured employee by an authorized  
13 physical therapist, occupational therapist or acupuncturist provided the  
14 conditions and the treatment performed are among the conditions that the  
15 physical therapist, occupational therapist or acupuncturist is author-  
16 ized to treat pursuant to the education law or the regulations of the  
17 commissioner of education. Where any such care or treatment is  
18 rendered, records of the patient's condition and progress, together with  
19 records of instruction for treatment, if any, shall be maintained by the  
20 physical therapist, occupational therapist, acupuncturist rendering  
21 treatment and by the referring physician. Said records shall be submit-  
22 ted to the chair on forms and at such times as the chair may require.

23 (e) A record, report or opinion of a physical therapist, occupational  
24 therapist, acupuncturist or physician's assistant shall not be consid-  
25 ered as evidence of (1) the causal relationship of any condition to an  
26 accident or occupational disease under this chapter or (2) disability or  
27 the degree thereof, nor may any such provider perform an independent  
28 medical examination concerning a claim under this chapter.

1 [2] 3. A [physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of New  
2 York who is] provider properly licensed or certified pursuant to the  
3 regulations of the commissioner of education and the requirements of the  
4 education law desirous of being authorized to render medical care under  
5 this chapter and/or to conduct independent medical examinations in  
6 accordance with paragraph (b) of subdivision four of section thirteen-a  
7 and section one hundred thirty-seven of this chapter shall [file an  
8 application for authorization under this chapter with the medical socie-  
9 ty in the county in which his or her office is located, or with a board  
10 designated by such society, or with a board designated by the chair as  
11 provided in this section. In such application the applicant shall state  
12 his or her training and qualifications, and shall agree to limit his or  
13 her professional activities under this chapter to such medical care and  
14 independent medical examinations, as his or her experience and training  
15 qualify him or her to render] sign an authorization agreement. [The  
16 applicant shall further agree to refrain] The provider agrees to abide  
17 by the terms, conditions, and limitations outlined in the authorization  
18 agreement, including, but not limited to refraining from subsequently  
19 treating for remuneration, as a private patient, any person seeking  
20 medical treatment, or submitting to an independent medical examination,  
21 in connection with, or as a result of, any injury compensable under this  
22 chapter, if he or she has been removed from the list of [physicians]  
23 providers authorized to render medical care or to conduct independent  
24 medical examinations under this chapter, or if the person seeking such  
25 treatment, or submitting to an independent medical examination, has been  
26 transferred from his or her care in accordance with the provisions of  
27 this chapter. This agreement shall run to the benefit of the injured  
28 person so treated or examined, and shall be available to him or her as a

1 defense in any action by such [physician] provider for payment for  
2 treatment rendered by a [physician] provider after he or she has been  
3 removed from the list of [physicians] providers authorized to render  
4 medical care or to conduct independent medical examinations under this  
5 chapter, or after the injured person was transferred from his or her  
6 care in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. [The medical  
7 society or the board designated by it, or the board as otherwise  
8 provided under this section, if it deems such licensed physician duly  
9 qualified, shall recommend to the chair that such physician be author-  
10 ized to render medical care and/or conduct independent medical examina-  
11 tions under this chapter, and such recommendation and authorization  
12 shall specify the character of the medical care or independent medical  
13 examination which such physician is qualified and authorized to render  
14 under this chapter. Such recommendations shall be advisory to the chair  
15 only and shall not be binding or conclusive upon him or her. The  
16 licensed physician may present to the medical society or board,  
17 evidences of additional qualifications at any time subsequent to his or  
18 her original application. If the medical society or board fails to  
19 recommend to the chair that a physician be authorized to render medical  
20 care and/or to conduct independent medical examinations under this chap-  
21 ter, the physician may appeal to the medical appeals unit. The medical  
22 society or the board designated by it, or the board as otherwise  
23 provided under this section, may upon its own initiative, or shall upon  
24 request of the chair, review at any time the qualifications of any  
25 physician as to the character of the medical care or independent medical  
26 examinations which such physician has theretofore been authorized to  
27 render under this chapter and may recommend to the chair that such  
28 physician be authorized to render medical care or to conduct independent

1 medical examinations thereafter of the character which such physician is  
2 then qualified to render. On such advisory recommendation the chair may  
3 review and after reasonable investigation may revise the authorization  
4 of a physician in respect to the character of medical care and/or to  
5 conduct independent medical examinations which he or she is authorized  
6 to render. If the medical society or board recommends to the chair that  
7 a physician be authorized to render medical care and/or to conduct inde-  
8 pendent medical examinations under this chapter of a character different  
9 from the character of medical care or independent medical examinations  
10 he or she has been theretofore authorized to render, such physician may  
11 appeal from such recommendation to the medical appeals unit.

12 3] 4. Laboratories and bureaus engaged in x-ray diagnosis or treat-  
13 ment or in physiotherapy or other therapeutic procedures and which  
14 participate in the diagnosis or treatment of injured [workmen] claimants  
15 under this chapter shall be operated or supervised by [qualified physi-  
16 cians duly authorized] authorized providers under this chapter and shall  
17 be subject to the provisions of section thirteen-c of this article. The  
18 person in charge of diagnostic clinical laboratories [duly] authorized  
19 under this chapter shall possess the qualifications established by the  
20 public health and health planning council for approval by the state  
21 commissioner of health or, in the city of New York, the qualifications  
22 approved by the board of health of said city and shall maintain the  
23 standards of work required for such approval.

24 § 2. Section 13-d of the workers' compensation law, as amended by  
25 chapter 459 of the laws of 1944, the section heading and subdivisions 1  
26 and 2 as amended by chapter 473 of the laws of 2000, paragraphs (a) and  
27 (b) of subdivision 2 as amended and subdivision 5 as added by chapter 6

1 of the laws of 2007 and subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 1068 of the  
2 laws of 1960, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 13-d. Removal of [physicians] providers from lists of those author-  
4 ized to render medical care or to conduct independent medical examina-  
5 tions. 1. [The medical society of the county in which the physician's  
6 office is located at the time or a board designated by such county soci-  
7 ety or a board representing duly licensed physicians of any other school  
8 of medical practice in such county shall investigate, hear and make  
9 findings with respect to all charges as to professional or other miscon-  
10 duct of any authorized physician as herein provided under rules and  
11 procedure to be prescribed by the medical appeals unit, and shall report  
12 evidence of such misconduct, with their findings and recommendation with  
13 respect thereto, to the chair. Failure to commence such investigation  
14 within sixty days from the date the charges are referred to the society  
15 by the chair or submit findings and recommendations relating to the  
16 charges within one hundred eighty days from the date the charges are  
17 referred shall empower the chair to appoint, as a hearing officer, a  
18 member of the board, employee, or other qualified hearing officer to  
19 hear and report on the charges to the chair. A qualified hearing offi-  
20 cer, who is neither a member of the board, or employee thereof shall be  
21 paid at a reasonable per diem rate to be fixed by the chair.

22 Such investigation, hearing, findings, recommendation and report may  
23 be made by the society or board of an adjoining county upon the request  
24 of the medical society of the county in which the alleged misconduct or  
25 infraction of this chapter occurred, subject to the time limit and  
26 conditions set forth herein. The medical appeals unit shall review the  
27 findings and recommendation of such medical society or board, or hearing  
28 officer appointed by the chair upon application of the accused physician

1 and may reopen the matter and receive further evidence. The findings,  
2 decision and recommendation of such society, board or hearing officer  
3 appointed by the chair or medical appeals unit shall be advisory to the  
4 chair only, and shall not be binding or conclusive upon him or her.

5 2.] The chair shall [remove from the list of physicians authorized to]  
6 temporarily suspend, revoke, or otherwise limit the authorization of any  
7 provider to render medical care under this chapter, or to conduct inde-  
8 pendent medical examinations in accordance with paragraph (b) of subdi-  
9 vision four of section thirteen-a of this article, [the name of any  
10 physician who he or she shall find] should he or she find, after reason-  
11 able investigation [is disqualified because such physician:], that such  
12 provider has failed to render competent, professional, or quality  
13 medical care and treatment under this chapter.

14 2. A provider's failure to provide the standard of care or his or her  
15 breach of the duty to provide competent, professional, or quality  
16 medical care and treatment under this chapter can be found in the  
17 following acts of misconduct:

18 (a) has [been guilty of] committed professional, medical, or other  
19 misconduct or incompetency in connection with rendering medical services  
20 under the law or has violated any of the specified grounds for unprofes-  
21 sional conduct as more fully set forth in the education law, specif-  
22 ically the rules of the board of regents, the office of professions, or  
23 the regulations of the commissioner of education; or

24 (b) has exceeded the limits of his or her professional competence in  
25 rendering medical care or in conducting independent medical examinations  
26 under the law[, ] or has made materially false statements [regarding his  
27 or her qualifications in his or her application for the recommendation

1 of the medical society or board as provided in section thirteen-b of  
2 this article] in connection with the authorization agreement; or

3 (c) has failed to transmit copies of medical reports to claimant's  
4 attorney or licensed representative as provided in subdivision (f) of  
5 section thirteen of this article; or has failed to submit full and  
6 truthful medical reports of all his or her findings to the employer, and  
7 directly to the chair or the board within the time limits provided in  
8 subdivision four of section thirteen-a of this article with the excep-  
9 tion of injuries which do not require (1) more than ordinary first aid  
10 or more than two treatments by a physician or person rendering first  
11 aid, or (2) loss of time from regular duties of one day beyond the work-  
12 ing day or shift; or

13 (d) knowingly made a false statement or representation as to a materi-  
14 al fact in any medical report made pursuant to this chapter or in testi-  
15 fying or otherwise providing information for the purposes of this chap-  
16 ter; or

17 (e) has solicited, or has employed another to solicit for himself or  
18 herself or for another, professional treatment, examination or care of  
19 an injured employee in connection with any claim under this chapter; or

20 (f) has refused to appear before, to testify, to submit to a deposi-  
21 tion, or to answer upon request of, the chair, board, [medical appeals  
22 unit] or any duly authorized officer of the state, any legal question,  
23 or to produce any relevant book [or], paper, or response concerning his  
24 or her conduct under any authorization [granted to him or her under this  
25 chapter] or authorization agreement; or

26 (g) has directly or indirectly [requested, received or participated in  
27 the division, transference, assignment, rebating, splitting or refunding  
28 of a fee for, or has directly or indirectly requested, received or prof-

1 ited by means of a credit or other valuable consideration as a commis-  
2 sion, discount or gratuity in connection with the furnishing of medical  
3 or surgical care, an independent medical examination, diagnosis or  
4 treatment or service, including X-ray examination and treatment, or for  
5 or in connection with the sale, rental, supplying or furnishing of clin-  
6 ical laboratory services or supplies, X-ray laboratory services or  
7 supplies, inhalation therapy service or equipment, ambulance service,  
8 hospital or medical supplies, physiotherapy or other therapeutic service  
9 or equipment, artificial limbs, teeth or eyes, orthopedic or surgical  
10 appliances or supplies, optical appliances, supplies or equipment,  
11 devices for aid of hearing, drugs, medication or medical supplies, or  
12 any other goods, services or supplies prescribed for medical diagnosis,  
13 care or treatment, under this chapter; except that reasonable payment,  
14 not exceeding the technical component fee permitted in the medical fee  
15 schedule, established under this chapter for X-ray examinations, diagno-  
16 sis or treatment, may be made by a physician duly authorized as a roent-  
17 genologist to any hospital furnishing facilities and equipment for such  
18 examination, diagnosis or treatment, provided such hospital does not  
19 also submit a charge for the same services. Nothing contained in this  
20 paragraph shall prohibit such physicians who practice as partners, in  
21 groups or as a professional corporation or as a university faculty prac-  
22 tice corporation from pooling fees and moneys received, either by the  
23 partnership, professional corporation, university faculty practice  
24 corporation or group by the individual members thereof, for professional  
25 services furnished by any individual professional member, or employee of  
26 such partnership, corporation or group, nor shall the professionals  
27 constituting the partnerships, corporations, or groups be prohibited  
28 from sharing, dividing or apportioning the fees and moneys received by

1 them or by the partnership, corporation or group in accordance with a  
2 partnership or other agreement], while temporarily suspended, benefited  
3 from the splitting or pooling of fees by managing or directing a medical  
4 practice employing or hiring other authorized providers to render treat-  
5 ment under this chapter, supervised care and treatment under this chap-  
6 ter, or submitted for reimbursement board forms for services rendered  
7 under this chapter; or

8 (h) has violated any of the provisions outlined in section thirteen of  
9 this article, the rules, policies, and regulations promulgated by the  
10 board, the provider's medical license requirements, as more fully set  
11 forth in the public health law and the education law, or the require-  
12 ments set forth in the authorization agreement; or

13 (i) has been subject to a condition, limitation, or finding by the  
14 department of health in a report, determination, or any type of order  
15 resulting from allegations of misconduct.

16 3. [Any person who violates or attempts to violate, and any person who  
17 aids another to violate or attempts to induce him to violate the  
18 provisions of paragraph (g) of subdivision two of this section shall be  
19 guilty of a misdemeanor] Once suspended, revoked, or limited, a surgeon  
20 may provide only required and necessary post-surgical care and treatment  
21 to a workers' compensation patient recovering from a surgical procedure  
22 performed within a reasonable time frame prior to the effective date of  
23 the provider's authorization suspension or revocation.

24 4. [Nothing] In addition to the power or duty of the chair to tempo-  
25 rarily suspend, revoke, or otherwise limit the authorization of a  
26 provider in the event that one of the acts of professional, medical, or  
27 other misconduct is found to exist, nothing in this section shall be  
28 construed as limiting in any respect the [power or duty of the chairman]

1 chair's authority to [investigate instances of misconduct, either before  
2 or after investigation by a medical society or board as herein provided,  
3 or to temporarily suspend the authorization of any physician that he may  
4 believe to be guilty of such misconduct] impose a fine not to exceed  
5 five thousand dollars.

6 [5. Whenever the department of health shall conduct an investigation  
7 with respect to charges of professional or other misconduct by a physi-  
8 cian which results in a report, determination or consent order that  
9 includes a finding of professional or other misconduct or incompetency  
10 by such physician, the chair shall have full power and authority to  
11 temporarily suspend, revoke or otherwise limit the authorization under  
12 this chapter of any physician upon such finding by the department of  
13 health that the physician has been guilty of professional or other  
14 misconduct. The recommendations of the department of health shall be  
15 advisory to the chair only and shall not be binding or conclusive upon  
16 the chair.]

17 § 3. Subdivision 2 of section 13-k of the workers' compensation law,  
18 as amended by chapter 473 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 2. An employee injured under circumstances which make such injury  
21 compensable under this article, when care is required for an injury to  
22 the foot which injury or resultant condition therefrom may lawfully be  
23 treated by a duly registered and licensed podiatrist of the state of New  
24 York, may select to treat him or her any podiatrist authorized by the  
25 chair to render podiatry care, as hereinafter provided. If the injury or  
26 condition is one which is without the limits prescribed by the education  
27 law for podiatry care and treatment, or the injuries involved affect  
28 other parts of the body in addition to the foot, the said podiatrist

1 must so advise the said injured employee and instruct him or her to  
2 consult a physician of said employee's choice for appropriate care and  
3 treatment. Such physician shall thenceforth have overall supervision of  
4 the treatment of said patient including the future treatment to be  
5 administered to the patient by the podiatrist. If for any reason during  
6 the period when podiatry treatment and care is required, the employee  
7 wishes to transfer his or her treatment and care to another authorized  
8 podiatrist he or she may do so, in accordance with rules prescribed by  
9 the chair, provided however that the employer shall be liable for the  
10 proper fees of the original podiatrist for the care and treatment he or  
11 she shall have rendered. [A podiatrist licensed and registered to prac-  
12 tice podiatry in the state of New York who is desirous of being author-  
13 ized to render podiatry care under this section and/or to conduct inde-  
14 pendent medical examinations in accordance with paragraph (b) of  
15 subdivision three of this section shall file an application for authori-  
16 zation under this section with the podiatry practice committee. In such  
17 application he or she shall agree to refrain from subsequently treating  
18 for remuneration, as a private patient, any person seeking podiatry  
19 treatment, or submitting to an independent medical examination, in  
20 connection with, or as a result of, any injury compensable under this  
21 chapter, if he or she has been removed from the list of podiatrists  
22 authorized to render podiatry care or to conduct independent medical  
23 examinations under this chapter, or if the person seeking such treatment  
24 has been transferred from his or her care in accordance with the  
25 provisions of this section. This agreement shall run to the benefit of  
26 the injured person so treated or examined, and shall be available to him  
27 or her as a defense in any action by such podiatrist for payment for  
28 treatment rendered by a podiatrist after he or she has been removed from

1 the list of podiatrists authorized to render podiatry care or to conduct  
2 independent medical examinations under this section, or after the  
3 injured person was transferred from his or her care in accordance with  
4 the provisions of this section. The podiatry practice committee if it  
5 deems such licensed podiatrist duly qualified shall recommend to the  
6 chair that such podiatrist be authorized to render podiatry care and/or  
7 to conduct independent medical examinations under this section. Such  
8 recommendation shall be advisory to the chair only and shall not be  
9 binding or conclusive upon him or her.] The chair shall prepare and  
10 establish a schedule for the state, or schedules limited to defined  
11 localities, of charges and fees for podiatry treatment and care, to be  
12 determined in accordance with and to be subject to change pursuant to  
13 rules promulgated by the chair. Before preparing such schedule for the  
14 state or schedules for limited localities the chair shall request the  
15 podiatry practice committee to submit to him or her a report on the  
16 amount of remuneration deemed by such committee to be fair and adequate  
17 for the types of podiatry care to be rendered under this chapter, but  
18 consideration shall be given to the view of other interested parties.  
19 The amounts payable by the employer for such treatment and services  
20 shall be the fees and charges established by such schedule.

21 § 4. Subdivision 2 of section 13-1 of the workers' compensation law,  
22 as amended by chapter 473 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 2. An employee injured under circumstances which make such injury  
25 compensable under this article, when care is required for an injury  
26 which consists solely of a condition which may lawfully be treated by a  
27 chiropractor as defined in section sixty-five hundred fifty-one of the  
28 education law may select to treat him or her, any duly registered and

1 licensed chiropractor of the state of New York, authorized by the chair  
2 to render chiropractic care as hereinafter provided. If the injury or  
3 condition is one which is outside the limits prescribed by the education  
4 law for chiropractic care and treatment, the said chiropractor must so  
5 advise the said injured employee and instruct him or her to consult a  
6 physician of said employee's choice for appropriate care and treatment.  
7 Such physician shall thenceforth have supervision of the treatment of  
8 said condition including the future treatment to be administered to the  
9 patient by the chiropractor. [A chiropractor licensed and registered to  
10 practice chiropractic in the state of New York, who is desirous of being  
11 authorized to render chiropractic care under this section and/or to  
12 conduct independent medical examinations in accordance with paragraph  
13 (b) of subdivision three of this section shall file an application for  
14 authorization under this section with the chiropractic practice commit-  
15 tee. In such application he or she shall agree to refrain from subse-  
16 quently treating for remuneration, as a private patient, any person  
17 seeking chiropractic treatment, or submitting to an independent medical  
18 examination, in connection with, or as a result of, any injury compensa-  
19 ble under this chapter, if he or she has been removed from the list of  
20 chiropractors authorized to render chiropractic care or to conduct inde-  
21 pendent medical examinations under this chapter, or if the person seek-  
22 ing such treatment has been transferred from his or her care in accord-  
23 ance with the provisions of this section. This agreement shall run to  
24 the benefit of the injured person so treated, or examined, and shall be  
25 available to him or her as a defense in any action by such chiropractor  
26 for payment rendered by a chiropractor after he or she has been removed  
27 from the list of chiropractors authorized to render chiropractic care or  
28 to conduct independent medical examinations under this section, or after

1 the injured person was transferred from his or her care in accordance  
2 with the provisions of this section. The chiropractic practice committee  
3 if it deems such licensed chiropractor duly qualified shall recommend to  
4 the chair that such be authorized to render chiropractic care and/or to  
5 conduct independent medical examinations under this section. Such recom-  
6 mendations shall be advisory to the chair only and shall not be binding  
7 or conclusive upon him or her.] The chair shall prepare and establish a  
8 schedule for the state, or schedules limited to defined localities of  
9 charges and fees for chiropractic treatment and care, to be determined  
10 in accordance with and to be subject to change pursuant to rules promul-  
11 gated by the chair. Before preparing such schedule for the state or  
12 schedules for limited localities the chair shall request the chiroprac-  
13 tic practice committee to submit to him or her a report on the amount of  
14 remuneration deemed by such committee to be fair and adequate for the  
15 types of chiropractic care to be rendered under this chapter, but  
16 consideration shall be given to the view of other interested parties,  
17 the amounts payable by the employer for such treatment and services  
18 shall be the fees and charges established by such schedule.

19 § 5. Subdivisions 2 and 3 and paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of  
20 section 13-m of the workers' compensation law, subdivision 2 as added by  
21 chapter 589 of the laws of 1989 and subdivision 3 and paragraph (b) of  
22 subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 473 of the laws of 2000, are amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 2. (a) An injured employee, injured under circumstances which make  
25 such injury compensable under this article, may lawfully be treated[,  
26 upon the referral of an authorized physician,] by a psychologist, duly  
27 registered and licensed by the state of New York, authorized by the  
28 chairman to render psychological care pursuant to [this] section thir-

1 teen-b of this article. Such services shall be within the scope of such  
2 psychologist's specialized training and qualifications as defined in  
3 article one hundred fifty-three of the education law.

4 (b) Medical bureaus, medical centers jointly operated by labor and  
5 management representatives, hospitals and health maintenance organiza-  
6 tions, authorized to provide medical care pursuant to section thirteen-c  
7 of this chapter, may provide psychological services when required[, upon  
8 the referral of an authorized physician, provided such care is rendered  
9 by a duly registered, licensed and authorized psychologist, as required  
10 by this section].

11 (c) A psychologist rendering service pursuant to this section shall  
12 maintain records of the patient's psychological condition and treatment,  
13 and such records or reports shall be submitted to the chairman on such  
14 forms and at such times as the chairman may require.

15 3. [A psychologist, licensed and registered to practice psychology in  
16 the state of New York, who is desirous of being authorized to render  
17 psychological care under this section and/or to conduct independent  
18 medical examinations in accordance with paragraph (b) of subdivision  
19 four of this section shall file an application for authorization under  
20 this section with the psychology practice committee. The applicant shall  
21 agree to refrain from subsequently treating for remuneration, as a  
22 private patient, any person seeking psychological treatment, or submit-  
23 ting to an independent medical examination, in connection with, or as a  
24 result of, any injury compensable under this chapter, if he or she has  
25 been removed from the list of psychologists authorized to render psycho-  
26 logical care under this chapter. This agreement shall run to the benefit  
27 of the injured person so treated, and shall be available as a defense in  
28 any action by such psychologist for payment for treatment rendered by

1 such psychologist after being removed from the list of psychologists  
2 authorized to render psychological care or to conduct independent  
3 medical examinations under this section. The psychology practice commit-  
4 tee if it deems such licensed psychologist duly qualified shall recom-  
5 mend to the chair that such person be authorized to render psychological  
6 care and/or to conduct independent medical examinations under this  
7 section. Such recommendations shall be only advisory to the chair and  
8 shall not be binding or conclusive.] The chair shall prepare and estab-  
9 lish a schedule for the state or schedules limited to defined localities  
10 of charges and fees for psychological treatment and care, to be deter-  
11 mined in accordance with and be subject to change pursuant to rules  
12 promulgated by the chair. Before preparing such schedule for the state  
13 or schedules for limited localities the chair shall request the psychol-  
14 ogy practice committee to submit to such chair a report on the amount of  
15 remuneration deemed by such committee to be fair and adequate for the  
16 types of psychological care to be rendered under this chapter, but  
17 consideration shall be given to the view of other interested parties.  
18 The amounts payable by the employer for such treatment and services  
19 shall be the fees and charges established by such schedule.

20 (b) Upon receipt of the notice provided for by paragraph (a) of this  
21 subdivision, the employer, the carrier, and the claimant each shall be  
22 entitled to have the claimant examined by a qualified psychologist,  
23 authorized by the chair in accordance with [subdivision three of this]  
24 section thirteen-b of this article and section one hundred thirty-seven  
25 of this chapter, at a medical facility convenient to the claimant and in  
26 the presence of the claimant's psychologist, and refusal by the claimant  
27 to submit to such independent medical examination at such time or times  
28 as may reasonably be necessary in the opinion of the board shall bar the

1 claimant from recovering compensation, for any period during which he or  
2 she has refused to submit to such examination.

3 § 6. Section 14 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by chap-  
4 ter 925 of the laws of 1937, subdivisions 1 and 2 as amended by chapter  
5 94 of the laws of 1946, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 277 of the  
6 laws of 1941, subdivision 5 as amended by chapter 730 of the laws of  
7 1978, subdivision 6 as amended by chapter 6 of the laws of 2007 and  
8 subdivision 7 as amended by chapter 169 of the laws of 2007, is amended  
9 to read as follows:

10 § 14. Weekly wages basis of compensation. Except as otherwise provided  
11 in this chapter, the average weekly wages of the injured employee at the  
12 time of the injury shall be taken as the basis upon which to compute  
13 compensation or death benefits, and shall be determined as follows:

14 1. [If the injured employee shall have worked in the employment in  
15 which he was working at the time of the accident, whether for the same  
16 employer or not, during substantially the whole of the year immediately  
17 preceding his injury, his average annual earnings shall consist of three  
18 hundred times the average daily wage or salary for a six-day worker, and  
19 two hundred sixty times the average daily wage or salary for a five-day  
20 worker, which he shall have earned in such employment during the days  
21 when so employed;

22 2. If the injured employee shall not have worked in such employment  
23 during substantially the whole of such year, his average annual earn-  
24 ings, if a six-day worker, shall consist of three hundred times the  
25 average daily wage or salary, and, if a five-day worker, two hundred and  
26 sixty times the average daily wage or salary, which an employee of the  
27 same class working substantially the whole of such immediately preceding  
28 year in the same or in a similar employment in the same or a neighboring

1 place shall have earned in such employment during the days when so  
2 employed;

3 3. If either of the foregoing methods of arriving at the annual aver-  
4 age earnings of an injured employee cannot reasonably and fairly be  
5 applied, such annual average earnings shall be such sum as, having  
6 regard to the previous earnings of the injured employee and of other  
7 employees of the same or most similar class, working in the same or most  
8 similar employment, or other employment as defined in this chapter, in  
9 the same or neighboring locality, shall reasonably represent the annual  
10 earning capacity of the injured employee in the employment in which he  
11 was working at the time of the accident, provided, however, his average  
12 annual earnings shall consist of not less than two hundred times the  
13 average daily wage or salary which he shall have earned in such employ-  
14 ment during the days when so employed, further provided, however, that  
15 if the injured employee shall have been in the military or naval service  
16 of the United States or of the state of New York within twelve months  
17 prior to his injury, and his average annual earnings cannot be fairly  
18 determined under subdivisions one and two, then the average annual earn-  
19 ings shall be determined by multiplying his average daily wage during  
20 the days so employed by not less than two hundred and forty;

21 4. The average weekly wages of an employee shall be one-fifty-second  
22 part of his average annual earnings;] The average weekly wage shall be  
23 determined by computing the total wages paid to the employee during the  
24 thirteen weeks immediately preceding the date of injury and dividing by  
25 thirteen, provided that:

26 a. If the employee worked less than thirteen weeks in the employment  
27 in which the employee was injured, the average weekly wage shall be  
28 based upon the total wage earned by the employee in the employment in

1 which the employee was injured, divided by the total number of weeks  
2 actually worked in that employment;

3 b. If the injured employee sustains a compensable injury before  
4 completing his or her first work week, or if the injured employee is a  
5 seasonal employee, or if the earnings are at an irregular rate, such as  
6 piecework, or on a commission basis, or are specified to be bi-weekly,  
7 monthly, or other period, then the average weekly wage shall be taken as  
8 the actual weekly earnings averaged for this period of time, not exceed-  
9 ing one year;

10 c. If there is insufficient evidence available to determine the earn-  
11 ings of the employee under the foregoing methods, or if the pay has not  
12 been designated for the work required, the average weekly wage shall be  
13 based upon the previous earnings of the injured employee and of other  
14 employees of the same or most similar class, working in the same or most  
15 similar employment, or other employment as defined in this chapter, in  
16 the same or neighboring locality, that shall reasonably represent the  
17 annual earning capacity of the injured employee in the employment in  
18 which he or she was working at the time of the accident for a period of  
19 thirteen weeks prior to the injury or, if that method does not consti-  
20 tute sufficient evidence of the average weekly wage, earnings data for a  
21 period not exceeding one year prior to the injury;

22 d. Provided, further, however, that only in the event that there is  
23 insufficient evidence ascertained under the foregoing methods of comput-  
24 ing the average weekly wage of the employee by reason of the nature of  
25 the employment or where for any other reason the methods will not fairly  
26 and accurately compute the average weekly wage, computation of the aver-  
27 age weekly wage may be determined by such other manner and by such other

1 method as will be based upon the facts presented to fairly determine  
2 such employee's average weekly wage;

3 e. If a claim is established as an occupational disease, the average  
4 weekly wage shall be based on earnings as of the date of disablement.

5 [5.] 2. If it be established that the injured employee was under the  
6 age of twenty-five when injured, and that under normal conditions his  
7 wages would be expected to increase, that fact may be considered in  
8 arriving at his average weekly wages.

9 [6.] 3. If the injured employee is concurrently engaged in more than  
10 one employment at the time of injury, the employee's average weekly  
11 wages shall be calculated upon the basis of wages earned from all  
12 concurrent employments covered under this chapter. The employer in whose  
13 employment the employee was injured shall be liable for the benefits  
14 that would have been payable if the employee had had no other employ-  
15 ment. [Any additional benefits resulting from the increase in average  
16 weekly wages due to the employee's concurrent employments shall be paya-  
17 ble in the first instance by the employer in whose employment the  
18 employee was injured and shall be reimbursed by the special disability  
19 fund created under subdivision eight of section fifteen of this article,  
20 but only if such claim is presented in accordance with subparagraph two  
21 of paragraph (h) of subdivision eight of section fifteen of this arti-  
22 cle.] The employer in whose employment the employee was injured shall be  
23 liable for all medical costs.

24 [7.] 4. The average weekly wages of a jockey, apprentice jockey or  
25 exercise person licensed under article two or four of the racing, pari-  
26 mutuel wagering and breeding law shall be computed based upon all of the  
27 earnings of such jockey, apprentice jockey or exercise person, including  
28 those derived from outside of the state.

1     § 7. Subdivision 1 of section 20 of the workers' compensation law, as  
2 amended by chapter 635 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as  
3 follows:

4     1. At any time after the expiration of the first seven days of disa-  
5 bility on the part of an injured employee, or at any time after the  
6 employee's death, a claim for compensation may be presented to the  
7 employer or to the chair. The board shall have full power and authority  
8 to determine all questions in relation to the payment of claims  
9 presented to it for compensation under the provisions of this chapter.  
10 The chair or board shall make or cause to be made such investigation as  
11 it deems necessary, and upon application of either party, shall order a  
12 hearing, and within thirty days after a claim for compensation is  
13 submitted under this section, or such hearing closed, shall make or deny  
14 an award, determining such claim for compensation, and file the same in  
15 the office of the chair. Immediately after such filing the chair shall  
16 send to the parties a copy of the decision. Upon a hearing pursuant to  
17 this section either party may present evidence and be represented by  
18 counsel. The decision of the board shall be final as to all questions  
19 of fact, and, except as provided in section twenty-three of this arti-  
20 cle, as to all questions of law. Except as provided in section twenty-  
21 seven of this article, all awards of the board shall draw simple inter-  
22 est from thirty days after the making thereof at the rate provided in  
23 section five thousand four of the civil practice law and rules. Whenev-  
24 er a hearing or proceeding for the determination of a claim for compen-  
25 sation is begun before a referee, pursuant to the provisions of this  
26 chapter, such hearing or proceeding or any adjourned hearing [thereon  
27 shall], including a referral for decision, may continue before [the same  
28 referee until a final determination awarding or denying compensation,

1 except in the absence, inability or disqualification to act of such  
2 referee, or for other good cause, in which event such hearing or  
3 proceeding may be continued before another referee by order of the chair  
4 or board] any referee as determined by the board.

5 § 8. Section 23 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by  
6 section 10 of part GG of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 § 23. Appeals. An award or decision of the board shall be final and  
9 conclusive upon all questions within its jurisdiction, as against the  
10 state fund or between the parties, unless reversed or modified on appeal  
11 therefrom as hereinafter provided. Any party may within thirty days  
12 after notice of the filing of an award or decision of a referee, file  
13 with the board an application in writing for a modification or rescis-  
14 sion or review of such award or decision, as provided in this chapter.  
15 The board shall render its decision upon such application in writing and  
16 shall include in such decision a statement of the facts which formed the  
17 basis of its action on the issues raised before it on such application.  
18 Within thirty days after notice of the decision of the board upon such  
19 application has been served upon the parties, or within thirty days  
20 after notice of an administrative redetermination review decision by the  
21 chair pursuant to subdivision five of section fifty-two, section one  
22 hundred thirty-one or section one hundred forty-one-a of this chapter  
23 has been served upon any party in interest, an appeal may be taken ther-  
24 efrom to the appellate division of the supreme court, third department,  
25 by any party in interest, including an employer insured in the state  
26 fund; provided, however, that any party in interest may within thirty  
27 days after notice of the filing of the board [panel's] decision with the  
28 secretary of the board, make application in writing for review thereof

1 by the full board. If the decision or determination was that of a panel  
2 of the board and there was a dissent from such decision or determination  
3 other than a dissent the sole basis of which is to refer the case to an  
4 impartial specialist, the full board shall review and affirm, modify or  
5 rescind such decision or determination in the same manner as herein  
6 above provided for an award or decision of a referee. If the decision  
7 or determination was that of a unanimous panel of the board, or there  
8 was a dissent from such decision or determination the sole basis of  
9 which is to refer the case to an impartial specialist, the board may in  
10 its sole discretion review and affirm, modify or rescind such decision  
11 or determination in the same manner as herein above provided for an  
12 award or decision of a referee. Failure to apply for review by the full  
13 board shall not bar any party in interest from taking an appeal directly  
14 to the court as above provided. The board may also, in its discretion  
15 certify to such appellate division of the supreme court, questions of  
16 law involved in its decision. Such appeals and the question so certified  
17 shall be heard in a summary manner and shall have precedence over all  
18 other civil cases in such court. The board shall be deemed a party to  
19 every such appeal from its decision upon such application, and the chair  
20 shall be deemed a party to every such appeal from an administrative  
21 redetermination review decision pursuant to subdivision five of section  
22 fifty-two of this chapter. The attorney general shall represent the  
23 board and the chair thereon. An appeal may also be taken to the court of  
24 appeals in the same manner and subject to the same limitations not  
25 inconsistent herewith as is now provided in the civil practice law and  
26 rules. It shall not be necessary to file exceptions to the rulings of  
27 the board. An appeal to the appellate division of the supreme court,  
28 third department, or to the court of appeals, shall not operate as a

1 stay of the payment of compensation required by the terms of the award  
2 or of the payment of the cost of such medical, dental, surgical, optome-  
3 tric or other attendance, treatment, devices, apparatus or other neces-  
4 sary items the employer is required to provide pursuant to section thir-  
5 teen of this article which are found to be fair and reasonable. Where  
6 such award is modified or rescinded upon appeal, the appellant shall be  
7 entitled to reimbursement in a sum equal to the compensation in dispute  
8 paid to the respondent in addition to a sum equal to the cost of such  
9 medical, dental, surgical, optometric or other attendance, treatment,  
10 devices, apparatus or other necessary items the employer is required to  
11 provide pursuant to section thirteen of this article paid by the appel-  
12 lant pending adjudication of the appeal. Such reimbursement shall be  
13 paid from administration expenses as provided in section one hundred  
14 fifty-one of this chapter upon audit and warrant of the comptroller upon  
15 vouchers approved by the chair. Where such award is subject to the  
16 provisions of section twenty-seven of this article, the appellant shall  
17 pay directly to the claimant all compensation as it becomes due during  
18 the pendency of the appeal, and upon affirmance shall be entitled to  
19 credit for such payments. Neither the chair, the board, the commission-  
20 ers of the state insurance fund nor the claimant shall be required to  
21 file a bond upon an appeal to the court of appeals. Upon final determi-  
22 nation of such an appeal, the board or chair, as the case may be, shall  
23 enter an order in accordance therewith. Whenever a notice of appeal is  
24 served or an application made to the board by the employer or insurance  
25 carrier for a modification or rescission or review of an award or deci-  
26 sion, and the board shall find that such notice of appeal was served or  
27 such application was made for the purpose of delay or upon frivolous  
28 grounds, the board shall impose a penalty in the amount of five hundred

1 dollars upon the employer or insurance carrier, which penalty shall be  
2 added to the compensation and paid to the claimant. Whenever an applica-  
3 tion is made to the board by the employer or insurance carrier for a  
4 modification or rescission or review of an award or decision, and the  
5 board shall find that such application was made for the purpose of delay  
6 and upon frivolous grounds, the board may impose a penalty pursuant to  
7 paragraph (f) of subdivision three of section twenty-five of this arti-  
8 cle. Upon a finding that an application has been made to the board for  
9 the purpose of delay and upon frivolous grounds, and the employer or  
10 carrier has made payment to the claimant of all compensation as it  
11 becomes due during the pendency of the application, no penalty pursuant  
12 to paragraph (f) of subdivision three of section twenty-five of this  
13 article shall be imposed. The penalties provided herein shall be  
14 collected in like manner as compensation. A party against whom an award  
15 of compensation shall be made may appeal from a part of such award. In  
16 such a case the payment of such part of the award as is not appealed  
17 from shall not prejudice any rights of such party on appeal, nor be  
18 taken as an admission against such party. Any appeal by an employer from  
19 an administrative redetermination review decision pursuant to subdivi-  
20 sion five of section fifty-two of this chapter shall in no way serve to  
21 relieve the employer from the obligation to timely pay compensation and  
22 benefits otherwise payable in accordance with the provisions of this  
23 chapter.

24 Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to inhibit the  
25 continuing jurisdiction of the board as provided in section one hundred  
26 twenty-three of this chapter.

1     § 9. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 3 of section 25 of the workers'  
2 compensation law, as amended by chapter 316 of the laws of 1991, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4     (f) If the employer or its insurance carrier shall fail to make  
5 payments of compensation according to the terms of the award within ten  
6 days or the uninsured employers' fund shall fail to make payments of  
7 compensation according to the terms of the award within thirty days  
8 after such ten day period except in case of an application to the board  
9 for a modification, rescission or review of such award, there shall be  
10 imposed a penalty equal to twenty percent of the unpaid compensation  
11 which shall be paid to the injured worker or his or her dependents, and  
12 there shall also be imposed an assessment of fifty dollars, which shall  
13 be paid into the state treasury. Whenever an application is made to the  
14 board by the employer or insurance carrier for a modification or rescis-  
15 sion or review of an award or decision in accordance with section twen-  
16 ty-three of this article, and the board shall find that such application  
17 was made for the purpose of delay and upon frivolous grounds, the board  
18 may impose a penalty equal to twenty percent of the unpaid compensation  
19 which shall be paid to the injured worker or his or her dependents, and  
20 there shall also be imposed an assessment of fifty dollars, which shall  
21 be paid into the state treasury.

22     § 10. The closing paragraph of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of  
23 section 25 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by chapter 635  
24 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

25     If the insurance carrier shall fail either to file notice of contro-  
26 versy or begin payment of compensation within the prescribed period or  
27 within ten days after receipt of a copy of the notice required in  
28 section one hundred ten of this chapter, whichever period is the great-

1 er, the board may[, after a hearing,] impose a penalty in the amount of  
2 three hundred dollars, which shall be in addition to all other penalties  
3 provided for in this chapter and shall be paid to the claimant. Such  
4 penalty shall be collected in like manner as an award of compensation.

5 § 11. Subdivisions 1 and 7 of section 27 of the workers' compensation  
6 law, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 192 of the laws of 1949, subdi-  
7 vision 7 as amended by chapter 62 of the laws of 1989, the closing para-  
8 graph of subdivision 7 as amended by chapter 6 of the laws of 2007 and  
9 as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of  
10 2011, are amended to read as follows:

11 1. All payments made into the fund pursuant to the provisions of this  
12 section shall constitute an indivisible and aggregate trust fund except  
13 as hereinafter provided. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
14 chapter, the board shall not direct a mandatory deposit on or after the  
15 effective date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand sixteen which  
16 amended this subdivision. The carrier shall make a mandatory deposit  
17 into the fund as directed in a board decision filed prior to the effec-  
18 tive date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand sixteen which  
19 amended this subdivision, in the amount set forth in a supplemental  
20 board decision of any date. The carrier is responsible for payments to  
21 the claimant as directed until the deposit is made into the fund. If the  
22 insurance carrier shall fail to make a timely mandatory deposit into the  
23 fund the chair may impose a penalty equal to twenty percent of the  
24 unpaid mandatory deposit amount which shall be paid to the injured work-  
25 er or his or her dependents, and there shall also be imposed an assess-  
26 ment of fifty dollars, which shall be paid into the state treasury.

1     7. [For the purpose of securing the solvency of the aggregate trust  
2 fund, there shall be required, in addition to the payments hereinbefore  
3 provided for, a payment on each award, as follows:

4     (a) In the mandatory type cases based on an accident occurring on or  
5 subsequent to July first, nineteen hundred forty-one up to and including  
6 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred forty-three an amount equal to six per  
7 centum of the present value of each such case paid into such fund;

8     (b) In the mandatory type cases based on an accident occurring on or  
9 subsequent to July first, nineteen hundred forty-three an amount equal  
10 to ten per centum of the present value of each such case paid into such  
11 fund;

12     (c) In the discretionary type cases based on an accident occurring up  
13 to and including June thirtieth, nineteen hundred thirty-nine an amount  
14 equal to sixteen per centum of the present value of each such case paid  
15 into such fund;

16     (d) In the discretionary type cases based on an accident occurring on  
17 or subsequent to July first, nineteen hundred thirty-nine an amount  
18 equal to ten per centum of the present value of each such case paid into  
19 such fund.

20     Such additional payments shall be required until the surplus of the  
21 fund equals or exceeds one per centum of the total outstanding loss  
22 reserves as shown by three successive annual reports of the fund to the  
23 superintendent of financial services and such additional payment shall  
24 be required as a payment upon each award based on an accident occurring  
25 prior to July first next succeeding the third such annual report, but  
26 not as a payment upon any award based on an accident occurring on or  
27 after said July first; provided, however, that if and when the surplus  
28 of the fund as shown by any annual report thereafter shall be less than

1 one per centum of the total outstanding loss reserves, then the addi-  
2 tional payments as provided in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this  
3 subdivision shall be resumed and shall be payable upon any award based  
4 on an accident occurring on or after July first next succeeding the  
5 close of the year for which such annual report is made. Thereafter, the  
6 suspension or resumption of additional payments as required by this  
7 subdivision shall be governed by the foregoing provisions. Such loss  
8 reserves shall be computed based upon the tables specified in subdivi-  
9 sion five of this section and interest at a standard to be determined by  
10 the superintendent of financial services by regulation.] For the  
11 purposes of insuring the solvency of the aggregate trust fund subsequent  
12 to the first day of January, two thousand sixteen, the superintendent of  
13 financial services, in accordance with subdivision two of section one  
14 hundred eight of this chapter, may direct carriers to deposit not more  
15 than two percent of written premiums into the workers' compensation  
16 guarantee fund established by article six of this chapter to enable the  
17 aggregate trust fund to meet its obligations under this section for a  
18 period of time not to extend ten years from the effective date of the  
19 chapter of the laws of two thousand sixteen which amended this subdivi-  
20 sion. In the event that the aggregate trust fund does not have the  
21 assets sufficient to meet its obligations after such ten year period,  
22 the financial shortfall shall become the liability of the workers'  
23 compensation security fund pursuant to the provisions of section one  
24 hundred nine-c of this chapter.

25 § 12. Subdivisions 3 and 4 of section 25-a of the workers' compen-  
26 sation law, subdivision 3 as amended by section 13 of part GG of chapter  
27 57 of the laws of 2013, subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 395 of the  
28 laws of 1964, and the closing paragraph of subdivision 4 as further

1 amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Any awards so made shall be payable out of the special fund hereto-  
4 fore created for such purpose, which fund is hereby continued and shall  
5 be known as the fund for reopened cases. The employer, or, if insured,  
6 his insurance carrier shall pay into such fund, or, in the case of  
7 awards made on or after July first, nineteen hundred sixty-nine, either  
8 into such fund or the uninsured employers' fund under section twenty-  
9 six-a of this article in accordance with the provisions thereof, for  
10 every case of injury causing death for which there are no persons enti-  
11 tled to compensation the sum of three hundred dollars where such injury  
12 occurred prior to July first, nineteen hundred forty and the sum of one  
13 thousand dollars where such injury shall occur on or after said date and  
14 prior to April first, nineteen hundred forty-five, and the sum of  
15 fifteen hundred dollars where such injury shall occur on or after April  
16 first, nineteen hundred forty-five and prior to September first, nine-  
17 teen hundred seventy-eight and the sum of three thousand dollars where  
18 such injury shall occur on or after September first, nineteen hundred  
19 seventy-eight, and in each case of death resulting from injury sustained  
20 on or after July first, nineteen hundred forty and prior to September  
21 first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight, where there are persons entitled  
22 to compensation but the total amount of such compensation is less than  
23 two thousand dollars exclusive of funeral benefits, the employer, or, if  
24 insured, his insurance carrier, shall pay into such fund, or, in the  
25 case of awards made on or after July first, nineteen hundred sixty-nine  
26 and prior to September first, nineteen hundred seventy-eight, either  
27 into such fund or the uninsured employers' fund under section twenty-  
28 six-a of this article in accordance with the provisions thereof, the

1 difference between the sum of two thousand dollars and the compensation,  
2 exclusive of funeral benefits, and in each case of death resulting from  
3 injury sustained on or after September first, nineteen hundred seventy-  
4 eight, the employer, or if insured, his insurance carrier shall pay into  
5 such fund or the uninsured employers' fund under section twenty-six-a of  
6 this article in accordance with the provisions thereof, the difference  
7 between the sum of five thousand dollars and the compensation, exclusive  
8 of funeral benefits actually paid to or for the dependents of the  
9 deceased employee together with any expense charge required by section  
10 twenty-seven of this article; provided, however, that where death shall  
11 occur subsequent to the periods limited by subdivision one of this  
12 section no payment into such special fund nor to the special fund  
13 provided by subdivision nine of section fifteen nor to the uninsured  
14 employers' fund provided by section twenty-six-a of this article shall  
15 be required. In addition to the assessments made against all insurance  
16 carriers for the expenses of administering this chapter provided for  
17 under the provisions of section one hundred fifty-one of this chapter,  
18 and the payments above provided, the employer, or, if insured, his  
19 insurance carrier, shall pay the sum of five dollars into said fund for  
20 each case in which an award is made pursuant to the provisions of para-  
21 graphs a to s inclusive of subdivision three of section fifteen of this  
22 chapter, by reason of injury sustained between July first, nineteen  
23 hundred forty and June thirtieth, nineteen hundred forty-two, both dates  
24 inclusive, and the sum of ten dollars for each such case by reason of  
25 injury sustained between July first, nineteen hundred forty-two and June  
26 thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty, both dates inclusive, which payment  
27 shall be in addition to any payment of compensation to the injured  
28 employee as provided in this chapter.

1     There shall be maintained in the special fund at all times assets at  
2     least equal in value to the sum of (1) the value of awards charged  
3     against such fund, (2) the value of all claims that have been reopened  
4     by the board as a charge against such fund but as to which awards have  
5     not yet been made, (3) effective January first, nineteen hundred seven-  
6     ty-one, the value of total supplemental benefits to be paid from such  
7     fund as reimbursement pursuant to subdivision nine of this section, and  
8     (4) a reserve equal to ten per cent of the sum of items (1), (2) and (3)  
9     of this paragraph. Annually, as soon as practicable after January first  
10    in each year, the chair shall ascertain the condition of the fund and  
11    [whenever the assets shall fall below the prescribed minimum as herein  
12    provided the chair] shall collect: (a) debt service amount sufficient  
13    to cover debt service and associated costs to be paid during the calen-  
14    dar year by the dormitory authority, as calculated in accordance with  
15    subdivision four of this section and (b) whenever the value of other  
16    assets fall below the prescribed minimum to be maintained as herein  
17    provided, an amount sufficient to restore the fund to the prescribed  
18    minimum. Such assessments shall be included in the assessment rate  
19    established pursuant to subdivision two of section one hundred fifty-one  
20    of this chapter. Such assessments shall be deposited with the commis-  
21    sioner of taxation and finance and transferred to the benefit of such  
22    fund following payment of debt service and associated costs, if any,  
23    pursuant to section one hundred fifty-one of this chapter. Commencing on  
24    the first of January, two thousand fourteen, the amount collected from  
25    all employers required to obtain workers' compensation coverage to main-  
26    tain the financial integrity of the fund may be paid over a period of  
27    time at the discretion of the chair based upon an analysis of the finan-  
28    cial condition of the fund. Such payment as determined by the chair

1 shall be included in the assessment rate established pursuant to subdi-  
2 vision two of section one hundred fifty-one of this chapter. The chair  
3 shall promulgate regulations to administer claims whose liability has  
4 been transferred to the fund for reopened cases. Such regulations may  
5 include exercise of the chair's authority to administer existing claims,  
6 to procure management for those claims, or to sell such liability  
7 including, without limitation, by obtaining an "assumption of workers'  
8 compensation liability insurance policy" as defined in section sixteen  
9 hundred eighty-1 of the public authorities law. The chair may examine  
10 into the condition of the fund at any time on his or her own initiative  
11 or on request of the attorney of the fund.

12 The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply with respect to  
13 policies containing coverage pursuant to section thirty-four hundred  
14 twenty of the insurance law relating to every policy providing compre-  
15 hensive personal liability insurance on a one, two, three or four family  
16 owner-occupied dwelling.

17 4. The chair and the commissioner of taxation and finance are author-  
18 ized and directed to enter into a financing agreement with the dormitory  
19 authority, to be known as the "fund for reopened cases financing agree-  
20 ment". Such agreement shall set forth the process for calculating the  
21 annual debt service of the bonds issued by the dormitory authority and  
22 any other associated costs in connection with the fund for reopened  
23 cases, as set forth in section sixteen hundred eighty-1 of the public  
24 authorities law. For purposes of this section, "associated costs" may  
25 include a coverage factor, reserve fund requirements, all costs of any  
26 nature incurred by the dormitory authority in connection with the fund  
27 for reopened cases financing agreement or pursuant thereto, the costs of  
28 any independent audits undertaken under this section, and any other

1 costs for the implementation of this subdivision and the issuance of  
2 bonds by the dormitory authority, including interest rate exchange  
3 payments, rebate payments, liquidity fees, credit provider fees, fiduci-  
4 ary fees, remarketing, dealer, auction agent and related fees and other  
5 similar bond-related expenses, unless otherwise funded. By September  
6 first of each year, the dormitory authority shall provide to the chair  
7 the calculation of the amount expected to be paid by the dormitory  
8 authority in debt service and associated costs for purposes of calculat-  
9 ing the debt service assessment as set forth in subdivision three of  
10 this section. All monies received on account of any assessment under  
11 subdivision three of this section and this subdivision shall be applied  
12 in accordance with this subdivision and in accordance with the fund for  
13 reopened cases financing agreement until the financial obligations of  
14 the dormitory authority in respect to its contract with its bondholders  
15 are met and all associated costs payable to or by the dormitory authori-  
16 ty have been paid, notwithstanding any other provision of law respecting  
17 secured transactions. This provision may be included by the dormitory  
18 authority in any contract of the dormitory authority with its bondhold-  
19 ers.

20 The fund for reopened cases financing agreement may restrict disburse-  
21 ments, investments, or rebates, and may prescribe a system of accounts  
22 applicable to the fund for reopened cases as consistent with the  
23 provisions of this section governing such fund, including custody of  
24 funds and accounts with a trustee that may be prescribed by the dormito-  
25 ry authority as part of its contract with the bondholders. For purposes  
26 of this subdivision, the term "bonds" shall include notes issued in  
27 anticipation of the issuance of bonds, or notes issued pursuant to a  
28 commercial paper program.

1     (a) The commissioner of taxation and finance shall be the custodian of  
2 such [special] fund for reopened cases and, unless otherwise provided  
3 for in the fund for reopened cases financing agreement, shall invest any  
4 surplus or reserve monies thereof in securities which constitute legal  
5 investments for savings banks under the laws of this state and in inter-  
6 est bearing certificates of deposit of a bank or trust company located  
7 and authorized to do business in this state or of a national bank  
8 located in this state secured by a pledge of direct obligations of the  
9 United States or of the state of New York in an amount equal to the  
10 amount of such certificates of deposit, and may sell any of the securi-  
11 ties or certificates of deposit in which such fund is invested, if  
12 necessary for the proper administration or in the best interest of such  
13 fund. Disbursements from such fund for compensation provided by this  
14 section shall be paid by the commissioner of taxation and finance upon  
15 vouchers signed by the [chairman] chair of the board unless the financ-  
16 ing agreement provides for some other means of authorizing such  
17 disbursements that is no less protective of the fund.

18     The commissioner of taxation and finance, as custodian of such fund,  
19 annually as soon as practicable after January first, shall furnish to  
20 the [chairman] chair of the workers' compensation board a statement of  
21 the fund, setting forth the balance of monies in the said fund as of the  
22 beginning of the year, the income of the fund, a summary of payments out  
23 of the fund on account of compensation ordered to be paid by the board,  
24 medical and other expense, and all other charges against the fund, and  
25 setting forth the balance of the fund remaining to its credit on Decem-  
26 ber thirty-first. Such statement shall be open to public inspection in  
27 the office of the [chairman] chair, and a copy thereof shall be trans-  
28 mitted by the [chairman] chair to the superintendent of financial

1 services. The superintendent of financial services may examine into the  
2 condition of such fund at any time on his or her own initiative or on  
3 request of the [chairman] chair or representative of the fund. He or she  
4 shall verify the receipts and disbursements of the fund, and shall  
5 ascertain the liability of the fund upon all cases in which awards of  
6 compensation have been made and charged against said fund and shall  
7 render a report of such facts to the [chairman] chair. Such report  
8 shall also be open to public inspection in the office of the [chairman]  
9 chair. The chair, not less than ninety days after the issuance of the  
10 dormitory authority's annual audit, shall furnish to the president of  
11 the senate and the speaker of the assembly the following reports on the  
12 fund for reopened cases: a revenue and operating expense statement; a  
13 financing plan; a report concerning the assets and liabilities; the  
14 number of agreements to procure management of such claims; the number of  
15 assumption of workers' compensation liability insurance policies  
16 executed selling such claims; the number of claimants remaining in the  
17 fund; the estimated current unfunded liability of the fund with respect  
18 to such claims; and a debt issuance report including but not limited to  
19 (i) pledged assessment revenue and financing coverage, (ii) debt service  
20 maturities, (iii) interest rate exchange or similar agreements, and (iv)  
21 financing and issuance costs.

22 The commissioner of taxation and finance may establish within the fund  
23 for reopened cases such accounts and sub-accounts as he or she deems  
24 useful for the operation of the fund, or as necessary to segregate  
25 moneys within the fund, subject to the provisions of the fund for  
26 reopened cases financing agreement.

27 § 13. Subdivision (i) of section 32 of the workers' compensation law,  
28 as added by chapter 6 of the laws of 2007 and paragraph 5 as further

1 amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 (i) (1) The waiver agreement management office may contract with an  
4 insurance carrier, self-insured employer, state insurance fund or any  
5 third party to assume liability for, manage, administer, or settle  
6 claims on its behalf, so long as (A) such contract is approved by the  
7 special disability fund advisory committee and (B) such [third] party  
8 shall agree to be subject to any guidelines or directives as the chair  
9 may issue.

10 (2) The chair may, with approval of the special disability fund advi-  
11 sory committee and on such terms as the committee deems appropriate,  
12 [shall have discretion to] procure one or more private entities to  
13 assume the liability for and [management, administration or settlement  
14 of] manage, administer or settle all or a portion of the claims in the  
15 special disability fund including, without limitation, by obtaining "an  
16 assumption of workers' compensation liability insurance policy" as  
17 defined for purposes of section sixteen hundred eighty-1 of the public  
18 authorities law. Any such policy shall expressly provide and, notwith-  
19 standing any other provision of law, operate to release from any further  
20 liability (1) the special disability fund and (2) the insurance carrier,  
21 including as the case may be the state insurance fund, originally liable  
22 for any claim covered by the assumption of workers' compensation liabil-  
23 ity insurance policy securing such further and future contingent liabil-  
24 ity as may arise for any such claim, including from prior injuries to  
25 employees and be incurred by reason of any change in the condition of  
26 such employees for payment of additional compensation. Notwithstanding  
27 any other provisions of law, no consultation or approval of any employ-  
28 er, insurance carrier, self-insurer or the state insurance fund shall be

1 required before such office may enter into any such policy or waiver  
2 agreement, or before the board may approve such waiver agreement. Any  
3 such procurement shall be conducted in accordance with state finance  
4 law, except as otherwise set forth below. The chair shall not award any  
5 contract that has not been approved by the special disability fund advi-  
6 sory committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the chair of the workers'  
7 compensation board may, if approved by the special disability fund advi-  
8 sory committee, and on such terms as the committee deems appropriate:

9 (A) waive any informality in a bid, and either reject all bids and  
10 again advertise for bids, or interview at least two responsible quali-  
11 fied bidders and negotiate and enter into a contract with one or more of  
12 such bidders; or

13 (B) group claims to be assigned, in whole or in part, based on the  
14 insurance carrier, self-insured employer or state insurance fund that is  
15 receiving or will receive reimbursement on those claims from the second  
16 disability fund. Such grouping shall be permissible notwithstanding that  
17 any insurance carrier may have greater access to information, or may be  
18 able to provide better terms, in regard to claims so grouped.

19 (3) [Any such contract shall expressly provide that the special disa-  
20 bility fund is no longer liable for the claims covered by the contract,  
21 and require security of either cash, an indemnity policy, or such secu-  
22 rity as is otherwise sufficient to cover any losses incurred as a result  
23 of the failure or default of the entity or entities awarded any such  
24 contract, including as a result of the insolvency of any such entity.  
25 The chair may waive all or part of such security, and may impose other  
26 reasonable methods of insuring payment, upon approval of the special  
27 disability fund advisory committee] Any policy executed by the chair  
28 pursuant to this section shall be in the form of an assumption of work-

1 ers' compensation liability insurance policy securing such further and  
2 future contingent liability as may arise from any claim covered by such  
3 policy, including prior injuries to workers and be incurred by reason of  
4 any change in the condition of such workers warranting the board making  
5 subsequent awards for payment of additional compensation. Such policy  
6 shall be in a form approved by the superintendent of financial services  
7 and issued by the state insurance fund or any insurance company licensed  
8 to issue this class of insurance in this state. In the event that such  
9 policy is issued by an insurance company other than the state insurance  
10 fund, then said policy shall be deemed of the kind specified in para-  
11 graph fifteen of subsection (a) of section one thousand one hundred  
12 thirteen of the insurance law and covered by the workers' compensation  
13 security fund as created and governed by article six-A of this chapter.  
14 Such policy shall only be issued for a single complete premium paid in  
15 advance and in an amount deemed acceptable by the chair and the super-  
16 intendent of financial services. When issued such policy shall be non-  
17 cancellable without recourse for any cause during the continuance of the  
18 liability secured and so covered.

19 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, the waiver  
20 agreement management office may request in writing any information rele-  
21 vant to its entry into or management of waiver agreements from (A) any  
22 insurance carrier, employer, or the state insurance fund, if that entity  
23 has submitted a claim for reimbursement from the special disability fund  
24 as to the claimant to whom the information relates; or (B) the special  
25 funds conservation committee. The party to whom the request is made  
26 shall provide the requested information within fourteen days of the  
27 request, unless before that date it files an objection with the board to  
28 any information which is subject to a recognized privilege or whose

1 production is otherwise barred by law. The objecting party shall provide  
2 the requested information within five business days of the board's  
3 rejection of its objection.

4 (5) No carrier, self-insured employer or the state insurance fund  
5 shall assume the liability for, or management, administration or settle-  
6 ment of any claims under this section on which it holds reserves, beyond  
7 such reserves as are permitted by regulation of the superintendent of  
8 financial services for purposes of this provision. No carrier may assume  
9 liability for any claims in the special disability fund under this para-  
10 graph unless the carrier maintains, on a stand alone basis, separate  
11 from its parent or any affiliated entities, an interactive financial  
12 strength rating from a nationally recognized statistical rating organ-  
13 ization that is considered secure or deemed acceptable by the special  
14 disability fund advisory committee.

15 (6) The director of the budget shall notify in writing the chairs of  
16 the senate finance committee and the assembly ways and means committee  
17 of any plans to transfer all or a portion of the portfolio of claims  
18 determined to be eligible for reimbursement from the special disability  
19 fund or to [contract with any party to take responsibility in whole or  
20 in part for the administration of a material portion of the claims,  
21 including the procurement process to be used to select parties involved  
22 in such transfer or contract] enter into an assumption of workers'  
23 compensation liability insurance policy, not less than forty-five days  
24 prior to the commencement of such process. At any time borrowing is  
25 anticipated to settle claims, the chief executive officer of the dormi-  
26 tory authority of the state of New York and the director of the budget  
27 shall provide a report to the chairs of the senate finance committee and  
28 the assembly ways and means committee on a planned bond sale of the

1 authority and such report shall include, but not be limited to: (A) the  
2 maximum amount of bonds expected to be sold by the authority in  
3 connection with a sale agreement; (B) the expected maximum interest rate  
4 and maturity date of such bonds; (C) the expected amount of the bonds  
5 that will be fixed and/or variable interest rate; (D) the estimated  
6 costs of issuance; (E) the estimated level or levels of reserve fund or  
7 funds, if any; (F) the estimated cost of bond issuance, if any; (G) the  
8 anticipated use or uses of the proceeds; (H) the maximum expected net  
9 proceeds that will be paid to the state as a result of the issuance of  
10 such bonds; and (I) the process to be used to select parties to the  
11 transaction. Any such expectations and estimates in the report shall not  
12 be deemed a substantive limitation on the authority of the dormitory  
13 authority of the state of New York.

14 § 14. Subdivisions 1 and 8 of section 151 of the workers' compensation  
15 law, as added by section 22 of part GG of chapter 57 of the laws of  
16 2013, are amended to read as follows:

17 1. The annual expenses necessary for the board to administer the  
18 provisions of this chapter, the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit  
19 law, the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, the disability benefits  
20 law, and the workmen's compensation act for civil defense volunteers  
21 shall be borne by affected employers securing compensation for their  
22 employees pursuant to section fifty of this chapter. The board shall  
23 collect such annual expenses from affected employers through assessments  
24 as provided by the provisions of this section, including for purposes of  
25 this subdivision: (a) the aggregate assessment amount described in  
26 subparagraph four of paragraph (h) of subdivision eight of section  
27 fifteen of this chapter for the special disability fund in accordance  
28 with each financing agreement described in such subparagraph, (b) the

1 aggregate assessment amount described in section fifty-c of this chapter  
2 for the self-insurer offset fund in accordance with each financing  
3 agreement described in such section, (c) the aggregate assessment amount  
4 described in subdivision three of section twenty-five-a of this chapter  
5 for the fund for reopened cases in accordance with each financing agree-  
6 ment described in such section, and (d) the assessment amount described  
7 in section two hundred fourteen of this chapter for the special fund for  
8 disability benefits; provided, that the foregoing and any other  
9 provision of this chapter to the contrary notwithstanding, assessment  
10 receipts shall be applied first to fully fund the aggregate amount  
11 described in subparagraph four of paragraph (h) of subdivision eight of  
12 section fifteen of this chapter pursuant to a special disability fund  
13 financing agreement entered into by the dormitory authority prior to  
14 March thirty-first, two thousand thirteen pursuant to section sixteen  
15 hundred eighty-1 of the public authorities law, and then to fully fund  
16 the aggregate amount described in subparagraph four of paragraph (h) of  
17 subdivision eight of section fifteen and in subdivision three of section  
18 twenty-five-a of this chapter, and in section fifty-c of this chapter in  
19 accordance with each such then applicable special disability fund  
20 financing agreement entered into by the dormitory authority on or subse-  
21 quent to March thirty-first, two thousand thirteen, pursuant to section  
22 sixteen hundred eighty-1 of the public authorities law, with each such  
23 then applicable fund for reopened cases financing agreement entered into  
24 by the dormitory authority pursuant to such provision or with each then  
25 applicable self-insured bond financing agreement [pursuant to such  
26 provisions] entered into by the dormitory authority pursuant to section  
27 sixteen hundred eighty-1 of the public authorities law, respectively,  
28 prior to application to any other purpose other than to pay any actual

1 costs of collecting such assessment that are not otherwise funded. For  
2 purposes of this section, affected employer means all employers required  
3 to obtain workers' compensation coverage pursuant to this chapter.

4 8. The foregoing and every other [prevision] provision of law to the  
5 contrary notwithstanding, all moneys received on account of the assess-  
6 ment authorized by this section shall be deposited upon receipt into the  
7 administrative clearing account held by the commissioner of taxation and  
8 finance and applied, as pledged assessments for purposes of sections  
9 sixteen hundred eighty-1 and sixteen hundred eighty-q of the public  
10 authorities law and prior to any other application: first, in accordance  
11 with any other provision of any special disability fund financing agree-  
12 ment entered into prior to March thirty-first, two thousand thirteen, to  
13 the extent required to fully fund the then current payment and reserve  
14 requirements under such financing agreement with respect to the bonds  
15 issued by the dormitory authority pursuant to section sixteen hundred  
16 eighty-1 of the public authorities law prior to such date; and second,  
17 in accordance with each special disability fund financing agreement  
18 entered into on or subsequent to March thirty-first, two thousand thir-  
19 teen, each fund for reopened cases financing agreement and each self-in-  
20 sured bond financing agreement, to the extent required to fully fund the  
21 then current payment and reserve requirements under each such financing  
22 agreement [entered into after March thirty-first, two thousand thirteen]  
23 with respect to bonds issued by the dormitory authority pursuant to  
24 either section sixteen hundred eighty-1 or section sixteen hundred  
25 eighty-q of the public authorities law, on a pari passu basis without  
26 preference or priority among all such other bonds. Such monies shall not  
27 be commingled with any other monies in the commissioner's custody prior  
28 to the completion of such application and shall not be deemed to be part

1 of the state treasury or of any funds under management of the state or  
2 be deemed money of the state or money under control of the state. This  
3 section shall not be deemed to authorize any infringement upon the  
4 rights of holders of such bonds issued or to be issued under such  
5 sections of the public authorities law. The provisions of this section  
6 may be included by the dormitory authority in any contract with the  
7 holders of any such bonds. The operation of this section and the appli-  
8 cation of the receipts of the assessment authorized by this section  
9 shall be subject to the provisions of each financing agreement author-  
10 ized pursuant to subparagraph four of paragraph (h) of subdivision eight  
11 of section fifteen [or to] of this chapter, section fifty-c of this  
12 chapter, or subdivision three of section twenty-five-a of this chapter  
13 and this section shall not be deemed to authorize any infringement upon  
14 the rights of holders of bonds issued or to be issued pursuant to either  
15 such provision.

16 § 15. Subdivision 3 of section 25 of the workers' compensation law is  
17 amended by adding a new paragraph (g) to read as follows:

18 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter, the chair may  
19 by regulation elect to establish a performance standard concerning the  
20 subject of any penalty or assessment provision applicable to an insur-  
21 ance carrier or self-insured employer, where such penalty or assessment  
22 is remittable to the New York state treasury, or chair, but not to  
23 claimants or any other payee or fund, and impose a single penalty or  
24 assessment upon the failure to meet that promulgated standard, with  
25 notice to the carrier or self-insured employer. The penalty or assess-  
26 ment imposed in the aggregate shall be payable to the chair. Such aggre-  
27 gate penalty or assessment imposed in the aggregate shall be payable to  
28 the chair. Such aggregate penalty or assessment shall be based upon the

number of violations as multiplied against the applicable penalty or assessment, but may be negotiated by the chair's designee in full satisfaction of the penalty or assessment. A final agreement between the chair's designee and the carrier or self-insured employer may be submitted and approved subject to section thirty-two of this article, without notice to any claimant. Any aggregate penalty or assessment issued in this section shall be issued administratively, and the chair may, by regulation, specify the method of review or redetermination, and the presentment of evidence and objections shall occur solely upon the documentation. The carrier or self-insured employer shall receive credit for any instances in which the aggregate penalty or assessment is inclusive of a penalty or assessment previously issued and paid in an individual claim or proceeding. A final determination is subject to review under section twenty-three of this article, except that no stay in payment of the penalty or assessment shall apply pending the outcome of the application for administrative review. Failure to pay the finally determined penalty or assessment, or the penalty or assessment agreed upon pursuant to section thirty-two of this article, within ten days of filing, shall result in the imposition of a twenty percent penalty, payable to the chair. In the event of the carrier or self-insured employer instituting or continuing an issue without reasonable grounds, the provisions of subdivision three of section one hundred fourteen-a of this chapter shall be applicable.

§ 16. Subparagraph (c) of paragraph 7 of subdivision 3-a of section 50 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by section 4 of part R of chapter 56 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Upon the assumption of the assets and liabilities of a group self-insurer by the chair or his or her designee pursuant to regulation of

1 the chair, all records, documents and files of whatever nature, pertain-  
2 ing to the group self-insurer, including but not limited to any procure-  
3 ment records of the group self-insurer with respect to an assumption of  
4 workers' compensation liability insurance policy, be they in the  
5 possession of the group self-insurer or a third party, and all remaining  
6 assets of the group self-insurer, shall become the property of the  
7 chair. All custodians of such records and/or funds shall turn over to  
8 the chair or his designee all such original records upon demand.

9 § 17. Subdivision 3 of section 50 of the workers' compensation law, as  
10 amended by section 3 of part G of chapter 57 of the laws of 2011 and the  
11 closing paragraph as further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter  
12 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

13 3. By furnishing satisfactory proof to the chair of his financial  
14 ability to pay such compensation for himself, [or to pay such compen-  
15 sation on behalf of a group of employers in accordance with subdivision  
16 ten of this section, in which case the chair shall require the] in which  
17 case all eligible individual self-insured employers shall collectively  
18 secure their liability for the payment of workers' compensation obli-  
19 gations through participation in the pooled individual self-insured  
20 employer fund. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the  
21 chair shall, by regulation, set minimum credit, financial, or other  
22 conditions that an individual self-insured employer must meet in order  
23 to participate in the pooled security system. In the event any existing  
24 individual self-insured employer is unable to meet the conditions set by  
25 the chair, the existing individual self-insured employer shall be  
26 excluded from participation in the pooled individual self-insured  
27 employer fund and the existing individual self-insured employer shall  
28 post a separate security deposit in the manner provided by paragraph (h)

1 of this subdivision. The chair shall promulgate regulations requiring  
2 the chair to set an aggregate security requirement for all individual  
3 self-insured employers participating in the pooled individual self-in-  
4 sured employer fund based on a review of all participating individual  
5 self-insured employers annual reports and any other information as may  
6 be specified by the chair. The chair shall procure and maintain in the  
7 pooled individual self-insured employer fund a combination of cash and  
8 investment securities satisfactory to provide adequate security to  
9 secure the payment of the aggregate workers' compensation obligations of  
10 all individual self-insured employers participating in the fund as well  
11 as any amounts as may be reasonably necessary to pay for the administra-  
12 tive and other activities of the fund. This amount shall be known as the  
13 aggregate pooled security amount. Each participating individual self-in-  
14 sured employer shall pay the initial entry fee required herein during  
15 their first year of participation in the fund. This amount shall be  
16 known as the pool deposit fee. Thereafter, on an annual basis, the chair  
17 shall evaluate the condition and sufficiency of the aggregate pooled  
18 security amount. Where necessary, the chair shall require each partic-  
19 ipating individual self-insured employer to pay a participation fee, on  
20 a pro rata basis, sufficient to bring the pooled individual self-insured  
21 employer fund up to the aggregate pooled security amount. This amount  
22 shall be known as the pool participation fee. A participating individual  
23 self-insured employer's obligation to pay either the pool deposit fee or  
24 subsequent pool participation fees shall continue, regardless of the  
25 individual self-insured employer's cessation of participation in the  
26 pooled individual self-insured employer fund, for so long as the former  
27 self-insured employer shall continue to have workers' compensation obli-

1 gations attributable to its period of participation in the pooled indi-  
2 vidual self-insured employer fund.

3 (a) In order to provide for the aggregate pooled security amount, each  
4 participating individual self-insured employer shall pay to the chair  
5 its pool deposit fee and any annual pool participation fee within thirty  
6 days of demand by the chair. The amount of the pool deposit fee and pool  
7 participation fee paid by each participating individual self-insured  
8 employer shall be set by the chair, based on his or her reasonable  
9 consideration, of all the following factors:

10 (i) The total amount needed to provide the pooled security deposit  
11 amount;

12 (ii) The individual self-insured employer's paid or incurred liabil-  
13 ities as reflected in its annual report;

14 (iii) The financial strength and creditworthiness of the individual  
15 self-insured employer;

16 (iv) Any other reasonable factors as may be authorized by regulation.

17 (b) Within thirty (30) business days of the participating individual  
18 self-insured employer paying its pool deposit fee, the chair shall  
19 release the security deposit posted by the self-insured employer and  
20 held by the chair pursuant to paragraph (h) of this section. Upon  
21 payment of the pool deposit fee and any subsequent pool participation  
22 fees, and except as provided herein, the individual self-insured employ-  
23 er loses all right, title, and interest in the pool deposit fee and pool  
24 participation fee. To the extent that in any one year the pool deposit  
25 fee or pool participation fee paid by all participating individual self-  
26 insurers is not exhausted in the purchase of investment securities  
27 obtained by the chair as part of the aggregate pooled security amount,  
28 the surplus shall remain with the chair and the principal and interest

1 earned on that surplus shall be used to reduce any future pool fees in  
2 subsequent years.

3 (c) If any participating individual self-insured employer objects to  
4 the calculation, posting, or any other aspect of its pool fees, upon  
5 payment of the pool fee in the time provided, the employer shall have  
6 the right to appeal the pool fee to the chair, who shall have exclusive  
7 jurisdiction over this dispute. If any participating individual self-in-  
8 sured employer fails to pay either its pool deposit fee or pool partic-  
9 ipation fee in the time provided, the employer shall: (i) be removed  
10 from the pooled individual self-insured employer fund; and (ii) pay a  
11 penalty of not less than ten (10) percent nor more than thirty (30)  
12 percent of its pool fee. The penalty shall be paid directly to the  
13 pooled individual self-insured employer fund. In the event that the  
14 self-insured employer fails or neglects to pay the penalty within thirty  
15 days, the employer shall be deemed in default in the payment of compen-  
16 sation to its employees and the chair may file a judgment against the  
17 self-insured employer, pursuant to the provisions of section twenty-six  
18 of this chapter, in the amount of the unpaid penalty. The chair may also  
19 revoke the authorization to self-insure of any individual self-insured  
20 employer who fails to pay a pool fee in the time provided in which case  
21 the employer must insure the payment of such compensation in the state  
22 fund or with any stock corporation, mutual corporation or reciprocal  
23 insurer authorized to transact the business of workers' compensation  
24 insurance in this state through a policy issued under the law of this  
25 state within thirty days.

26 (d) Upon the chair's posting of the aggregate pooled security amount  
27 in the pooled individual self-insured employer fund, said security shall  
28 be held until the chair determines that a participating individual self-

1 insured employer has failed or neglected to meet its workers' compen-  
2 sation obligations as required by this chapter, and the chair orders the  
3 pooled individual self-insured employer fund to commence payment of such  
4 unmet self-insurance obligations. Upon ordering the pooled individual  
5 self-insured employer fund to commence payment, the chair shall utilize  
6 the aggregate pooled security amount necessary to meet the workers'  
7 compensation obligations of the defaulting participating individual  
8 self-insured employer. In the event additional funds are needed in  
9 future years to meet the workers' compensation obligations of any former  
10 participating individual self-insured employer, who thereafter defaults  
11 with respect to its obligations incurred during its period of partic-  
12 ipation in the pooled individual self-insured employer fund, the chair  
13 shall make available to the pooled individual self-insured employer fund  
14 any portions of the aggregate pooled security amount as may be needed to  
15 pay those benefits. In the discretion of the chair, in the event that  
16 the obligations associated with the default of participating individual  
17 self-insured employers are such that they jeopardize the solvency of the  
18 pooled individual self-insured employer fund, the chair may issue bonds,  
19 consistent with section sixteen hundred eighty-q of the public authori-  
20 ties law, to meet such unmet obligations of self-insured employers.

21 (e) The cash portion of the aggregate pooled security amount shall be  
22 segregated from all other funds held by the chair, and shall be invested  
23 by the chair for the sole benefit of the pooled individual self-insured  
24 employer fund, and may not be used for any other purpose by the state.  
25 The commissioner of tax and finance shall be the custodian of the pooled  
26 individual self-insured employer fund.

27 (f) The chair shall implement the provisions of this subdivision by  
28 promulgating rules and regulations but no such rules or regulations

1 shall be necessary for any provision of this subdivision to be effec-  
2 tive.

3 (g) For those individual employers self-insuring pursuant to paragraph  
4 (h) of this subdivision, said employers shall also pay an annual fee to  
5 the chair for deposit into the pooled individual self-insurance fund.  
6 The chair shall calculate this annual fee in the same manner as pool  
7 fees set forth above.

8 (h) For those employers who self-insured individually as of the effec-  
9 tive date of the pooled individual self-insured employer fund but which  
10 do not meet the qualifications for participation therein, such individ-  
11 ual self-insured employer shall deposit with the chair of such securi-  
12 ties as the chair may deem necessary of the kind prescribed in subdivi-  
13 sions one, two, three, four and five, and subparagraph (a) of paragraph  
14 three of subdivision seven of section two hundred thirty-five of the  
15 banking law, or the deposit of cash, or the filing of irrevocable  
16 letters of credit issued by a qualified banking institution as defined  
17 by rules promulgated by the chair or the filing of a bond of a surety  
18 company authorized to transact business in this state, in an amount to  
19 be determined by the chair, or the posting and filing as aforesaid of a  
20 combination of such securities, cash, irrevocable letters of credit and  
21 surety bond in an amount to be determined by the chair, to secure his  
22 liability to pay the compensation provided in this chapter. Any such  
23 surety bond must be approved as to form by the chair. If an employer [or  
24 group of employers] posts and files a combination of securities, cash,  
25 irrevocable letters of credit and surety bond as aforesaid, and if it  
26 becomes necessary to use the same to pay the compensation provided in  
27 this chapter, the chair shall first use such securities or cash or irre-  
28 vocable letters of credit and, when the full amount thereof has been

1 exhausted, he shall then require the surety to pay forthwith to the  
2 chair all or any part of the penal sum of the bond for that purpose. The  
3 chair may also require an agreement on the part of the employer [or  
4 group of employers] to pay any awards commuted under section twenty-sev-  
5 en of this chapter, into the special fund of the state fund, as a condi-  
6 tion of his being allowed to remain [uninsured] self-insured pursuant to  
7 this section. The chair shall have the authority to deny the application  
8 of an employer [or group of employers] to pay such compensation for  
9 himself or to revoke his consent furnished, under this section at any  
10 time, for good cause shown. [The] An individual employer [or group of  
11 employers] qualifying under this subdivision shall be known as [a] an  
12 individual self-insurer.

13 If for any reason the status of an employer [or group of employers]  
14 under this subdivision is terminated, the securities or the surety bond,  
15 or the securities, cash, or irrevocable letters of credit and surety  
16 bond, on deposit referred to herein shall remain in the custody of the  
17 chair for such time as the chair may deem proper and warranted under the  
18 circumstances. In lieu thereof, and at the discretion of the chair, the  
19 employer, his or her heirs or assigns or others carrying on or liquidat-  
20 ing such business, may execute an assumption of workers' compensation  
21 liability insurance policy securing such further and future contingent  
22 liability as may arise from prior injuries to workers and be incurred by  
23 reason of any change in condition of such workers warranting the board  
24 making subsequent awards for payment of additional compensation. Such  
25 policy shall be in a form approved by the superintendent of financial  
26 services and issued by the state fund or any insurance company licensed  
27 to issue this class of insurance in this state. In the event that such  
28 policy is issued by an insurance company other than the state fund, then

1 said policy shall be deemed of the kind specified in paragraph fifteen  
2 of subsection (a) of section one thousand one hundred thirteen of the  
3 insurance law and covered by the workers' compensation security fund as  
4 created and governed by article six-A of this chapter. It shall only be  
5 issued for a single complete premium payment in advance by the employer  
6 [or group of employers] and in an amount deemed acceptable by the chair  
7 and the superintendent of financial services. In lieu of the applicable  
8 premium charge ordinarily required to be imposed by a carrier, said  
9 premium shall include a surcharge in an amount to be determined by the  
10 chair to: (i) satisfy all assessment liability due and owing to the  
11 board and/or the chair under this chapter; and (ii) satisfy all future  
12 assessment liability under this section[, and which surcharge shall be  
13 adjusted from time to time to reflect any changes to the assessment of  
14 group self-insured employers, including any changes enacted by the chap-  
15 ter of the laws of two thousand eleven amending sections fifteen and one  
16 hundred fifty-one of this chapter]. Said surcharge shall be payable to  
17 the board simultaneous to the execution of the assumption of workers'  
18 compensation liability insurance policy. However, the payment of said  
19 surcharge does not relieve the carrier from any other liability, includ-  
20 ing liability owed to the superintendent of financial services pursuant  
21 to article six-A of this chapter. When issued such policy shall be non-  
22 cancellable without recourse for any cause during the continuance of the  
23 liability secured and so covered.

24 (i) There is established an advisory committee for the pooled employer  
25 fund whose membership shall consist of the chair or his or her designee,  
26 four representatives of individual self-insurers nominated by the New  
27 York state self-insurance association and approved by the chair, and  
28 four members to be appointed by the governor as follows: one upon nomi-

1 nation of the speaker of the assembly, one upon nomination of the presi-  
2 dent of the senate, and two others without limitation. The advisory  
3 committee shall meet no less than annually and shall prepare a report  
4 available to the public for inspection on or before February first, of  
5 each year making recommendations concerning:

6 (i) the standards for participation in the pool;

7 (ii) the adequacy of the funding of the pool;

8 (iii) payment of claims insured by defaulted pool participants;

9 (iv) the long term viability of the pool; and

10 (v) such other topics related to the pool as the advisory committee  
11 may deem necessary.

12 § 18. Paragraphs c, f, and g of subdivision 5 of section 50 of the  
13 workers' compensation law, as amended by chapter 139 of the laws of  
14 2008, are amended to read as follows:

15 c. (1) The chair and the department of audit and control as soon as  
16 practicable after May first, nineteen hundred sixty, and annually there-  
17 after, as soon as practicable after April first in each succeeding year,  
18 shall ascertain the total amount of net expenses, including (a) adminis-  
19 trative expenses, which shall include the direct costs of personal  
20 services, the cost of maintenance and operation, the cost of retirement  
21 contributions made and workers' compensation premiums paid by the State  
22 for or on account of personnel, rentals for space occupied in state  
23 owned or state leased buildings, and (b) all direct or indirect costs  
24 incurred by the board during the preceding fiscal year in carrying out  
25 the provisions of subdivision three and three-a of this section except  
26 those expenses associated with the pooled individual self-insured  
27 employers fund. Such expenses shall be adjusted quarterly to reflect  
28 any change in circumstances, and shall be assessed against all private

1 self-insured employers, including for this purpose active and terminated  
2 group self-insurers, active individual self-insured employers, and indi-  
3 vidual self-insured employers who have ceased to exercise the privilege  
4 of self-insurance including those individual self-insured employers  
5 participating in the pooled individual self-insured employers fund.

6 (2) Such expenses shall be assessed against all self-insurers includ-  
7 ing for this purpose employers who have ceased to exercise the privilege  
8 of self-insurance. The basis of apportionment of the assessment against  
9 each self-insurer shall be a sum equal to that proportion of the amount  
10 which the indemnity payment for each self-insurer bore to the total  
11 indemnity payments for all self-insurers for the calendar year which  
12 ended within the preceding state fiscal year. All such assessments when  
13 collected shall be deposited into a fund which shall be used to reim-  
14 burse the appropriations theretofore made by the state for the payment  
15 of the expenses of administering this chapter.

16 [(3) Pure premium for assessments made prior to January first, two  
17 thousand nine against individual and group self-insurers who ceased to  
18 self-insure shall be based on payroll at the time the individual or  
19 group self-insurer has ceased to self-insure, reduced by a factor  
20 reflecting the reduction in the group or individual self-insurer's self-  
21 insurance liabilities since ceasing to self-insure.]

22 f. Whenever the chair shall determine that the compensation and bene-  
23 fits provided by this chapter may be unpaid by reason of the default of  
24 an insolvent private self-insured employer, including a private group  
25 self-insurer, except an individual self-insured employer participating  
26 in the pooled individual self-insured employers fund, the chair shall  
27 pay such compensation and benefits from administration expenses as  
28 provided in section one hundred fifty-one of this chapter upon audit and

1 warrant of the comptroller upon vouchers approved by the chair. Such  
2 payments shall be considered expenses of administration. The chair shall  
3 be reimbursed therefor from the surety bond, cash or securities held or,  
4 if such surety bond, securities or cash is insufficient, by the employ-  
5 er, its receiver, liquidator, rehabilitator or trustee in bankruptcy.  
6 All moneys reimbursed to the chair or recovered by the chair in an  
7 action or proceeding to secure such reimbursement shall forthwith be  
8 applied as a credit against the expenses on which the assessment levied  
9 upon all private self-insured employers, in accordance with paragraphs c  
10 and e of this subdivision, is calculated.

11 g. Whenever the chair shall determine that the compensation and bene-  
12 fits provided by this chapter may be unpaid by reason of the default of  
13 an insolvent private self-insured employer, including a private group  
14 self-insurer, except an individual self-insured employer participating  
15 in the pooled individual self-insured employers fund, the chair shall  
16 levy an assessment against all private self-insured employers, including  
17 private group self-insurers, in accordance with paragraphs c and e of  
18 this subdivision to assure prompt payment of such compensation and bene-  
19 fits. Whenever compensation and benefits are unpaid by reason of such  
20 default, the chair shall promptly pay such compensation and benefits  
21 from administration expenses as provided in section one hundred fifty-  
22 one of this chapter upon audit and warrant of the comptroller upon  
23 vouchers approved by the chair. Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude  
24 the chair from recovering the moneys it expends from its administrative  
25 expenses against the defaulted individual self-insurer, or the members  
26 of the defaulted group self-insurer, as otherwise permitted by this  
27 chapter.

1     § 19. Section 134 of the workers' compensation law is amended by  
2 adding a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

3     5. In accordance with rules adopted by the department of labor in  
4 consultation with the department of financial services and the workers'  
5 compensation board and upon receipt of the written notification set  
6 forth in subdivision two of this section, the employer's name and other  
7 relevant information shall be added to a published list of all employers  
8 whose most recent annual payroll is in excess of eight hundred thousand  
9 dollars and whose most recent experience rating exceeds the level of  
10 1.2. No employer shall be removed from such list until such time as the  
11 employer submits to the department of labor the certification of  
12 completion of the workplace safety and loss prevention program  
13 prescribed herein. Insurers that issue workers' compensation coverage  
14 shall consult such list prior to issuing a policy and shall, if applica-  
15 ble, impose the surcharge of the employer's manual rate premium in  
16 accordance with subdivision three of this section measured from the date  
17 of written notification in subdivision two of this section.

18     § 20. Section 140 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by  
19 chapter 57 of the laws of 1951, is amended to read as follows:

20     § 140. [Workmen's] Workers' compensation board. The [workmen's] work-  
21 ers' compensation board in the department of labor is hereby continued.  
22 Such board shall consist of [thirteen] seven members, at least [four]  
23 three of whom shall be attorneys and counsellors-at-law duly admitted to  
24 practice in this state. The members of the board shall be appointed by  
25 the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate. The  
26 members of the board in office, together with the additional members and  
27 the members appointed to fill vacancies, if any, at the time this  
28 section takes effect, shall continue, notwithstanding the appointment of

1 any of the members for a term expiring on a different date, to hold  
2 office for terms to be assigned by the governor by and with the advice  
3 and consent of the senate[; two such terms to expire on December thir-  
4 ty-first, nineteen hundred fifty; two to expire on December thirty-  
5 first, nineteen hundred fifty-one; two to expire on December thirty-  
6 first, nineteen hundred fifty-two; two to expire on December  
7 thirty-first, nineteen hundred fifty-three; two to expire on December  
8 thirty-first, nineteen hundred fifty-four; two to expire on December  
9 thirty-first, nineteen hundred fifty-five; and one to expire on December  
10 thirty-first, nineteen hundred fifty-six. The]. Upon the expiration of a  
11 seven year term, the members next appointed, except to fill a vacancy  
12 created otherwise than by expiration of term, shall be appointed for  
13 terms of seven years. The governor shall designate one of the members of  
14 the board as chairman and another as vice-chairman.

15 § 21. Section 142 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chap-  
16 ter 74 of the laws of 1945, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 608 of  
17 the laws of 1989, the opening paragraph of subdivision 2 as amended by  
18 section 12 of part GG of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, section 5 as  
19 amended by chapter 924 of the laws of 1990, subdivision 6 as added by  
20 chapter 635 of the laws of 1996 and subdivision 7 as added by chapter  
21 452 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

22 § 142. General powers and duties of the [workmen's] workers' compen-  
23 sation board. 1. The [workmen's] workers' compensation board shall have  
24 power to hear and determine all claims for compensation or benefits or  
25 relating to special funds created under the provisions of this chapter,  
26 in the manner provided by this chapter; to require medical service for  
27 injured employees as provided by this chapter; to approve and fix attor-  
28 ney's fees and claims for medical service to the extent provided in this

1 chapter; to excuse failure to give notice either of injury or death of  
2 an employee, to approve agreements, to modify or rescind awards, to make  
3 conclusions of fact and rulings of law, to certify questions to the  
4 appellate division of the supreme court, to enter orders in appealed  
5 cases, to determine the time for the payment of compensation, to order  
6 the reimbursement of employers for amounts advanced, to assess penal-  
7 ties, to commute awards, to compromise actions for the collection of  
8 awards, to require or permit employers to deposit the present value of  
9 awards in the aggregate trust fund of the state fund, to determine by  
10 rule the assignment of a minor's right to sue a third party, to require  
11 guardianship for minor dependents, to hear and determine claims under  
12 the occupational disease act, to order physical examinations, to take  
13 testimony by depositions; and to have and exercise all other powers and  
14 duties, exclusive of purely administrative functions, originally  
15 conferred or imposed upon the [workmen's] workers' compensation commis-  
16 sion by this chapter, or by any other statute, and by chapter six  
17 hundred and seventy-four of the laws of nineteen hundred fifteen  
18 conferred and imposed upon the industrial commission, and by chapter  
19 fifty of the laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one conferred and imposed  
20 upon the industrial board. For the purpose of exercising such powers and  
21 performing such duties, the [workmen's] workers' compensation board  
22 shall be deemed to be a continuation of the industrial board provided  
23 for by the provisions of the labor law; and all proceedings under this  
24 chapter pending before such board are hereby transferred to the [work-  
25 men's] workers' compensation board without prejudice to the rights of  
26 any party to such proceeding.

27 The [workmen's] workers' compensation board, subject to the provisions  
28 of this chapter and of the provisions of the labor law as to the

1 distribution of functions, shall succeed to all the rights, powers,  
2 duties and obligations of the department of labor, the industrial  
3 commissioner and the industrial board, in so far as they relate to  
4 [workmen's] workers' compensation, as heretofore constituted, except  
5 such as are vested in the chairman of the board by this article and  
6 except with respect to article six of this chapter.

7 Whenever the term "industrial board" or the "chairman" or "vice-chair-  
8 man" thereof appears in this chapter or in the provisions of the labor  
9 law after the time this article takes effect, it shall be construed to  
10 mean the [workmen's] workers' compensation board or the chairman there-  
11 of, as created by the provisions of this chapter, as may be required by  
12 the context unless the contrary shall be indicated.

13 2. [Any] Except as set forth in subdivision three of this section, any  
14 review, hearing, rehearing, inquiry or investigation required or author-  
15 ized to be conducted or made by the workers' compensation board may be  
16 conducted or made by any panel of the board consisting of not less than  
17 three members thereof, and the order, decision or determination of a  
18 majority of the members of a panel shall be deemed the order, decision  
19 or determination of the board from the date of filing thereof with the  
20 secretary of the board, unless the board on its own motion, or on appli-  
21 cation by a party in interest for a full board review made in accordance  
22 with section twenty-three of this chapter, shall modify or rescind such  
23 order, decision or determination. [Four panels shall be constituted at  
24 all times, and the chair shall assign the members to the panels upon  
25 which they shall serve.] At least one member on each panel shall be an  
26 attorney and counsellor-at-law, but the absence of an attorney on any  
27 panel shall not invalidate the order, decision or determination of a  
28 majority of the members of the panel if at least two affirmative votes

1 are cast in favor of such action. The panels shall be constituted so  
2 that the members of the board shall alternate in their periods of  
3 service together thereon. Whenever a number of proceedings remains pend-  
4 ing before the board for a period in excess of thirty days, members of  
5 the board shall hold hearings and otherwise act in the discharge of  
6 their duties evenings and at other convenient times on all days of the  
7 week except Sundays, in addition to the times when they would perform  
8 such duties in the ordinary conduct of the business of the board, in  
9 order to expedite the disposal thereof. The chair may and shall, when  
10 directed by the governor, prescribe the hours and the times for such  
11 additional performance of duty by the members of the board and the peri-  
12 od or periods for the continuance thereof.

13 3. The chair of the board, or chair's designee, may designate any  
14 board employee who is licensed to practice law in the state of New York  
15 or a single board member to conduct an appellate rehearing or review of  
16 any order, decision or determination which resolves any issues, other  
17 than the determination of compensability in a controverted claim and  
18 reverse, modify or affirm such order, decision or determination. In the  
19 absence of a designation, and in the case of the determinations  
20 mentioned above, the rehearing or review shall be conducted by a three-  
21 member panel of board members. Discretion as to designations is solely  
22 with the chair or the chair's designee, and shall not be based upon the  
23 request of any party, nor shall any designation be subject to review  
24 under section twenty-three of this chapter. The order, decision, or  
25 determination issued by any such designated board employee or board  
26 member on such a claim shall be deemed the order, decision, or determi-  
27 nation of the board from the date of the filing thereof in the office of  
28 the secretary of the board unless the board, on its own motion or on

1 application duly made to it, modify or rescind such decision. The chair  
2 may promulgate rules, or the board may promulgate a subject number,  
3 regarding rehearing and review designations under this subdivision.

4 Notwithstanding any provision in this section to the contrary, a  
5 member of the board may be designated by the chair to act individually  
6 in the hearing and determination of any claim under this chapter, or  
7 conduct any investigation, hearing or inquiry hereunder, or review and  
8 rescind any order, decision or determination upon any claim and restore  
9 such claim for further trial hearing and evidence or consideration  
10 except that such member may not conduct any appellate rehearing of any  
11 case or otherwise review any order, decision or determination upon any  
12 claim and reverse, modify or affirm such order, decision or determi-  
13 nation which by the provisions of this section shall be reheard or  
14 reviewed by the board or a panel thereof.

15 [3.] 4. The members of the [workmen's] workers' compensation board, a  
16 referee or any other officer or employee of the board if duly authorized  
17 by the chairman, may administer oaths and take affidavits in matters  
18 relating to the provisions of this chapter.

19 The members of the [workmen's] workers' compensation board, the refer-  
20 ees and any other officer of the board designated by the chairman, shall  
21 have power:

22 a. To issue subpoenas for and compel the attendance of witnesses and  
23 the production of books, contracts, papers, documents and other  
24 evidence;

25 b. To hear testimony and take or cause to be taken depositions of  
26 witnesses residing within or without this state in the manner prescribed  
27 by law for like depositions in civil actions in the supreme court.

1 Subpoenas and commissions to take testimony shall be issued under the  
2 seal of the board.

3 [4.] 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, neither the  
4 industrial commissioner nor any board or other agency of the department  
5 of labor shall in any way direct, review, modify or reverse any decision  
6 or finding of the board nor shall the industrial commissioner or any  
7 board or other agency of the department of labor supervise or control  
8 the board or its members in the exercise of any powers or in the  
9 performance of any duties under this chapter.

10 [5.] 6. The workers' compensation board shall keep an accurate record  
11 of all hearings held. Where the decision of a referee is affirmed by the  
12 board upon review, or where the decision is modified in part, but is  
13 affirmed as to the substantial portion of issues raised upon the appli-  
14 cation for review or if review is denied, the board shall assess against  
15 each insurance carrier or employer seeking such review the sum of one  
16 hundred fifty dollars and may assess against any other party the sum of  
17 twenty dollars. The amount so secured from these assessments shall be  
18 paid into the state treasury.

19 [6.] 7. The workers' compensation board shall not release any informa-  
20 tion acquired pursuant to section five hundred thirty-seven of the labor  
21 law and section one hundred seventy-one-a of the tax law unless the  
22 release of such information is required to further fraud control activ-  
23 ities undertaken by the workers' compensation board pursuant to this  
24 chapter, in which case release of such information shall be subject to  
25 the restrictions contained in section five hundred thirty-seven of the  
26 labor law and section one hundred seventy-one-a of the tax law.

27 [7.] 8. Where there has been a motor vehicle accident which caused  
28 personal injury and there is a dispute as to whether the injury occurred

1 in the course of employment, the workers' compensation board shall,  
2 after notice to the no-fault carrier and the workers' compensation  
3 carrier, hold an expedited hearing on the issue of whether the accident  
4 occurred during the course of employment.

5 § 22. Subdivision 6 of section 151 of the workers' compensation law is  
6 amended by adding a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) Effective immediately, notwithstanding any law to the contrary,  
8 pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the assessment reserves  
9 remitted to the chair pursuant to this paragraph shall, at the request  
10 of the director of the budget, be distributed as follows:

11 (i) Effective immediately, the chair of the workers' compensation  
12 board shall authorize the board to expend up to sixty million dollars to  
13 implement infrastructure and system upgrades consistent with recommenda-  
14 tions of the workers' compensation board redesign and reengineering  
15 project.

16 (ii) Effective immediately, the chair of the workers' compensation  
17 board shall authorize the board to expend up to fifty million dollars  
18 for: (A) transfer into the training and educational program on occupa-  
19 tional safety and health fund created pursuant to chapter eight hundred  
20 eighty-six of the laws of nineteen hundred eighty-five and section nine-  
21 ty-seven-c of the state finance law; (B) the department of labor occupa-  
22 tional safety and health program; (C) transfer into the uninsured  
23 employers' fund pursuant to subdivision two of section twenty-six-a of  
24 this chapter in connection with payment of claims made pursuant to arti-  
25 cle eight-A of this chapter; (D) a reduction in liabilities of the  
26 special disability fund pursuant to subdivision eight of section fifteen  
27 of this chapter and/or the fund for reopened cases pursuant to section  
28 twenty-five-a of this chapter; and/or (E) transfer to or payment on

1 behalf of the superintendent of financial services for costs associated  
2 with the implementation of the paid family leave act of article nine of  
3 this chapter.

4 (iii) As soon as practicable on or after April first, two thousand  
5 sixteen, the chair of the workers' compensation board shall transfer one  
6 hundred forty million dollars to the state insurance fund, for partial  
7 payment and partial satisfaction of the state's obligations to the state  
8 insurance fund under workers' compensation law section eighty-eight-c  
9 for two thousand sixteen.

10 (iv) As soon as practicable on or after April first, two thousand  
11 seventeen, the chair of the workers' compensation board shall transfer  
12 one hundred million dollars to the state insurance fund, for partial  
13 payment and partial satisfaction of the state's obligations to the state  
14 insurance fund under workers' compensation law section eighty-eight-c  
15 for two thousand seventeen.

16 (v) As soon as practicable on or after April first, two thousand eigh-  
17 teen, the chair of the workers' compensation board shall transfer one  
18 hundred million dollars to the state insurance fund, for partial payment  
19 and partial satisfaction of the state's obligations to the state insur-  
20 ance fund under workers' compensation law section eighty-eight-c for two  
21 thousand eighteen.

22 (vi) As soon as practicable on or after April first, two thousand  
23 nineteen, the chair of the workers' compensation board shall transfer  
24 thirty-five million dollars to the state insurance fund, for partial  
25 payment and partial satisfaction of the state's obligations to the state  
26 insurance fund under workers' compensation law section eighty-eight-c  
27 for two thousand nineteen.

1 Any and all funds remaining after accounting for the transfers and  
2 expenditures set forth above may, at the discretion of the director of  
3 the budget, either remain with the workers' compensation board or be  
4 transferred to the general fund for the purpose of reducing budget gaps.

5 Annually, the workers' compensation board will provide to the director  
6 of the budget, the chair of the senate finance committee, and the chair  
7 of the assembly ways and means committee, an accounting of such funds  
8 and all associated income received. Such accounting will continue until  
9 March thirty-first, two thousand twenty.

10 § 23. Section 167 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chap-  
11 ter 446 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

12 § 167. Claims of volunteers. For persons who participated in World  
13 Trade Center rescue, recovery and clean-up operations as volunteers, the  
14 uninsured employers' fund shall be deemed to be the employer [only] for  
15 the purposes of administering and paying claims pursuant to this arti-  
16 cle. Benefits under this chapter shall be payable to such volunteers  
17 [only] in the first instance and to the extent that funds are available  
18 out of funds appropriated to the United States Department of Labor under  
19 Public Law 109-148 to reimburse the uninsured employer's fund for the  
20 payment of such benefits and thereafter from the uninsured employers'  
21 fund. The uninsured employers' fund shall not pay for volunteers'  
22 medical treatment unless such medical expenses have been denied by the  
23 World Trade Center Health Organization.

24 § 24. Subdivision 2 of section 354 of the workers' compensation law,  
25 as added by chapter 635 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as  
26 follows:

27 2. An employee , not subject to a collective bargaining agreement or  
28 subject to a collective bargaining agreement dated on or after April

1 first, two thousand sixteen, may seek medical treatment from outside the  
2 preferred provider organization [thirty] one hundred and twenty days  
3 after his or her first visit to a preferred provider organization  
4 provider. In the event that such employee seeks medical treatment  
5 outside the preferred provider organization the employer may require a  
6 second opinion from a provider within the preferred provider organiza-  
7 tion. For collective bargaining agreements entered into before April  
8 first, two thousand sixteen, the employee may seek medical treatment  
9 from outside a preferred provider organization thirty days after his or  
10 her first visit with the preferred provider organization.

11 § 25. Paragraphs 1 and 2 and subparagraph (a) of paragraph 5 of subdi-  
12 vision 3-a of section 50 of the workers' compensation law, paragraph 1  
13 and subparagraph (a) of paragraph 5 as amended by chapter 139 of the  
14 laws of 2008 and paragraph 2 as amended by section 4 of part G of chap-  
15 ter 57 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

16 (1) Definitions. As used in this chapter the term "employers" shall  
17 include: (a) employers with related activity in a given industry [which  
18 shall include municipal corporations as that term is defined in sections  
19 two and six-n of the general municipal law,] employing persons who  
20 perform work in connection with the given industry, (b) an incorporated  
21 or unincorporated association or associations consisting exclusively of  
22 such employers provided they employ persons who perform such related  
23 work in the given industry, and (c) a combination of employers as  
24 described in subparagraph (a) hereof and an association or associations  
25 of employers as described in subparagraph (b) hereof.

26 (2) (a) Any group consisting exclusively of such employers may adopt a  
27 plan for self-insurance, as a group, for the payment of compensation  
28 under this chapter to their employees, except that no new groups may

1 adopt such a plan, and no group not composed solely of public entities  
2 set forth in [paragraph a of] subdivision [four] three-f of this section  
3 may insure any liabilities for any employers on and after January first,  
4 two thousand twelve, except as provided for in paragraph ten of this  
5 subdivision. Under such plan the group shall assume the liability of all  
6 the employers within the group and pay all compensation for which the  
7 said employers are liable under this chapter[, except that in the case  
8 of municipal corporations as herein defined no proof of financial abili-  
9 ty or deposit of securities or cash need be made in compliance with this  
10 subdivision]. The group qualifying under this subdivision shall be known  
11 as a group self-insurer and the employers participating therein and  
12 covered thereby shall be known as members.

13 (b) Where such plan is adopted the group self-insurer, except a group  
14 composed solely of public entities set forth in subdivision three-f of  
15 this section, shall furnish satisfactory proof to the chair of its  
16 financial ability to pay such compensation for the members in the indus-  
17 try covered by it, its revenues, their source and assurance of contin-  
18 uance. The chair shall require the deposit with the chair of such secu-  
19 rities as may be deemed necessary of the kind prescribed in subdivisions  
20 one, two, three, four and five, and subparagraph (a) of paragraph three  
21 of subdivision seven of section two hundred thirty-five of the banking  
22 law or the deposit of cash or the filing of irrevocable letters of cred-  
23 it issued by a qualified banking institution as defined by rules promul-  
24 gated by the chair or the filing of a bond of a surety company author-  
25 ized to transact business in this state, in an amount to be determined  
26 to secure its liability to pay the compensation of each employer as  
27 above provided. Such surety bond must be approved as to form by the  
28 chair. The chair shall require each group self-insurer to provide regu-

1 lar reports no less than annually, which shall include but not be limit-  
2 ed to audited financial statements, actuarial opinions and payroll  
3 information containing proof that it is fully funded. Such reports shall  
4 also include a contribution year analysis detailing contributions and  
5 expenses associated with each specific contribution year. For purposes  
6 of this paragraph, proof that a group self-insurer is fully funded shall  
7 at a minimum include proof of unrestricted cash and investments permit-  
8 ted by regulation of the chair of at least one hundred percent of the  
9 total liabilities, including the estimate presented in the actuarial  
10 opinion submitted by the group self-insurer in accordance with this  
11 chapter. The chair by regulation, may set further financial standards  
12 for group self-insurers. Any group self-insurer that fails to show that  
13 it is fully funded shall be deemed underfunded, and must submit a plan  
14 for achieving fully funded status which may include a deficit assessment  
15 on members of such group self-insurer which shall be subject to approval  
16 or modification by the chair.

17 (c) The chair shall evaluate, no less than once every three years, a  
18 group self-insurer's compliance with the financial and regulatory  
19 requirements for self-insurance. The chair may engage any qualified  
20 person or organization to assist with such evaluation and any costs  
21 incurred by the chair shall be borne by the group self-insurer under  
22 examination. Failure to submit to such independent review or to pay such  
23 costs, upon demand of the chair, shall be sufficient grounds to termi-  
24 nate coverage of the group self-insurer.

25 (d) The chair may require reports to be prepared by an auditor, actu-  
26 ary or other consultant, selected by the board or, at the chair's  
27 discretion, by the group self-insurer from a list which shall be pre-ap-  
28 proved by the chair to determine whether the group self-insurer meets

1 the financial criteria for self-insurance. All actuaries so selected  
2 shall be fellows or associates of the casualty actuarial society.

3 (e) The chair may also require that any and all agreements, contracts  
4 and other pertinent documents relating to the organization of the  
5 members in the group self-insurer shall be filed with the chair.

6 (f) The chair shall have the authority to revoke consent furnished  
7 under this section at any time for good cause shown.

8 (g) Prior to the requested effective date of the participating agree-  
9 ment, a group self-insurer shall notify the chair on a prescribed form  
10 of a new group self-insurer member and file (1) a member application and  
11 (2) a copy of the properly executed prescribed participation agreement  
12 wherein the member acknowledges their joint and several obligation for  
13 their period of membership. The board shall, on a form promulgated by  
14 the chair, provide notice of the member's rights and responsibilities as  
15 a group self-insurer member, including the member's assumption of joint  
16 and several liability, and require the member to return a signed copy to  
17 the chair as a condition of membership.

18 (h) Any member terminating membership in a private group self-insurer  
19 after less than four years in such private group self-insurer, and any  
20 member in a group self-insurer that has defaulted, shall be precluded  
21 from obtaining prospective coverage from any private group self-insurer  
22 for a period of at least three years from the effective date of termi-  
23 nation.

24 (a) Each private group self-insurer shall, and each group self-insurer  
25 may, shall secure the services of a group administrator to be responsi-  
26 ble for assisting the group self-insurer in complying with the  
27 provisions of this section and the rules and regulations promulgated  
28 hereunder, and for coordinating services including but not limited to

1 claims processing, loss control, legal, accounting and actuarial  
2 services. No person, firm or corporation shall coordinate such services  
3 or otherwise carry out the tasks of a group administrator as provided in  
4 this subdivision or in the regulations issued pursuant thereto on behalf  
5 of a group self-insurer unless such person shall have obtained from the  
6 chair a license authorizing it to act as a group self-insurer adminis-  
7 trator, which license may be revoked for good cause. The chair shall  
8 promulgate regulations setting forth any additional qualifications for  
9 such license, governing the conduct and compensation of group self-in-  
10 surer administrators, and setting a license fee in an amount not less  
11 than five thousand dollars per year for such license for each group  
12 self-insurer the administrator administers. Each administrator shall  
13 post a bond in the amount of five hundred thousand dollars for each  
14 group self-insurer administered or such other amount as may be set by  
15 the chair based on the cost and availability of such bond, from which  
16 the chair may recover any recoveries or penalties against the adminis-  
17 trator under this section. Nothing in this section shall relieve the  
18 trustees of a group self-insurer of any fiduciary obligation they hold  
19 to the other members of such group self-insurer.

20 § 26. Section 50 of the workers' compensation law is amended by adding  
21 a new subdivision 3-f to read as follows:

22 3-f. (1) Any group consisting exclusively of municipal corporations,  
23 public corporations as that term is defined in section sixty-six of the  
24 general construction law, county self-insurance plans established under  
25 article five of this chapter, boards of cooperative educational services  
26 and consortia established by boards of cooperative educational services  
27 may adopt a plan for self-insurance, as a group, for the payment of  
28 compensation under this chapter to their employees. Such group shall be

1 known as a "public group self-insurer". All other groups established  
2 under this section fifty are "private group self-insurers". A county of  
3 self-insurance plan established under article five of this chapter is  
4 not itself a public group self-insurer, and is not itself subject to the  
5 requirements of this section, but may join a public group self-insurer  
6 and, if it does so, shall assume all of the obligations of its partic-  
7 ipants to the public group self-insurer. No entity which is not a munic-  
8 ipal corporation as defined in section two of the general municipal law,  
9 other than a county self-insurance plan established under article five  
10 of this chapter and a consortium established by a board of cooperative  
11 educational services, may join a public group self-insurer unless it may  
12 levy taxes or its obligations are guaranteed by another member which is  
13 such a municipal corporation. A public group self-insurer shall comply  
14 with all of the requirements of subdivision three-a of this section;  
15 provided however that no proof of financial ability to pay the compen-  
16 sation provided for by this chapter shall be required and, in lieu ther-  
17 eof, the joint and several liability of the public group self-insurer's  
18 participants shall serve as the security required under paragraph two of  
19 subdivision three-a of this section. The chair shall implement the  
20 provisions of this subdivision by promulgating rules and regulations but  
21 no such rules and regulations shall be necessary for any provisions of  
22 this subdivision to be effective.

23 (2) A public group self-insurer as defined herein may offer, as part  
24 of the policy or by endorsement, deductibles optional to the policyhold-  
25 er for benefits payable under the policy, subject to approval by the  
26 chairman and subject to underwriting by the public group self-insurer,  
27 consistent with the following standards or factors:

1     (a) claimants' rights are properly protected and claimants' benefits  
2     are paid without regard to any such deductible;

3     (b) appropriate premium reductions reflect the type and level of any  
4     deductible approved by the chairman and selected by the member;

5     (c) premium reductions for deductibles are determined before applica-  
6     tion of any experience modification, premium surcharge, or premium  
7     discount;

8     (d) recognition is given to member characteristics, including size,  
9     financial capabilities, nature of activities, and number of employees;

10    (e) if the member selects a deductible, the member is liable to the  
11    public group self-insurer for the deductible amount in regard to bene-  
12    fits paid for compensable claims;

13    (f) the public group self-insurer pays all of the deductible amount,  
14    applicable to a compensable claim, to the person or provider entitled to  
15    benefits and then seeks reimbursement from the member for the applicable  
16    deductible amount; and

17    (g) failure to reimburse deductible amounts by the member to the  
18    public group self-insurer is treated under the coverage agreement in the  
19    same manner as nonpayment of contributions.

20    (3) If, in the determination of the chair, a public group self-insurer  
21    becomes insolvent or otherwise defaults on its obligations, the insol-  
22    vent group will require each member and each former member to pay a  
23    supplemental assessment in an amount sufficient to make the public group  
24    self-insurer solvent based upon a formula to be established by the chair  
25    in regulations which considers the members' annual contributions and  
26    loss experience. If an assessment is not sufficient to cure the insol-  
27    vency or default, (i) each member and any former member will be jointly  
28    and severally liable for the remaining deficit; and (ii) whenever the

1 chair shall determine that the compensation and benefits provided by  
2 this chapter may be unpaid by reason of the default of a public group  
3 self-insurer, the chair shall pay such compensation and benefits from  
4 administration expenses as provided in section one hundred fifty-one of  
5 this chapter upon audit and warrant of the comptroller upon vouchers  
6 approved by the chair. Such payments shall be considered expenses of  
7 administration. The chair shall be reimbursed therefor from any member  
8 of the public group self-insurer, first pursuant to the supplemental  
9 assessment formula referenced herein, but in any event where necessary,  
10 on a joint and several basis.

11 § 27. The section heading and subdivisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 of section  
12 1680-1 of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 6 of the laws  
13 of 2007, are amended to read as follows:

14 [The special] Special disability fund and fund for reopened cases  
15 financing. 1. As used in this section the following terms shall have  
16 the following meanings:

17 (a) "Ancillary bond facility" means any interest rate exchange or  
18 similar agreement or any bond insurance policy, letter of credit or  
19 other credit enhancement facility, liquidity facility, guaranteed  
20 investment or reinvestment agreement, or other similar agreement,  
21 arrangement or contract.

22 (b) "Benefited party" means any person, firm or corporation that  
23 enters into an ancillary bond facility with the authority according to  
24 the provisions of this section.

25 (c) "Bonds" means any bonds, notes, certificates of participation and  
26 other evidence of indebtedness issued by the authority pursuant to  
27 subdivision five of this section.

1 (d) "Bond owners or owners of bonds" means any registered owners of  
2 bonds.

3 (e) "Chair" means the chair of the workers' compensation board.

4 (f) "Code" means the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
5 amended.

6 (g) "Costs of issuance" means any item of expense directly or indi-  
7 rectly payable or reimbursable by the authority and related to the  
8 authorization, sale, or issuance of bonds, including, but not limited  
9 to, underwriting fees and fees and expenses of professional consultants  
10 and fiduciaries.

11 (h) "Debt service" means actual debt service, comprised of principal,  
12 interest and associated costs, as defined in subparagraph five of para-  
13 graph (h) of subdivision eight of section fifteen of the workers'  
14 compensation law.

15 (i) "Director of the budget" or "director" means the director of the  
16 budget of the state of New York.

17 (j) "Financing agreement" means [any agreement authorized pursuant to  
18 subdivision four of this section between the chair and the commissioner  
19 of taxation and finance, and the authority] each or any special disabil-  
20 ity fund financing agreement or fund for reopened cases financing agree-  
21 ment, as applicable.

22 (k) "Financing costs" means all costs of issuance, capitalized inter-  
23 est, capitalized operating expenses of the authority and, pursuant to  
24 the financing agreement, the initial capitalized operating expenses of  
25 the waiver agreement management office and debt service reserves, fees,  
26 cost of any ancillary bond facility, and any other fees, discounts,  
27 expenses and costs related to issuing, securing and marketing the bonds  
28 including, without limitation, any net original issue discount.

1     (1) "Fund for reopened cases financing agreement" means an agreement  
2 authorized and created pursuant to subdivision four of this section and  
3 to subdivision four of section twenty-five-a of the workers' compen-  
4 sation law, as such agreement may be amended.

5     (m) "Investment securities" means: (i) general obligations of, or  
6 obligations guaranteed by, any state of the United States of America or  
7 political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia or any agency  
8 or instrumentality of any of them, receiving one of the three highest  
9 long-term unsecured debt rating categories available for such securities  
10 of at least one independent rating agency, or (ii) certificates of  
11 deposit, savings accounts, time deposits or other obligations or  
12 accounts of banks or trust companies in the state, secured, if the  
13 authority shall so require, in such manner as the authority may so  
14 determine, or (iii) obligations in which the comptroller is authorized  
15 to invest pursuant to either section ninety-eight or ninety-eight-a of  
16 the state finance law, or (iv) investments which the commissioner of  
17 taxation and finance is permitted to make with surplus or reserve moneys  
18 of the special disability fund under subparagraph seven of paragraph (h)  
19 of subdivision eight of section fifteen of the workers' compensation  
20 law.

21     [(m)] (n) "Interest rate exchange or similar agreement" means a writ-  
22 ten contract entered into in connection with the issuance of bonds or  
23 with such bonds outstanding with a counterparty to provide for an  
24 exchange or swap of payments based upon fixed and/or variable interest  
25 rates, and shall be for exchanges in currency of the United States of  
26 America only.

27     [(n)] (o) "Net proceeds" means the amount of proceeds remaining  
28 following each sale of bonds which are not required by the authority for

1 purposes of this section to pay or provide for debt service or financing  
2 costs, as provided in the financing agreement.

3 [(o)] (p) "Operating expenses" means the reasonable or necessary oper-  
4 ating expenses of the authority for purposes of this section, including,  
5 without limitation, the costs of: retention of auditors, preparation of  
6 accounting and other reports, maintenance of the ratings on the bonds,  
7 any operating expense reserve fund, insurance premiums, ancillary bond  
8 facilities, rebate payments, annual meetings or other required activ-  
9 ities of the authority, and professional consultants and fiduciaries.

10 [(p)] (q) "Outstanding", when used with respect to bonds, shall  
11 exclude bonds that shall have been paid in full at maturity, or shall  
12 have otherwise been refunded, redeemed, defeased or discharged, or that  
13 may be deemed not outstanding pursuant to agreements with the holders  
14 thereof.

15 [(q)] (r) "Pledged assessments revenues", "pledged revenues" or  
16 "pledged assessments" means: (i) with respect to bonds issued prior to  
17 March thirty-first, two thousand thirteen pursuant to this section,  
18 either receipts of special disability fund assessments imposed pursuant  
19 to subparagraph four of paragraph (h) of subdivision eight of section  
20 fifteen of the workers' compensation law and pledged for the payment of  
21 debt service on the bonds, receipts of assessments for annual expenses  
22 imposed pursuant to section one hundred fifty-one of the workers'  
23 compensation law and pledged for the payment of debt service on the  
24 bonds, or amounts due pursuant to an ancillary bond facility, including  
25 the right to receive the same; and (ii) with respect to bonds issued on  
26 or subsequent to March thirty-first, two thousand thirteen pursuant to  
27 this section, either receipts of such assessments for annual expenses or

1 amounts due pursuant to an ancillary bond facility, including the right  
2 to receive same.

3 [(r)] (s) "State" means the state of New York.

4 [(s)] (t) "Special disability fund financing agreement" means an  
5 agreement authorized and created pursuant to subdivision four of this  
6 section and to subparagraph five of paragraph (h) of subdivision eight  
7 of section fifteen of the workers' compensation law, as [same by its  
8 terms and bond proceedings,] such agreement may be amended.

9 [(t)] (u) "Waiver agreement" means waiver agreements entered into  
10 pursuant to section thirty-two of the workers' compensation law.

11 [(u)] (v) "Waiver agreement management office" shall mean the office  
12 described in paragraph (e) of section thirty-two of the workers' compen-  
13 sation law.

14 (w) "Workers' compensation liability insurance policy" or "assumption  
15 of workers' compensation liability insurance policy" means any policy  
16 executed by the chair pursuant to subdivision (i) of section thirty-two  
17 or subdivision three of section twenty-five-a of the workers' compen-  
18 sation law providing for the assumption of all or part of such further  
19 and future contingent workers' compensation liability as may arise from  
20 prior injuries to workers. Such policy shall be in a form approved by  
21 the superintendent of financial services and issued by the state insur-  
22 ance fund or any insurance company licensed to issue this class of  
23 insurance in this state. In the event that such policy is issued by an  
24 insurance company other than the state insurance fund, then such policy  
25 shall be deemed of the kind specified in paragraph fifteen of subsection  
26 (a) of section one thousand one hundred thirteen of the insurance law  
27 and covered by the workers' compensation security fund as created and  
28 governed by article six-A of the workers' compensation law. Such a poli-

1 cy shall only be issued for a single complete premium payment that is  
2 payable in advance and in an amount deemed acceptable by the chair and  
3 the superintendent of financial services. When issued such policy shall  
4 be noncancellable without recourse for any cause during the continuance  
5 of the liability secured and so covered.

6 2. The authority is hereby authorized to issue bonds to finance the  
7 special disability fund established by paragraph (h) of subdivision  
8 eight of section fifteen of the workers' compensation law and to enter  
9 into one or more special disability fund financing agreements described  
10 in such subdivision and authorized to issue bonds to finance the fund  
11 for reopened cases established by subdivision three of section twenty-  
12 five-a of the workers' compensation law and to enter into one or more  
13 fund for reopened cases financing agreements described in subdivision  
14 four of such section. All of the provisions of the authority relating  
15 to bonds and notes which are not inconsistent with the provisions of  
16 this section shall apply to obligations authorized by this section,  
17 including but not limited to the power to establish adequate reserves  
18 therefor and to issue renewal notes or refunding bonds thereof. [The  
19 provisions of this section shall apply solely to obligations authorized  
20 by this section and shall not include liabilities, assets or revenues  
21 other than liabilities, assets or revenues derived from the authority  
22 solely from the special disability fund.]

23 3. It is found and declared that the special disability fund and the  
24 fund for reopened cases no longer [serves] serve the purposes for which  
25 [it was] they were created, [adds] add to the time and expense of  
26 proceedings before the workers' compensation board and to employers'  
27 costs for workers' compensation insurance; that the creation and opera-  
28 tion of a waiver agreement management office of the workers' compen-

1 sation board, to manage, maintain and negotiate waiver agreements on  
2 behalf of the special disability fund and fund for reopened cases can  
3 reduce the special disability fund's and fund for reopened cases  
4 unfunded liability; that the reduction of such liability and the closing  
5 of the fund to new claims will over the long term reduce assessments  
6 paid to the [fund] funds by insurance carriers, self-insurers and the  
7 state insurance fund, as well as the employers to whom these costs are  
8 passed on; that in the absence of this section the annual cost of [such]  
9 assessments to employers is expected to rise; that the settlement of  
10 claims and other actions undertaken by the waiver agreement management  
11 office will lower the administrative costs of insurance carriers, self-  
12 insurers and the state insurance fund; [that revenue obligations issued  
13 by the authority and secured by a special assessment annually levied,  
14 imposed and collected on and from insurance carriers, self-insurers and  
15 the state insurance fund for the governmental purpose of funding waiver  
16 agreements] that unfunded special disability fund liabilities and  
17 unfunded claims payable from the fund for reopened cases will, absent  
18 provision for long-term financing, result in imposition of costs on  
19 employers through assessments; that such unfunded liabilities, claims  
20 and assessments may have detrimental impact on businesses and not-for-  
21 profit corporations in New York state and on the provision of services  
22 to New York residents; that without financing the board may be required  
23 to impose higher assessments to pay such unfunded liabilities and  
24 claims; that financing will allow the workers' compensation board to  
25 fund waiver agreements and contract awards and to purchase one or more  
26 assumption of workers' compensation liability insurance policies that  
27 will limit the long term losses from these unfunded liabilities and  
28 claims; that bonds issued by the authority and secured by assessments

1 levied, for the governmental purpose of funding waiver agreements with  
2 respect to the special disability fund and funding contract awards,  
3 assumption of workers' compensation liability insurance policies and  
4 anticipated liabilities with respect to the special disability fund and  
5 the fund for reopened cases amortized over a substantial period would  
6 allow the state to settle and otherwise manage [claims] special disabili-  
7 ty fund and fund for reopened cases and to reduce special disability  
8 fund and fund for reopened cases as a means for reducing the fund's  
9 liabilities and the assessments needed to pay them, thereby furthering  
10 the policy of the state to reduce the costs of workers' compensation and  
11 to improve the business climate in the state while compensating injured  
12 workers and honoring the obligations of the special disability fund and  
13 fund for reopened cases; that all costs of the authority in relation to  
14 this section shall be paid from assessments set forth in paragraph (h)  
15 of subdivision eight of section fifteen and in section one hundred  
16 fifty-one of the workers' compensation law; and that, therefore, the  
17 provisions of this section are for the public benefit and good and the  
18 authorization as provided in this section of the issuance of revenue  
19 obligations of the authority is declared to be for a public purpose and  
20 the exercise of an essential governmental function.

21 4. (a) The authority, the commissioner of taxation and finance and the  
22 chair, [in] after consultation with the director of the budget and the  
23 special disability fund advisory committee shall execute a financing  
24 agreement prior to the issuance of any bonds. Such agreement shall  
25 contain such terms and conditions as are necessary to carry out and  
26 effectuate the purposes of this section, including covenants with  
27 respect to the assessment and enforcement of the assessments, the appli-  
28 cation and use of the proceeds of the sale of bonds to preserve the

1 tax-exemption on the bonds, the interest on which is intended to be  
2 exempt from taxation. The state shall not be authorized to make any  
3 covenant, pledge, promise or agreement purporting to bind the state with  
4 respect to pledged revenues, except as otherwise specifically authorized  
5 by this section.

6 (b) The net proceeds of the bonds shall be deposited in accordance  
7 with the applicable financing agreement and this section. [The] Each  
8 special disability fund financing agreement shall provide for the appli-  
9 cation of the net bond proceeds, and such bond proceeds shall be used,  
10 for any of the following corporate purposes: (i) funding of waiver  
11 agreements, (ii) payment of financing costs, (iii) funding anticipated  
12 liabilities of the special disability fund, (iv) funding contract awards  
13 pursuant to [subparagraph two of] paragraph [(h)] (i) of section thir-  
14 ty-two of the workers' compensation law [and (v)], (v) funding the  
15 purchase of one or more assumption of workers' compensation liability  
16 insurance policies to discharge the liabilities incurred under subpara-  
17 graph one of paragraph (h) of subdivision eight of section fifteen of  
18 the workers' compensation law and (vi) such other purposes as are set  
19 forth in the financing agreement. Each fund for reopened cases financing  
20 agreement shall provide for the application of the net bond proceeds,  
21 and such bond proceeds shall be used, for any of the following corporate  
22 purposes: (i) payment of financing costs, (ii) funding anticipated  
23 liabilities of the fund for reopened cases, (iii) funding contract  
24 awards pursuant to subdivision three of section twenty-five-a of the  
25 workers' compensation law, (iv) funding the purchase of one or more  
26 assumption of workers' compensation liability insurance policies to  
27 discharge the liabilities incurred or to be incurred under subdivision  
28 three of section twenty-five-a of the workers' compensation law and (v)

1 such other purposes as are set forth in the financing agreement. Not  
2 inconsistent with this section, the authority may provide restrictions  
3 on the use and investment of net proceeds of the bonds and other amounts  
4 in [the] any financing agreement or otherwise in a tax regulatory agree-  
5 ment as necessary or desirable to assure that they are exempt from taxa-  
6 tion.

7 § 28. Paragraphs (a), (c), and (g) of subdivision 5 of section 1680-1  
8 of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 6 of the laws of  
9 2007, subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 as further  
10 amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, are  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) (i) The authority shall have power and is hereby authorized to  
13 issue its bonds at such times and in an aggregate principal amount not  
14 to exceed an amount to be determined by the superintendent of financial  
15 services as necessary to address all or a portion of the incurred  
16 unfunded liabilities of the special disability fund, but in no case  
17 exceeding twenty-five percent of the unfunded liability of the special  
18 disability fund as of a date no later than July first, two thousand  
19 seven, as certified to the authority by a qualified third party. The  
20 bonds shall be issued for the [following] corporate purposes[: (A) fund-  
21 ing of waiver agreements, (B) payment of financing costs, (C) funding  
22 anticipated liabilities of the special disability fund, (D) funding  
23 contract awards pursuant to paragraph two of subdivision (h) of section  
24 thirty-two of the workers' compensation law and (E) such other purposes  
25 as are set forth in the financing agreement] identified in subdivision  
26 four-b of this section and in the applicable financial agreement. The  
27 foregoing limitation on outstanding aggregate principal shall not apply  
28 to prevent the issuance of bonds to refund bonds.

1 (ii) Each issuance of bonds shall be authorized by a resolution of the  
2 authority, provided, however, that any such resolution authorizing the  
3 issuance of bonds may delegate to an officer of the authority the power  
4 to issue such bonds from time to time and to fix the details of any such  
5 issues of bonds by an appropriate certificate of such authorized offi-  
6 cer. Every issue of the bonds of the authority [for the special disabil-  
7 ity fund] pursuant to this section shall be special revenue obligations  
8 payable from and secured by a pledge of revenues and other assets,  
9 including those proceeds of such bonds deposited in a reserve fund for  
10 the benefit of bondholders, earnings on funds of the authority and such  
11 other funds and assets as may become available, upon such terms and  
12 conditions as specified by the authority in the resolution under which  
13 the bonds are issued or in a related trust indenture.

14 (iii) The authority shall have the power and is hereby authorized from  
15 time to time to issue bonds, [in] after consultation with the director  
16 of budget and special disability fund advisory committee to refund any  
17 bonds issued under this section by the issuance of new bonds, whether  
18 the bonds to be refunded have or have not matured, and to issue bonds  
19 partly to refund bonds then outstanding and partly for any of its other  
20 corporate purposes under this section. The refunding bonds may be  
21 exchanged for the bonds to be refunded or sold and the proceeds applied  
22 to the purchase, redemption or payment of such bonds.

23 (c) The authority may sell such bonds in such manner, either at a  
24 public or private sale and either on a competitive or negotiated basis,  
25 provided no such bonds may be sold by the authority at private sale  
26 unless such sale and the terms thereof have been approved in writing by  
27 the comptroller of the state of New York. The proceeds of such bonds  
28 shall be disbursed for the purposes for which such bonds were issued

1 under such restrictions as the financing agreement and the resolution  
2 authorizing the issuance of such bonds or the related trust indenture  
3 may provide. Such bonds shall be issued upon approval of the authority  
4 and without any other approvals, filings, proceedings or the happening  
5 of any other conditions or things other than the approvals, findings,  
6 proceedings, conditions, and things that are specified and required by  
7 this section[. Provided]; provided, however, that any issuance of bonds  
8 under the authority of this section shall be considered a project for  
9 the purposes of section fifty-one of this chapter, and subject to  
10 approval under such section.

11 (g) The authority may enter into, amend or terminate, as it determines  
12 to be necessary or appropriate, any ancillary bond facility [in] after  
13 consultation with the director of budget and special disability fund  
14 advisory committee (i) to facilitate the issuance, sale, resale,  
15 purchase, repurchase or payment of bonds, interest rate savings or  
16 market diversification or the making or performance of interest rate  
17 exchange or similar agreements, including without limitation bond insur-  
18 ance, letters of credit and liquidity facilities, (ii) to attempt to  
19 manage or hedge risk or achieve a desirable effective interest rate or  
20 cash flow, or (iii) to place the obligations or investments of the  
21 authority, as represented by the bonds or the investment of reserved  
22 bond proceeds or other pledged revenues or other assets, in whole or in  
23 part, on the interest rate, cash flow or other basis decided [in], after  
24 consultation with the director of budget and special disability fund  
25 advisory committee, which facility may include without limitation  
26 contracts commonly known as interest rate exchange or similar agree-  
27 ments, forward purchase contracts or guaranteed investment contracts and  
28 futures or contracts providing for payments based on levels of, or

1 changes in, interest rates. These contracts or arrangements may be  
2 entered into by the authority in connection with, or incidental to,  
3 entering into, or maintaining any (i) agreement which secures bonds of  
4 the authority or (ii) investment, or contract providing for investment  
5 of reserves or similar facility guaranteeing an investment rate for a  
6 period of years not to exceed the underlying term of the bonds. The  
7 determination by the authority that an ancillary bond facility or the  
8 amendment or termination thereof is necessary or appropriate as afore-  
9 said shall be conclusive. Any ancillary bond facility may contain such  
10 payment, security, default, remedy, and termination provisions and  
11 payments and other terms and conditions as determined by the authority,  
12 after giving due consideration to the creditworthiness of the counter-  
13 party or other obligated party, including any rating by any nationally  
14 recognized rating agency, and any other criteria as may be appropriate.

15 § 29. Subdivision 8 of section 1680-1 of the public authorities law,  
16 as added by chapter 6 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 8. All monies of the authority from whatever source derived, that are  
19 pledged pursuant to this section, shall be paid to the treasurer of the  
20 authority and shall be deposited forthwith in a bank or banks designated  
21 by the authority. The monies in such accounts shall be paid out or with-  
22 drawn on the order of such person or persons as the authority may  
23 authorize to make such requisitions. All deposits of such monies shall  
24 either be secured by obligations of the United States or of the state or  
25 of any municipality of a market value equal at all times to the amount  
26 on deposit, or monies of the authority may be deposited in money market  
27 funds rated in the highest short-term or long-term rating category by at  
28 least one nationally recognized rating agency. To the extent practica-

1 ble, and consistent with the requirements of the authority, all such  
2 monies shall be deposited in interest bearing accounts. The authority  
3 shall have power, notwithstanding the provisions of this section, to  
4 contract with the holders of any bonds as to the custody, collection,  
5 security, investment and payment of any monies of the authority or any  
6 monies held in trust or otherwise for the payment of bonds or any way to  
7 secure bonds, and carry out any such contract notwithstanding that such  
8 contract may be inconsistent with the provisions of this section. Monies  
9 held in trust or otherwise for the payment of bonds or in any way to  
10 secure bonds and deposits of such moneys may be secured in the same  
11 manner as monies of the authority and all banks and trust companies are  
12 authorized to give such security for such deposits. Any such monies of  
13 the authority not required for immediate use or disbursement may, at the  
14 discretion of the authority, be invested in accordance with law and such  
15 guidelines as are approved by the authority.

16 § 30. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 10 of section 1680-1 of the public  
17 authorities law, as added by chapter 6 of the laws of 2007, is amended  
18 to read as follows:

19 (a) The state, solely with respect to the resources of the special  
20 disability fund and of the fund for reopened cases, as applicable and as  
21 set forth in [the special disability fund] each applicable financing  
22 agreement, covenants with the purchasers and all subsequent owners and  
23 transferees of bonds issued by the authority pursuant to this section in  
24 consideration of the acceptance of the payment of the bonds, until the  
25 bonds, together with the interest thereon, with interest on any unpaid  
26 installment of interest and all costs and expenses in connection with  
27 any action or proceeding on behalf of the owners, are fully met and  
28 discharged or unless expressly permitted or otherwise authorized by the

1 terms of each [special disability fund] applicable financing agreement  
2 and any contract made or entered into by the authority with or for the  
3 benefit of such owners, (i) that in the event bonds of the authority are  
4 sold as federally tax-exempt bonds, the state shall not take any action  
5 or fail to take action that would result in the loss of such federal tax  
6 exemption on said bonds, (ii) that the state will cause the workers'  
7 compensation board to impose, charge, raise, levy, collect and apply the  
8 pledged assessments and other revenues, receipts, funds or moneys  
9 pledged for the payment of debt service requirements in each year in  
10 which bonds are outstanding, and (iii) further, that the state (A) will  
11 not materially limit or alter the duties imposed on the workers' compen-  
12 sation board, the authority and other officers of the state by [the  
13 special disability fund] each applicable financing agreement and the  
14 bond proceedings authorizing the issuance of bonds with respect to  
15 application of pledged assessments or other revenues, receipts, funds or  
16 moneys pledged for the payment of debt service requirements, (B) will  
17 not issue any bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness, other  
18 than the bonds authorized by this section, having any rights arising out  
19 of paragraph (h) of subdivision eight of section fifteen of the workers'  
20 compensation law, subdivision three of section twenty-five-a of the  
21 workers' compensation law, section one hundred fifty-one of the workers'  
22 compensation law or this section or secured by any pledge of or other  
23 lien or charge on the pledged revenues or other receipts, funds or  
24 moneys pledged for the payment of debt service requirements; except for  
25 bonds authorized under section fifty-c of the workers' compensation law,  
26 (C) will not create or cause to be created any lien or charge on the  
27 pledged revenues, other than a lien or pledge created thereon pursuant  
28 to said sections, (D) will carry out and perform, or cause to be carried

1 out and performed, each and every promise, covenant, agreement or  
2 contract made or entered into by [the special disability fund] each  
3 applicable financing agreement, by the authority or on its behalf with  
4 the bond owners of any bonds, (E) will not in any way impair the rights,  
5 exemptions or remedies of the bond owners, and (F) will not limit, modi-  
6 fy, rescind, repeal or otherwise alter the rights or obligations of the  
7 appropriate officers of the state to impose, maintain, charge or collect  
8 the assessments and other revenues or receipts constituting the pledged  
9 revenues as may be necessary to produce sufficient revenues to fulfill  
10 the terms of the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the bonds,  
11 including pledged revenue coverage requirements, provided, however, (i)  
12 the remedies available to the authority and the bondholders for any  
13 breach of the pledges and agreements of the state set forth in this  
14 subclause shall be limited to injunctive relief, (ii) nothing in this  
15 subdivision shall prevent the authority from issuing evidences of  
16 indebtedness (A) which are secured by a pledge or lien which is, and  
17 shall on the face thereof, be expressly subordinate and junior in all  
18 respects to every lien and pledge created by or pursuant to said  
19 sections, or (B) which are secured by a pledge of or lien on moneys or  
20 funds derived on or after the date every pledge or lien thereon created  
21 by or pursuant to said sections shall be discharged and satisfied, and  
22 (iii) nothing in this subdivision shall preclude the state from exercis-  
23 ing its power, through a change in law, to limit, modify, rescind,  
24 repeal or otherwise alter the character of the pledged assessments or  
25 revenues or to substitute like or different sources of assessments,  
26 taxes, fees, charges or other receipts as pledged revenues if and when  
27 adequate provision shall be made by law for the protection of the hold-  
28 ers of outstanding bonds pursuant to the proceedings under which the

1 bonds are issued, including changing or altering the method of estab-  
2 lishing the special assessments.

3 The authority is authorized to include this covenant of the state, as  
4 a contract of the state, in any agreement with the owner of any bonds  
5 issued pursuant to this section and in any credit facility or reimburse-  
6 ment agreement with respect to such bonds. Notwithstanding these pledges  
7 and agreements by the state, the attorney general may in his or her  
8 discretion enforce any and all provisions related to the special disa-  
9 bility fund, without limitation.

10 § 31. Paragraph (t) of subdivision 1 of section 1680-q of the public  
11 authorities law, as added by section 35 of part GG of chapter 57 of the  
12 laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

13 (t) "Self-insured bond financing agreement" or "financing agreement"  
14 means an agreement authorized and created pursuant to subdivision four  
15 of this section and section fifty-c of the workers' compensation law, as  
16 [same by its terms and bond proceedings,] such agreement may be amended.

17 § 32. Subdivision 1 of section 1680-q of the public authorities law,  
18 as added by section 35 of part GG of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is  
19 amended by adding a new paragraph (u) to read as follows:

20 (u) "Workers' compensation liability insurance policy" or "assumption  
21 of workers' compensation liability insurance policy" means any policy  
22 executed by the chair pursuant to subparagraph (a) of paragraph seven of  
23 subdivision three-a of section fifty of the workers' compensation law  
24 providing for the assumption of all or part of such further and future  
25 contingent workers' compensation liability as may arise from prior inju-  
26 ries to workers. Such policy shall be in a form approved by the super-  
27 intendent of financial services and issued by the state insurance fund  
28 or any insurance company licensed to issue this class of insurance in

1 this state. In the event that such policy is issued by an insurance  
2 company other than the state insurance fund, then such policy shall be  
3 deemed of the kind specified in paragraph fifteen of subsection (a) of  
4 section one thousand one hundred thirteen of the insurance law and  
5 covered by the workers' compensation security fund as created and  
6 governed by article six-A of the workers' compensation law. Such a poli-  
7 cy shall only be issued for a single complete premium payment that is  
8 payable in advance and in an amount deemed acceptable by the chair and  
9 the superintendent of financial services. When issued such policy shall  
10 be noncancellable without recourse for any cause during the continuance  
11 of the liability secured and so covered.

12 § 33. Subdivision 2 of section 1680-q of the public authorities law,  
13 as added by section 35 of part GG of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is  
14 REPEALED and a new subdivision 2 is added to read as follows:

15 2. The authority is hereby authorized to issue bonds to reduce assess-  
16 ments imposed on self-insured employers under section fifty of the work-  
17 ers' compensation law as a result of the unfunded claims of individual  
18 and group self-insurers. The authority may enter into one or more self-  
19 insured bond financing agreements described in section fifty-c of the  
20 workers' compensation law. All of the provisions of the public authori-  
21 ties law relating to bonds and notes of the dormitory authority which  
22 are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section shall apply to  
23 obligations authorized by this section, including but not limited to the  
24 power to establish adequate reserves therefor and to issue renewal notes  
25 or refunding bonds thereof.

26 § 34. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section  
27 1680-q of the public authorities law, as added by section 35 of part GG  
28 of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

1 (iii) The authority shall have the power and is hereby authorized from  
2 time to time to issue bonds, [in] after consultation with the chair, the  
3 commissioner of taxation and finance and the director of the budget, to  
4 refund any bonds issued under this section by the issuance of new bonds,  
5 whether the bonds to be refunded have or have not matured, and to issue  
6 bonds partly to refund bonds then outstanding and partly for any of its  
7 other corporate purposes under this section. The refunding bonds may be  
8 exchanged for the bonds to be refunded or sold and the proceeds applied  
9 to the purchase, redemption or payment of such bonds.

10 § 35. Paragraph (g) of subdivision 5 of section 1680-q of the public  
11 authorities law, as added by section 35 of part GG of chapter 57 of the  
12 laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

13 (g) The authority may enter into, amend or terminate, as it determines  
14 to be necessary or appropriate, any ancillary bond facility [in] after  
15 consultation with the chair and director of the budget (i) to facilitate  
16 the issuance, sale, resale, purchase, repurchase or payment of bonds,  
17 interest rate savings or market diversification or the making or  
18 performance of interest rate exchange or similar agreements, including  
19 without limitation bond insurance, letters of credit and liquidity  
20 facilities, (ii) to attempt to manage or hedge risk or achieve a desira-  
21 ble effective interest rate or cash flow, or (iii) to place the obli-  
22 gations or investments of the authority, as represented by the bonds or  
23 the investment of reserved bond proceeds or other pledged revenues or  
24 other assets, in whole or in part, on the interest rate, cash flow or  
25 other basis decided [in] after consultation with the chair and director  
26 of the budget, which facility may include without limitation contracts  
27 commonly known as interest rate exchange or similar agreements, forward  
28 purchase contracts or guaranteed investment contracts and futures or

1 contracts providing for payments based on levels of, or changes in,  
2 interest rates. These contracts or arrangements may be entered into by  
3 the authority in connection with, or incidental to, entering into, or  
4 maintaining any agreement which secures bonds of the authority or  
5 investment, or contract providing for investment of reserves or similar  
6 facility guaranteeing an investment rate for a period of years not to  
7 exceed the underlying term of the bonds. The determination by the  
8 authority that an ancillary bond facility or the amendment or termi-  
9 nation thereof is necessary or appropriate as aforesaid shall be conclu-  
10 sive. Any ancillary bond facility may contain such payment, security,  
11 default, remedy, and termination provisions and payments and other terms  
12 and conditions as determined by the authority, after giving due consid-  
13 eration to the creditworthiness of the counterparty or other obligated  
14 party, including any rating by any nationally recognized rating agency,  
15 and any other criteria as may be appropriate.

16 § 36. Subdivision 8 of section 1680-q of the public authorities law,  
17 as added by section 35 of part GG of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 8. All monies of the authority from whatever source derived, that are  
20 pledged pursuant to this section, shall be paid to the treasurer of the  
21 authority and shall be deposited forthwith in a bank or banks designated  
22 by the authority. The monies in such accounts shall be paid out or with-  
23 drawn on the order of such person or persons as the authority may  
24 authorize to make such requisitions. All deposits of such monies shall  
25 either be secured by obligations of the United States or of the state or  
26 of any municipality of a market value equal at all times to the amount  
27 on deposit, or monies of the authority may be deposited in money market  
28 funds rated in the highest short-term or long-term rating category by at

1 least one nationally recognized rating agency. To the extent practica-  
2 ble, and consistent with the requirements of the authority, all such  
3 monies shall be deposited in interest bearing accounts. The authority  
4 shall have power, notwithstanding the provisions of this section, to  
5 contract with the holders of any bonds as to the custody, collection,  
6 security, investment and payment of any monies of the authority or any  
7 monies held in trust or otherwise for the payment of bonds or any way to  
8 secure bonds, and carry out any such contract notwithstanding that such  
9 contract may be inconsistent with the provisions of this section. Monies  
10 held in trust or otherwise for the payment of bonds or in any way to  
11 secure bonds and deposits of such moneys may be secured in the same  
12 manner as monies of the authority and all banks and trust companies are  
13 authorized to give such security for such deposits. Any such monies of  
14 the authority not required for immediate use or disbursement may, at the  
15 discretion of the authority, be invested in accordance with law and such  
16 guidelines as are approved by the authority.

17 § 37. Clause (B) of subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision  
18 10 of section 1680-q of the public authorities law, as added by section  
19 35 of part GG of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 (B) will not issue any bonds, notes or other evidences of indebt-  
22 edness, other than the bonds authorized by this section, having any  
23 rights arising out of subparagraph two of paragraph c of subdivision  
24 five of section fifty of the workers' compensation law, section one  
25 hundred fifty-one of the workers' compensation law, or this section or  
26 secured by any pledge of or other lien or charge on the revenues pledged  
27 for the payment of debt service requirements; except for bonds author-  
28 ized under subdivision eight of section fifteen of the workers' compen-

1 sation law, or under subdivision three of section twenty-five-a of the  
2 workers' compensation law.

3 § 38. The opening paragraph of section 3443 of the insurance law, as  
4 added by chapter 924 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

5 An insurer issuing a workers' compensation and employers' liability  
6 insurance policy, [and a group self-insurer for municipal corporations  
7 as defined in subdivision three-a of section fifty of the workers'  
8 compensation law,] may offer, as part of the policy or by endorsement,  
9 deductibles optional to the policyholder for benefits payable under the  
10 policy, subject to approval by the superintendent and subject to under-  
11 writing by the insurer, consistent with the following standards or  
12 factors:

13 § 39. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
14 sections seventeen and eighteen of this act shall take effect January 1,  
15 2017.

16 PART H

17 Section 1. Section 200 of the workers' compensation law, as added by  
18 chapter 600 of the laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows:

19 § 200. Short title. This article shall be known and may be cited as  
20 the "disability benefits law and the paid family leave benefits law."

21 § 2. Subdivision 14 of section 201 of the workers' compensation law,  
22 as added by chapter 600 of the laws of 1949 and as renumbered by chapter  
23 438 of the laws of 1964, is amended and eleven new subdivisions 15, 16,  
24 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 are added to read as follows:

25 14. "A day of disability" means any day on which the employee was  
26 prevented from performing work because of disability, including any day

1 which the employee uses for family care, and for which [he] the employee  
2 has not received his or her regular remuneration.

3 15. "Family leave" shall mean any leave taken by an employee from work  
4 to participate in providing care, including physical or psychological  
5 care, for a family member of the employee made necessary by a serious  
6 health condition of the family member; or to bond with the employee's  
7 child during the first twelve months after the child's birth, or the  
8 first twelve months after the placement of the child for adoption or  
9 foster care with the employee; or because of any qualifying exigency as  
10 interpreted under the family and medical leave act, 29 U.S.C.S §  
11 2612(a)(1)(e) and 29 C.F.R. S.825.126(a)(1)-(8), arising out of the  
12 fact that the spouse, domestic partner, child, or parent of the employee  
13 is on active duty (or has been notified of an impending call or order to  
14 active duty) in the armed forces of the United States.

15 16. "Child" means a biological, adopted, or foster son or daughter, a  
16 stepson or stepdaughter, a legal ward, a son or daughter of a domestic  
17 partner, or the person to whom the employee stands in loco parentis.

18 17. "Domestic partner" has the same meaning as set forth in section  
19 four of this chapter.

20 18. "Serious health condition" means an illness, injury, impairment,  
21 or physical or mental condition that involves inpatient care in a hospi-  
22 tal, hospice, or residential health care facility, or continuing treat-  
23 ment or continuing supervision by a health care provider and requiring  
24 assistance to perform the activities of daily living.

25 19. "Parent" means a biological, foster, or adoptive parent, a  
26 parent-in-law, a stepparent, a legal guardian, or other person who stood  
27 in loco parentis to the employee when the employee was a child.

1     20. "Family member" means a child, parent, grandparent, grandchild,  
2     sibling, spouse, or domestic partner as defined in this section.

3     21. "Grandchild" means a child of the employee's child.

4     22. "Health care provider" shall mean a person licensed under article  
5     one hundred thirty-one, one hundred thirty-one-B, one hundred thirty-  
6     two, one hundred thirty-three, one hundred thirty-six, one hundred thir-  
7     ty-nine, one hundred forty-one, one hundred forty-three, one hundred  
8     forty-four, one hundred fifty-three, one hundred fifty-four, one hundred  
9     fifty-six or one hundred fifty-nine of the education law or a person  
10    licensed under the public health law.

11    23. "Grandparent" means a parent of the employee's parent.

12    24. "Sibling" means a person related to another person by blood,  
13    adoption, or affinity through a common legal or biological parent.

14    25. "Family care" shall mean any leave taken by an employee from work:

15    (a) to participate in providing care, including physical or psycholog-  
16    ical care, for a family member of the employee made necessary by a seri-  
17    ous health condition of the family member; or

18    (b) to bond with the employee's child during the first twelve months  
19    after the child's birth, or the first twelve months after the placement  
20    of the child for adoption or foster care with the employee; or

21    (c) because of any qualifying exigency as interpreted under the Family  
22    and Medical Leave Act, 29 U.S.C. § 2612(a)(1)(E) and 29 C.F.R. §  
23    825.126(a)(1)-(8), arising out of the fact that the spouse, domestic  
24    partner, child, or parent of the employee is on active duty or has been  
25    notified of an impending call or order to active duty in the armed forc-  
26    es of the United States.

27    § 3. Section 203 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by chap-  
28    ter 436 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

1     § 203. Employees eligible for benefits under section two hundred four  
2 of this article. Employees in employment of a covered employer for four  
3 or more consecutive weeks and employees in employment during the work  
4 period usual to and available during such four or more consecutive weeks  
5 in any trade or business in which they are regularly employed and in  
6 which hiring from day to day of such employees is the usual employment  
7 practice shall be eligible for disability and family leave benefits as  
8 provided in section two hundred four of this article. Every such  
9 employee shall continue to be eligible for family leave benefits only  
10 during employment with a covered employer. Every such employee shall  
11 continue to be eligible for disability benefits during such employment  
12 and for a period of four weeks after such employment terminates regard-  
13 less of whether the employee performs any work for remuneration or  
14 profit in non-covered employment. If during such four week period the  
15 employee performs any work for remuneration or profit for another  
16 covered employer the employee shall become eligible for disability bene-  
17 fits immediately with respect to that employment. In addition every such  
18 employee who has previously completed four or more consecutive weeks in  
19 employment with the covered employer and returns to work with the same  
20 employer after an agreed and specified unpaid leave of absence or vaca-  
21 tion without pay shall become eligible for disability and family leave  
22 benefits immediately with respect to such employment. An employee who  
23 during a period in which he or she is eligible to receive benefits under  
24 subdivision two of section two hundred seven of this article returns to  
25 employment with a covered employer and an employee who is currently  
26 receiving unemployment insurance benefits or benefits under section two  
27 hundred seven of this article and who returns to employment with a  
28 covered employer shall become eligible for disability benefits imme-

1 diately with respect to such employment. An employee regularly in the  
2 employment of a single employer on a work schedule less than the employ-  
3 er's normal work week shall become eligible for disability and family  
4 leave benefits on the twenty-fifth day of such regular employment. An  
5 employee who [becomes disabled while] is eligible for disability and  
6 family leave benefits in the employment of a covered employer shall not  
7 be deemed, for the purposes of this article, to have such employment  
8 terminated during any period he or she is eligible to receive benefits  
9 under section two hundred four of this article with respect to such  
10 employment.

11 § 4. The workers' compensation law is amended by adding two new  
12 sections 203-a and 203-b to read as follows:

13 § 203-a. Retaliatory action prohibited for family leave. 1. The  
14 provisions of section one hundred twenty of this chapter and section two  
15 hundred forty-one of this article shall be applicable to family leave.

16 2. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to diminish the rights,  
17 privileges, or remedies of any employee under any collective bargaining  
18 agreement or employment contract.

19 § 203-b. Reinstatement following family leave. Any eligible employee  
20 of a covered employer who takes leave under this section shall be enti-  
21 tled, on return from such leave, to be restored by the employer to the  
22 position of employment held by the employee when the leave commenced, or  
23 to be restored to a comparable position with comparable employment bene-  
24 fits, pay and other terms and conditions of employment. The taking of  
25 family leave shall not result in the loss of any employment benefit  
26 accrued prior to the date on which the leave commenced. Nothing in this  
27 section shall be construed to entitle any restored employee to the  
28 accrual of any seniority or employment benefits during any period of

1 leave, or any right, benefit or position to which the employee would  
2 have been entitled had the employee not taken the leave.

3 § 5. Section 204 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chapter  
4 600 of the laws of 1949, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 38 of the  
5 laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

6 § 204. Disability and family leave during employment. 1. Disability  
7 benefits shall be payable to an eligible employee for disabilities  
8 [commencing after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty], beginning  
9 with the eighth [consecutive] day of disability and thereafter during  
10 the continuance of disability, subject to the limitations as to maximum  
11 and minimum amounts and duration and other conditions and limitations in  
12 this section and in sections two hundred five and two hundred six of  
13 this article. Family leave benefits shall be payable to an eligible  
14 employee for the first full day when family leave is required and there-  
15 after during the continuance of the need for family leave, subject to  
16 the limitations as to maximum and minimum amounts and duration and other  
17 conditions and limitations in this section and in sections two hundred  
18 five and two hundred six of this article. Successive periods of disabil-  
19 ity caused by the same or related injury or sickness shall be deemed a  
20 single period of disability or family leave only if separated by less  
21 than three months.

22 2. (a) The weekly benefit for family leave that occurs (i) on or after  
23 January first, two thousand eighteen shall be thirty-five percent of the  
24 employee's average weekly wage but shall not exceed thirty-five percent  
25 of the state average weekly wage, (ii) on or after January first, two  
26 thousand nineteen shall be forty percent of the employee's average week-  
27 ly wage but shall not exceed forty percent of the state average weekly  
28 wage, (iii) on or after January first, two thousand twenty shall be

1 forty-five percent of the employee's average weekly wage but shall not  
2 exceed forty-five percent of the state average weekly wage, and (iv) on  
3 or after January first of each succeeding year, shall be fifty percent  
4 of the employee's average weekly wage but shall not exceed fifty percent  
5 of the New York state average weekly wage in effect. The weekly bene-  
6 fits for family leave that occurs on or after January first, two thou-  
7 sand eighteen shall not be less than one hundred dollars per week except  
8 that if the employee's wages at the time of injury are less than one  
9 hundred dollars per week, the employee shall receive his or her full  
10 wages.

11 (b) The weekly benefit which the disabled employee is entitled to  
12 receive for disability commencing on or after May first, nineteen  
13 hundred eighty-nine shall be one-half of the employee's weekly wage, but  
14 in no case shall such benefit exceed one hundred seventy dollars; except  
15 that if the employee's average weekly wage is less than twenty dollars,  
16 the benefit shall be such average weekly wage. The weekly benefit which  
17 the disabled employee is entitled to receive for disability commencing  
18 on or after July first, nineteen hundred eighty-four shall be one-half  
19 of the employee's weekly wage, but in no case shall such benefit exceed  
20 one hundred forty-five dollars; except that if the employee's average  
21 weekly wage is less than twenty dollars, the benefit shall be such aver-  
22 age weekly wage. The weekly benefit which the disabled employee is enti-  
23 tled to receive for disability commencing on or after July first, nine-  
24 teen hundred eighty-three and prior to July first, nineteen hundred  
25 eighty-four shall be one-half of the employee's average weekly wage, but  
26 in no case shall such benefit exceed one hundred thirty-five dollars nor  
27 be less than twenty dollars; except that if the employee's average week-  
28 ly wage is less than twenty dollars the benefit shall be such average

1 weekly wage. The weekly benefit which the disabled employee is entitled  
2 to receive for disability commencing on or after July first, nineteen  
3 hundred seventy-four, and prior to July first, nineteen hundred eighty-  
4 three, shall be one-half of the employee's average weekly wage, but in  
5 no case shall such benefit exceed ninety-five dollars nor be less than  
6 twenty dollars; except that if the employee's average weekly wage is  
7 less than twenty dollars, the benefit shall be such average weekly wage.  
8 The weekly benefit which the disabled employee is entitled to receive  
9 for disability commencing on or after July first, nineteen hundred  
10 seventy and prior to July first, nineteen hundred seventy-four shall be  
11 one-half of the employee's average weekly wage, but in no case shall  
12 such benefit exceed seventy-five dollars nor be less than twenty  
13 dollars; except that if the employee's average weekly wage is less than  
14 twenty dollars the benefit shall be such average weekly wage. For any  
15 period of disability less than a full week, the benefits payable shall  
16 be calculated by dividing the weekly benefit by the number of the  
17 employee's normal work days per week and multiplying the quotient by the  
18 number of normal work days in such period of disability. The weekly  
19 benefit for a disabled employee who is concurrently eligible for bene-  
20 fits in the employment of more than one covered employer shall, within  
21 the maximum and minimum herein provided, be one-half of the total of the  
22 employee's average weekly wages received from all such covered employ-  
23 ers, and shall be allocated in the proportion of their respective aver-  
24 age weekly wage payments.

25 § 6. Section 205 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chapter  
26 600 of the laws of 1949, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 651 of the  
27 laws of 1958, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 270 of the laws of  
28 1990, subdivision 5 as amended by chapter 288 of the laws of 1970, and

1 subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as renumbered by chapter 352 of the  
2 laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 205. Disabilities, family leave and [disability] periods for which  
4 benefits are not payable. 1. No employee shall be entitled to disability  
5 benefits under this article:

6 [1.] (a) For more than twenty-six weeks during a period of fifty-two  
7 consecutive calendar weeks or during any one period of disability, or  
8 for more than twenty-six weeks minus any days taken for family leave  
9 during any fifty-two consecutive calendar weeks;

10 [2.] (b) for any period of disability during which an employee is not  
11 under the care of a duly licensed [physician or with respect to disabil-  
12 ity resulting from a condition of the foot which may lawfully be treated  
13 by a duly registered and licensed podiatrist of the state of New York or  
14 with respect to a disability resulting from a condition which may  
15 lawfully be treated by a duly registered and licensed chiropractor of  
16 the state of New York or with respect to a disability resulting from a  
17 condition which may lawfully be treated by a duly licensed dentist of  
18 the state of New York or with respect to a disability resulting from a  
19 condition which may lawfully be treated by a duly registered and  
20 licensed psychologist of the state of New York or with respect to a  
21 disability resulting from a condition which may lawfully be treated by a  
22 duly certified nurse midwife, for any period of such disability during  
23 which an employee is neither under the care of a physician nor a podia-  
24 trist, nor a chiropractor, nor a dentist, nor a psychologist, nor a  
25 certified nurse midwife] health care provider; and for any period of  
26 disability during which an employee who adheres to the faith or teach-  
27 ings of any church or denomination and who in accordance with its creed,  
28 tenets or principles depends for healing upon prayer through spiritual

1 means alone in the practice of religion, is not under the care of a  
2 practitioner duly accredited by the church or denomination, and provided  
3 such employee shall submit to all physical examinations as required by  
4 this chapter.

5 2. No employee shall be entitled to family leave benefits under this  
6 article:

7 (a) For more than twelve weeks during a period of fifty-two consec-  
8 utive calendar weeks, or when an employee has already received twenty-  
9 six weeks of disability benefits, or for any period in which the family  
10 leave combined with the disability benefits previously paid exceeds  
11 twenty-six weeks during the same fifty-two consecutive calendar weeks;

12 (b) For any period of family leave wherein the notice and medical  
13 certification as prescribed by the chair has not been filed. At the  
14 discretion of the chair or chair's designee, the family member who is  
15 the recipient of care may be required to submit to a physical examina-  
16 tion by a qualified health care provider. Such examination shall be paid  
17 for by the carrier.

18 (c) As a condition of an employee's initial receipt of family leave  
19 benefits during any twelve-month period in which an employee is eligible  
20 for these benefits, an employer may require an employee who has accrued  
21 but unused vacation time or personal leave available at the time of use  
22 of available family leave to choose whether to charge time to accrued  
23 but unused vacation or personal leave, and receive full salary, or to  
24 not charge time to accrued but unused vacation or personal leave, and  
25 receive the benefit as set forth in section two hundred four of this  
26 article. With the election of either option, the employee shall receive  
27 the full protection of the reinstatement provision set forth in section  
28 two hundred three-b of this article, and shall concurrently use avail-

1 able family medical leave act and paid family leave credits. In no event  
2 can an employee utilize family leave beyond the twelve weeks per any  
3 fifty-two week period set forth in this article. This paragraph may not  
4 be construed in a manner that relieves an employer of any duty of  
5 collective bargaining the employer may have with respect to the subject  
6 matter of this paragraph.

7 3. No employee shall be entitled to disability or family leave bene-  
8 fits under this article:

9 (a) for any disability occasioned by the wilful intention of the  
10 employee to bring about injury to or the sickness of himself or another,  
11 or resulting from any injury or sickness sustained in the perpetration  
12 by the employee of an illegal act;

13 [4.] (b) for any day of disability or family leave during which the  
14 employee performed work for remuneration or profit;

15 [5.] (c) for any day of disability or family leave for which the  
16 employee is entitled to receive from his or her employer, or from a fund  
17 to which the employer has contributed, remuneration or maintenance in an  
18 amount equal to or greater than that to which he or she would be enti-  
19 tled under this article; but any voluntary contribution or aid which an  
20 employer may make to an employee or any supplementary benefit paid to an  
21 employee pursuant to the provisions of a collective bargaining agreement  
22 or from a trust fund to which contributions are made pursuant to the  
23 provisions of a collective bargaining agreement shall not be considered  
24 as continued remuneration or maintenance for this purpose;

25 [6.] (d) for any period in respect to which such employee is subject  
26 to suspension or disqualification of the accumulation of unemployment  
27 insurance benefit rights, or would be subject if he or she were eligible

1 for such benefit rights, except for ineligibility resulting from the  
2 employee's disability;

3 [7.] (e) for any disability due to any act of war, declared or unde-  
4 clared[, if such act shall occur after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred  
5 fifty];

6 [8.] (f) for any disability or family leave commencing before the  
7 employee becomes eligible to benefits [hereunder or commencing prior to  
8 July first, nineteen hundred fifty, but this shall not preclude benefits  
9 for recurrence after July first, nineteen hundred fifty, of a disability  
10 commencing prior thereto] under this section.

11 4. An employee who has given birth shall select whether she will seek  
12 benefits pursuant to subdivision one or two of this section. An employee  
13 may not seek benefits concurrently under both subdivisions one and two  
14 of this section following childbirth.

15 § 7. Section 206 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by chap-  
16 ter 699 of the laws of 1956, paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 as separate-  
17 ly amended by chapters 699 and 929 of the laws of 1956 and subdivision 2  
18 as amended by chapter 24 of the laws of 1988, is amended to read as  
19 follows:

20 § 206. Non-duplication of benefits. 1. No disability benefits shall be  
21 payable under section two hundred four or two hundred seven of this  
22 article:

23 (a) in a weekly benefit amount which, together with any amount that  
24 the employee receives or is entitled to receive for the same period or  
25 any part thereof as a permanent disability benefit or annuity under any  
26 governmental system or program, except under a veteran's disability  
27 program, or under any permanent disability policy or program of an  
28 employer for whom he or she has performed services, would, if appor-

1 tioned to weekly periods, exceed his or her weekly benefit amount [here-  
2 under] under this section, provided however, that there shall be no  
3 offset against the benefits set forth in this article if the claim for  
4 disability benefits is based on a disability other than the permanent  
5 disability for which the aforesaid permanent disability benefit or annu-  
6 ity was granted;

7 (b) with respect to any week for which payments are received under the  
8 unemployment insurance law or similar law of this state or of any other  
9 state or of the United States;

10 (c) subject to the provisions of subdivision two of this section, for  
11 any period with respect to which benefits, compensation or other allow-  
12 ances (other than [workmen's] workers' compensation benefits for a  
13 permanent partial disability occurring prior to the disability for which  
14 benefits are claimed hereunder) are paid or payable under this chapter,  
15 the volunteer [firemen's] firefighters' benefit law, or any other [work-  
16 men's] workers' compensation act, occupational disease act or similar  
17 law, or under any employers' liability act or similar law; under any  
18 other temporary disability or cash sickness benefits act or similar law;  
19 under section six hundred eighty-eight, title forty-six, United States  
20 code; under the federal employers' liability act; or under the maritime  
21 doctrine of maintenance, wages and cure.

22 2. If an employee who is eligible for disability benefits under  
23 section two hundred three or two hundred seven of this article is disa-  
24 bled and has claimed or subsequently claims workers' compensation bene-  
25 fits under this chapter or benefits under the volunteer firefighters'  
26 benefit law or the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law, and such  
27 claim is controverted on the ground that the employee's disability was  
28 not caused by an accident that arose out of and in the course of his

1 employment or by an occupational disease, or by an injury in line of  
2 duty as a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker, the  
3 employee shall be entitled in the first instance to receive benefits  
4 under this article for his or her disability. If benefits have been paid  
5 under this article in respect to a disability alleged to have arisen out  
6 of and in the course of the employment or by reason of an occupational  
7 disease, or in line of duty as a volunteer firefighter or a volunteer  
8 ambulance worker, the employer or carrier or the chairman making such  
9 payment may, at any time before award of workers' compensation benefits,  
10 or volunteer firefighters' benefits or volunteer ambulance workers'  
11 benefits, is made, file with the board a claim for reimbursement out of  
12 the proceeds of such award to the employee for the period for which  
13 disability benefits were paid to the employee under this article, and  
14 shall have a lien against the award for reimbursement, notwithstanding  
15 the provisions of section thirty-three of this chapter or section twen-  
16 ty-three of the volunteer firefighters' benefit law or section twenty-  
17 three of the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law provided the  
18 insurance carrier liable for payment of the award receives, before such  
19 award is made, a copy of the claim for reimbursement from the employer,  
20 carrier or [chairman] chair who paid disability benefits, or provided  
21 the board's decision and award directs such reimbursement therefrom.

22 3. No family leave benefits shall be payable under section two hundred  
23 four of this article:

24 (a) During periods when the employee is receiving workers' compen-  
25 sation lost wage benefits, benefits under the volunteer firefighters'  
26 benefit law or the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit law or under any  
27 state's law;

1     (b) To an employee who is not employed or is on administrative leave  
2     from his or her employment;

3     (c) To an employee during periods where the employee is collecting  
4     sick pay or paid time off from the employer; and

5     (d) for any day in which claimant works at least part of that day for  
6     renumeration or profit.

7     4. Unless otherwise expressly permitted by the employer, benefits  
8     available under 29 U.S. Code Chapter 28 (The Family and Medical Leave  
9     Act) must be used concurrently with family leave benefits. An employer  
10    shall not be required to permit twelve additional weeks of benefits  
11    following exhaustion of the twelve weeks of paid family leave benefits.

12    5. Only one employee may use family leave for the same family member  
13    for the same period of leave.

14    § 8. Section 207 of the workers' compensation law is amended by adding  
15    a new subdivision 5 to read as follows:

16    5. The foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to family  
17    leave benefits, as family leave benefits are not available to employees  
18    that are not employed at the time family leave is requested by filing  
19    the notice and medical certification required by the chair.

20    § 9. Section 208 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chapter  
21    600 of the laws of 1949, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 314 of the  
22    laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

23    § 208. Payment of disability and family leave benefits.    1. Benefits  
24    provided under this article shall be paid periodically and promptly and,  
25    except as to a contested period of disability or family leave, without  
26    any decision by the board, or board designee of the chair.    The first  
27    payment of benefits shall be due on the fourteenth day of disability and  
28    benefits for that period shall be paid directly to the employee within

1 four business days thereafter or within four business days after the  
2 filing of required proof of claim, whichever is the later. Thereafter  
3 benefits shall be due and payable bi-weekly in like manner. The [chair-  
4 man] chair or chair's designee may determine that benefits may be paid  
5 monthly or semi-monthly if wages were so paid, and may authorize devi-  
6 ation from the foregoing requirements to facilitate prompt payment of  
7 benefits. Any inquiry which requires the employee's response in order to  
8 continue benefits uninterrupted or unmodified shall provide a reasonable  
9 time period in which to respond and include a clear and prominent state-  
10 ment of the deadline for responding and consequences of failing to  
11 respond.

12 2. The [chairman] chair and superintendent of financial services may,  
13 whenever such information is deemed necessary, require any carrier to  
14 file in form prescribed by the [chairman] chair a report or reports as  
15 to any claim or claims, including (but without limitation) dates of  
16 commencement and termination of benefit payments and amount of benefits  
17 paid under this article. The [chairman] chair and superintendent of  
18 financial services may also require annually information in respect to  
19 the aggregate of benefits paid, the number of claims allowed and disal-  
20 lowed, the average benefits and duration of benefit periods, the amount  
21 of payrolls covered and such other information as the [chairman] chair  
22 may deem necessary for the purposes of administering this article. If  
23 the carrier is providing benefits in respect to more than one employer,  
24 the [chairman] chair and superintendent of financial services may  
25 require that such information be shown separately as to those employers  
26 who are providing only benefits that are substantially the same as the  
27 benefits required in this article. The chair and superintendent of

1 financial services may prescribe the format of such report and may  
2 promulgate regulations to effectuate this article.

3 § 10. Section 209 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chap-  
4 ter 600 of the laws of 1949, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 415 of  
5 the laws of 1983 and subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 134 of the laws  
6 of 1952, is amended to read as follows:

7 § 209. Contribution of employees for disability and family leave bene-  
8 fits. 1. Every employee in the employment of a covered employer shall[,  
9 on and after January first, nineteen hundred fifty,] contribute to the  
10 cost of providing disability and after January first, two thousand eigh-  
11 teen, family leave benefits under this article, to the extent and in the  
12 manner herein provided.

13 2. The special contribution of each such employee to the accumulation  
14 of funds to provide benefits for disabled unemployed shall be as  
15 provided in subdivision one of section two hundred fourteen of this  
16 article.

17 3. (a) Disability benefits. The contribution of each such employee to  
18 the cost of disability benefits provided by this article shall be one-  
19 half of one per centum of the employee's wages paid to him or her on and  
20 after July first, nineteen hundred fifty, but not in excess of sixty  
21 cents per week.

22 (b) Family leave benefits. On September first, two thousand seventeen  
23 and annually thereafter the superintendent of financial services shall  
24 set the maximum employee contribution, using the reports provided in  
25 section two hundred eight of this article, and consistent with the prin-  
26 ciple that the costs of family leave should be funded one hundred  
27 percent by employee payroll contribution.

1     4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the employer is author-  
2 ized to collect from his or her employees, except as otherwise provided  
3 in any plan or agreement under the provisions of subdivisions four or  
4 five of section two hundred eleven of this article, the contribution  
5 provided under subdivisions two and three of this section, through  
6 payroll deductions. If the employer shall not make deduction for any  
7 payroll period he or she may thereafter, but not later than one month  
8 after payment of wages, collect such contribution through payroll  
9 deduction.

10    5. In collecting employee contributions through payroll deductions,  
11 the employer shall act as the agent of his or her employees and shall  
12 use the contributions only to provide disability and family leave bene-  
13 fits as required by this article. In no event may the employee's annual  
14 contribution for family leave exceed his or her pro rata share of the  
15 actual annual premium charged for the same year and must be determined  
16 consistent with the principle that employees should pay the total costs  
17 of family leave premium. In no event may the employee's weekly contrib-  
18 ution for disability premium exceed one-half of one per centum of the  
19 employee's wages paid to him or her, but not in excess of sixty cents  
20 per week. After June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty, if the employer  
21 is not providing, or to the extent that he or she is not then providing,  
22 for the payment of disability benefits to his or her employees by insur-  
23 ing with the state fund or with another insurance carrier, he or she  
24 shall keep the contributions of his or her employees as trust funds  
25 separate and apart from all other funds of the employer. The payment of  
26 such contributions by the employer to a carrier providing for the  
27 payment of such benefits shall discharge the employer from responsibil-  
28 ity with respect to such contributions.

1     § 11. Section 210 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chap-  
2     ter 600 of the laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows:

3     § 210. Employer contributions. 1. Every covered employer shall, on and  
4     after January first, nineteen hundred fifty, contribute the cost of  
5     providing disability and family leave benefits in excess of the contrib-  
6     utions collected from his or her employees, to the extent and in the  
7     manner provided in this article.

8     2. The special contribution of each covered employer to the accumu-  
9     lation of funds to provide benefits for disabled unemployed shall be as  
10    provided in subdivision one of section two hundred fourteen of this  
11    article.

12    3. The contribution of every covered employer to the cost of providing  
13    disability benefits after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred fifty, and  
14    providing disability and family leave benefits after January first, two  
15    thousand eighteen, shall be the excess of such cost over the amount of  
16    the contributions of his or her employees.

17    4. No profit shall be derived by any employer or association of  
18    employers or of employees from providing payment of disability and fami-  
19    ly leave benefits under this article. All funds representing contrib-  
20    utions of employers and employees, and increments thereon, held by  
21    employers or associations of employers or of employees authorized or  
22    permitted to pay benefits under the provisions of this article, and by  
23    trustees paying benefits under plans or agreements meeting the require-  
24    ments of section two hundred eleven of this article, shall be trust  
25    funds and shall be expended only to provide for the payment of benefits  
26    to employees and for the costs of administering this article and for the  
27    support of the fund established under section two hundred fourteen of  
28    this article.

1     § 12. The opening paragraph and subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 of section 211  
2 of the workers' compensation law, the opening paragraph as added by  
3 chapter 600 of the laws of 1949, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 207  
4 of the laws of 1992, and subdivisions 4 and 5 as amended by chapter 197  
5 of the laws of 1960, are amended, and a new subdivision 7 is added to  
6 read as follows:

7     A covered employer shall, with his or her own contributions and the  
8 contributions of his employees, provide disability and after January  
9 first, two thousand eighteen, family leave benefits to his or her  
10 employees in one or more of the following ways:

11     3. by furnishing satisfactory proof to the chair of the employers  
12 financial ability to pay such benefits, in which case the chair shall  
13 require the deposit of such securities as the chair may deem necessary  
14 [of the kind prescribed in subdivisions one, two, three, four and five  
15 and paragraph a of subdivision seven of section two hundred thirty-five  
16 of the banking law or the deposit of cash or the filing of irrevocable  
17 letters of credit issued by a qualified banking institution as defined  
18 by rules promulgated by the chair or the filing of the bond of a surety  
19 company authorized to do business in this state, conditioned on the  
20 payment by the employer of its obligations under this article and in  
21 form approved by the chair, or the posting and filing of a combination  
22 of such securities, cash, irrevocable letters of credit and surety bonds  
23 in an amount to be determined by the chair, to secure his or her liabil-  
24 ity to pay the compensation provided in this chapter. The amount of  
25 deposit or of the penal sum of the bond shall be determined by the chair  
26 and shall not be less than one-half the estimated contributions of the  
27 employees of the employer for the ensuing year or one-half of the  
28 contributions of the employees which would have been paid by the employ-

1   ees during the preceding year, whichever is the greater, or if such  
2   amount is more than fifty thousand dollars an amount not less than fifty  
3   thousand dollars. The chair shall have authority to deny an application  
4   to provide benefits pursuant to this subdivision or to revoke approval  
5   at any time for good cause shown. In the case of an employer who main-  
6   tains a deposit of securities, irrevocable letters of credit or cash in  
7   accordance with subdivision three of section fifty of this chapter, the  
8   chair may reduce the amount of the deposit or of the penal sum of the  
9   bond, provided the securities, irrevocable letters of credit or cash  
10   deposited by or for such employer under subdivision three of section  
11   fifty of this chapter are, by agreement satisfactory to the chair, made  
12   available for the payment of unpaid benefits under this article with  
13   respect to obligations incurred for disabilities commencing prior to the  
14   effective date of such revocation] consistent with the provisions of  
15   subdivision three of section fifty of this chapter. An association of  
16   employers or employees authorized to pay benefits under this article or  
17   the trustee or trustees paying benefits under a plan or agreement  
18   authorized under subdivisions four and five of this section, may with  
19   the approval of the chair furnish such proof and otherwise comply with  
20   the provisions of this section to provide disability and family leave  
21   benefits to employees under such plan or agreement.

22   4. by a plan in existence on the effective date of this article. If  
23   on the effective date of this article the employees of a covered employ-  
24   er or any class or classes of such employees are entitled to receive  
25   disability and family leave benefits under a plan or agreement which  
26   remains in effect on July first, nineteen hundred fifty, the employer,  
27   subject to the requirements of this section, shall be relieved of  
28   responsibility for making provision for benefit payments required under

1 this article until the earliest date, determined by the chairman for the  
2 purposes of this article, upon which the employer shall have the right  
3 to discontinue the provisions thereof or to discontinue his contrib-  
4 utions towards the cost. Any such plan or agreement may be extended,  
5 with or without modification, by agreement or collective bargaining  
6 between an employer or employers or association of employers and an  
7 association of employees, in which event the period for which the  
8 employer is relieved of such responsibility shall include such period of  
9 extension. Any other plan or agreement in existence on the effective  
10 date of this article which the employer may, by his or her sole act,  
11 terminate at any time, or with respect to which he or she is not obli-  
12 gated to continue for any period to make contributions, may be accepted  
13 by the [chairman] chair as satisfying the obligation to provide for the  
14 payment of benefits under this article if such plan or agreement  
15 provides benefits at least as favorable as the disability and family  
16 leave benefits provided by this article and does not require contrib-  
17 utions of any employee or of any class or classes of employees in excess  
18 of the statutory amount provided in subdivision three of section two  
19 hundred nine of this article, subdivision three, except by agreement and  
20 provided the contribution is reasonably related to the value of the  
21 benefits as determined by the chairman. The chairman may require that  
22 the employer shall enter into an agreement in writing with the chairman  
23 that he will pay the assessments set forth in sections two hundred four-  
24 teen and two hundred twenty-eight and that until he shall have filed  
25 written notice with the chairman of his election to terminate such plan  
26 or agreement or to discontinue making necessary contributions to its  
27 cost, he will continue to provide for the payment of the disability and  
28 family leave benefits under such plan or agreement.

1 During any period in which any plan or agreement or extension thereof  
2 authorized under this subdivision provides for payment of benefits under  
3 this article, the responsibility of the employer and the obligations and  
4 benefits of the employees shall be as provided in said plan or agreement  
5 rather than as provided under this article, other than the benefits  
6 provided in section two hundred seven, and provided the employer or  
7 carrier has agreed to pay the assessments described in sections two  
8 hundred fourteen and two hundred twenty-eight.

9 Any such plan or agreement may be extended with or without modifica-  
10 tion, provided the benefits under such plan or agreement, as extended or  
11 modified, shall be found by the chairman to be at least as favorable as  
12 the benefits provided by this article.

13 5. by a new plan or agreement. After the effective date of this arti-  
14 cle, a new plan or agreement with a carrier may be accepted by the  
15 chairman as satisfying the obligation to provide for the payment of  
16 benefits under this article if such plan or agreement shall provide  
17 benefits at least as favorable as the disability and family leave bene-  
18 fits provided by this article and does not require contributions of any  
19 employee or of any class or classes of employees in excess of the statu-  
20 tory amount provided in section two hundred nine, subdivision three,  
21 except by agreement and provided the contribution is reasonably related  
22 to the value of the benefits as determined by the chairman. Any such  
23 plan or agreement shall continue until written notice filed with the  
24 chairman of intention to terminate such plan or agreement, and any  
25 modification of such plan or agreement shall be subject to the written  
26 approval of the chairman.

27 During any period in which any plan or agreement or extension thereof  
28 authorized under this subdivision provides for payment of benefits under

1 this article, the responsibility of the employer and the obligations and  
2 benefits of the employees shall be as provided in said plan or agreement  
3 rather than as provided under this article, other than the benefits  
4 provided in section two hundred seven, and provided the employer or  
5 carrier has agreed to pay the assessments described in sections two  
6 hundred fourteen and two hundred twenty-eight.

7 7. Premiums for policies providing disability or family leave benefits  
8 in accordance with this article shall be calculated in accordance with  
9 applicable provisions of the insurance law, including subsection (n) of  
10 section four thousand two hundred and thirty-five of such law.

11 § 13. Subdivisions 1, 4 and 5 of section 212 of the workers' compen-  
12 sation law, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 740 of the laws of 1960,  
13 subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 205 of the laws of 1993, and subdi-  
14 vision 5 as added by chapter 593 of the laws of 1992, are amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 1. Any employer not required by this article to provide for the  
17 payment of disability or family leave benefits to his employees, or to  
18 any class or classes thereof, may become a covered employer or bring  
19 within the provisions of this article such employees or class or classes  
20 thereof by voluntarily electing to provide for payment of such benefits  
21 in one or more of the ways set forth in section two hundred eleven of  
22 this article; but such election shall be subject to the approval of the  
23 [chairman] chair, and if the employees are required to contribute to the  
24 cost of such benefits the assent within thirty days before such approval  
25 is granted, of more than one-half of such employees shall be evidenced  
26 to the satisfaction of the [chairman] chair. On approval by the [chair-  
27 man] chair of such election to provide benefits, all the provisions of  
28 this article shall become and continue applicable as if the employer

1 were a covered employer as defined in this article. The obligation to  
2 continue as a covered employer with respect to employees for whom  
3 provision of benefits is not required under this article, may be discon-  
4 tinued by such employer on ninety days notice to the [chairman] chair in  
5 writing and to his or her employees, after he or she [chairman] has  
6 provided for payment of benefits for not less than one year and with  
7 such provision for payment of obligations incurred on and prior to the  
8 termination date as the chair may approve.

9 4. An executive officer of a corporation who at all times during the  
10 period involved owns all of the issued and outstanding stock of the  
11 corporation and holds all of the offices pursuant to paragraph (e) of  
12 section seven hundred fifteen of the business corporation law or two  
13 executive officers of a corporation who at all times during the period  
14 involved between them own all of the issued and outstanding stock of  
15 such corporation and hold all such offices provided, however, that each  
16 officer must own at least one share of stock and who is the executive  
17 officer or who are the executive officers of a corporation having other  
18 persons who are employees required to be covered under this article,  
19 shall be deemed to be included in the corporation's disability and fami-  
20 ly leave benefits insurance contract or covered by a certificate of  
21 self-insurance or a plan under section two hundred eleven of this arti-  
22 cle, unless the officer or officers elect to be excluded from the cover-  
23 age of this article. Such election shall be made by any such corporation  
24 filing with the insurance carrier, or the chair of the workers' compen-  
25 sation board in the case of self-insurance, upon a form prescribed by  
26 the [chairman] chair, a notice that the corporation elects to exclude  
27 the executive officer or officers of such corporation named in the  
28 notice from the coverage of this article. Such election shall be effec-

1 tive with respect to all policies issued to such corporation by such  
2 insurance carrier as long as it shall continuously insure the corpo-  
3 ration. Such election shall be final and binding upon the executive  
4 officer or officers named in the notice until revoked by the corpo-  
5 ration.

6 5. A spouse who is an employee of a covered employer shall be deemed  
7 to be included in the employer's disability and family leave benefits  
8 insurance contract or covered by a certificate of self-insurance or a  
9 plan under section two hundred eleven of this article, unless the  
10 employer elects to exclude such spouse from the coverage of this arti-  
11 cle. Such election shall be made by any such employer filing with the  
12 insurance carrier, or the chair of the workers' compensation board in  
13 the case of self-insurance, upon a form prescribed by the chair, a  
14 notice that the employer elects to exclude such spouse named in the  
15 notice from the coverage of this article. Such election shall be effec-  
16 tive with respect to all policies issued to such employer by such insur-  
17 ance carrier as long as it shall continuously insure the employer. Such  
18 election shall be final and binding upon the spouse named in the notice  
19 until revoked by the employer.

20 § 14. Subdivision 1 of section 213 of the workers' compensation law,  
21 as amended by chapter 784 of the laws of 1980, is amended and a new  
22 subdivision 3 is added to read as follows:

23 1. Whenever a covered employer does not comply with this article by  
24 providing for the payment of disability and family leave benefits to his  
25 or her employees in one or more of the ways provided in section two  
26 hundred eleven of this article or whenever a carrier fails to pay the  
27 benefits required by this article to employees of a covered employer,  
28 then such employer shall be fully and directly liable to each of his or

1 her employees for the payment of benefits provided by this article. The  
2 amount of the benefits to which employees of such employers are entitled  
3 under this article and attendance fees of [their] any attending [physi-  
4 cians or attending podiatrists] health care provider fixed pursuant to  
5 subdivision two of section two hundred thirty-two of this article shall,  
6 on order of the [chairman] chair, be paid out of the fund established  
7 under section two hundred fourteen of this article. In case of non-com-  
8 pliance of the employer, such employer shall forthwith pay to the  
9 [chairman] chair, for credit to the fund, the sum so expended or one  
10 [per cent] percent of his or her payroll for his or her employees in  
11 employment during the period of non-compliance, whichever is greater;  
12 provided, however, that if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the  
13 [chairman] chair that the default in payment of benefits or the non-com-  
14 pliance of the employer otherwise with his or her obligation under this  
15 article was inadvertent, the [chairman] chair may fix the sum payable in  
16 such case for non-compliance or default at the amount paid out of the  
17 fund and a sum less than one [per cent] percent of such payroll, and in  
18 addition the penalties for non-compliance imposed under this article. In  
19 case of failure of the carrier to pay benefits, the employer shall  
20 forthwith pay to the [chairman] chair, for credit to the fund, the sum  
21 so expended.

22 3. The provisions of section one hundred forty-one-b of this chapter  
23 shall not apply to violations of this section after January first, two  
24 thousand eighteen and before January first, two thousand twenty. There-  
25 after, in the event an employer is subject to debarment solely due to a  
26 penalty for violation of this section, the chair may, in the interests  
27 of justice, restore the employer's eligibility to submit a bid on or be  
28 awarded any public work contract or subcontract. The chair may exercise

1 this authority only if it is the employer's first time violation of  
2 section one hundred forty-one-b of this chapter; the employer is not  
3 liable for any outstanding workers' compensation, disability or family  
4 leave claims as a result of the lack of coverage; and the employer has  
5 paid all fines, assessments, and penalties associated with the lack of  
6 coverage.

7 § 15. Section 217 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chap-  
8 ter 600 of the laws of 1949, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 167 of  
9 the laws of 1999, subdivisions 2 and 3 as amended by chapter 270 of the  
10 laws of 1990, and subdivision 6 as amended by chapter 344 of the laws of  
11 1994, is amended to read as follows:

12 § 217. Notice and proof of claim. 1. Written notice and proof of  
13 disability or proof of need for family leave shall be furnished to the  
14 employer by or on behalf of the employee claiming benefits or, in the  
15 case of a claimant under section two hundred seven of this article, to  
16 the chair, within thirty days after commencement of the period of disa-  
17 bility. Additional proof shall be furnished thereafter from time to time  
18 as the employer or carrier or chair may require but not more often than  
19 once each week. Such proof shall include a statement of disability by  
20 the employee's [attending physician or attending podiatrist or attending  
21 chiropractor or attending dentist or attending psychologist or attending  
22 certified nurse midwife] or family leave care recipient's health care  
23 provider, or in the case of an employee who adheres to the faith or  
24 teachings of any church or denomination, and who in accordance with its  
25 creed, tenets or principles depends for healing upon prayer through  
26 spiritual means alone in the practice of religion, by an accredited  
27 practitioner, containing facts and opinions as to such disability in  
28 compliance with regulations of the chair. Failure to furnish notice or

1 proof within the time and in the manner above provided shall not invali-  
2 date the claim but no benefits shall be required to be paid for any  
3 period more than two weeks prior to the date on which the required proof  
4 is furnished unless it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the chair  
5 not to have been reasonably possible to furnish such notice or proof and  
6 that such notice or proof was furnished as soon as possible; provided,  
7 however, that no benefits shall be paid unless the required proof of  
8 disability is furnished within [twenty-six weeks after commencement of  
9 the period of disability] the period of actual disability or family  
10 leave that does not exceed the statutory maximum period permitted under  
11 section two hundred five of this article. No limitation of time  
12 provided in this section shall run as against any [person] disabled  
13 employee who is mentally incompetent, or physically incapable of provid-  
14 ing such notice as a result of a serious medical condition, or a minor  
15 so long as such person has no guardian of the person and/or property.

16 2. An employee claiming disability benefits shall, as requested by the  
17 employer or carrier, submit himself or herself at intervals, but not  
18 more than once a week, for examination by [a physician or podiatrist or  
19 chiropractor or dentist or psychologist or certified nurse midwife] an  
20 accredited health care provider designated by the employer or carrier.  
21 All such examinations shall be without cost to the employee and shall be  
22 held at a reasonable time and place.

23 3. The chair or chair's designee may direct the claimant or family  
24 leave care recipient to submit to examination by a [physician or podia-  
25 trist or chiropractor or dentist or psychologist] health care provider  
26 designated by him or her in any case in which the claim to disability or  
27 family leave benefits is contested and in claims arising under section

1 two hundred seven of this article, and in other cases as the chair or  
2 board may require.

3 4. Refusal of the claimant or family leave care recipient without good  
4 cause to submit to any such examination shall disqualify [him] the  
5 claimant or employee from all benefits hereunder for the period of such  
6 refusal, except as to benefits already paid.

7 5. If benefits required to be paid by this article have been paid to  
8 an employee, further payments for the same disability or family leave  
9 shall not be barred solely because of failure to give notice or to file  
10 proof of disability for the period or periods for which such benefits  
11 have been paid.

12 6. In the event that a claim for benefits is rejected, the carrier or  
13 employer shall send by first class mail written notice of rejection to  
14 the [claimant] employee within forty-five days of receipt of proof of  
15 disability. Failure to mail such written notice of rejection within the  
16 time provided, shall bar the employer or carrier from contesting enti-  
17 tlement to benefits for any period of disability prior to such notice  
18 but such failure may be excused by the [chairman] chair if it can be  
19 shown to the satisfaction of the [chairman] chair not to have been  
20 reasonably possible to mail such notice and that such notice was mailed  
21 as soon as possible. Such notice shall include a statement, in a form  
22 prescribed by the [chairman] chair, to the effect that the [claimant]  
23 employee may, for the purpose of review [by the board], file [with the  
24 chairman] notice that his or her claim has not been paid as set forth in  
25 section two hundred twenty-one of this article.

26 § 16. Section 219 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by  
27 chapter 688 of the laws of 1953, is amended to read as follows:

1     § 219. Enforcement of payment in default. In case of a default in the  
2 payment of any benefits, assessments or penalties payable under this  
3 article by an employer who has failed to comply with the provisions of  
4 section two hundred eleven of this [chapter] article or refusal of such  
5 employer to reimburse the fund under section two hundred fourteen of  
6 this article for the expenditures made therefrom pursuant to section two  
7 hundred thirteen of this article or to deposit within ten days after  
8 demand the estimated value of benefits not presently payable, the  
9 [chairman] chair may file with the county clerk for the county in which  
10 the employer has his principal place of business (1) a certified copy of  
11 the decision of the board, or alternative dispute resolution association  
12 designated by the chair pursuant to section two hundred twenty-one of  
13 this article, or order of the [chairman] chair, or (2) a certified copy  
14 of the demand for deposit of security, and thereupon judgment must be  
15 entered in the supreme court by the clerk of such county in conformity  
16 therewith immediately upon such filing.

17     § 17. Section 220 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chap-  
18 ter 600 of the laws of 1949, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 387 of  
19 the laws of 1984, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 626 of the laws of  
20 1979, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 415 of the laws of 1983,  
21 subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 645 of the laws of 1981, subdivision  
22 5 as amended by chapter 940 of the laws of 1973, subdivision 7 as  
23 amended by chapter 61 of the laws of 1989 and subdivision 8 as amended  
24 by chapter 213 of the laws of 1993, is amended to read as follows:

25     § 220. Penalties. 1. Any employer who fails to make provision for  
26 payment of disability or family leave benefits as required by section  
27 two hundred eleven of this article within ten days following the date on  
28 which such employer becomes a covered employer as defined in section two

1 hundred two of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon  
2 conviction be punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more  
3 than five hundred dollars or imprisonment for not more than one year or  
4 both, except that where any person has previously been convicted of a  
5 failure to make provisions for payment of disability or family leave  
6 benefits within the preceding five years, upon conviction for a second  
7 violation such person shall be fined not less than two hundred fifty nor  
8 more than one thousand two hundred fifty dollars in addition to any  
9 other penalties including fines otherwise provided by law, and upon  
10 conviction for a third or subsequent violation such person may be fined  
11 up to two thousand five hundred dollars in addition to any other penal-  
12 ties including fines otherwise provided by law. Where the employer is a  
13 corporation, the president, secretary, treasurer, or officers exercising  
14 corresponding functions, shall each be liable under this section.

15 2. The [chairman] chair or any officer of the board designated by him  
16 or her, upon finding that an employer has failed to make provision for  
17 the payment of disability or family leave benefits, shall impose upon  
18 such employer a penalty not in excess of a sum equal to one-half of one  
19 per centum of his or her weekly payroll for the period of such failure  
20 and a further sum not in excess of five hundred dollars, which sums  
21 shall be paid into the fund created under section two hundred fourteen  
22 of this article.

23 3. If for the purpose of obtaining any benefit or payment under the  
24 provisions of this article, or for the purpose of influencing any deter-  
25 mination regarding any benefit payment, either for himself or herself or  
26 any other person, any person, employee, employer or carrier wilfully  
27 makes a false statement or representation or fails to disclose a materi-  
28 al fact, he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

1     4. Whenever a carrier shall fail to make prompt payment of disability  
2 or family leave benefits payable under this article and after [hearing  
3 before an officer designated by the chairman] a determination by the  
4 chair's designee for that purpose, the [chairman] chair or designee  
5 shall determine that failure to make such prompt payment was without  
6 just cause, the [chairman] chair or designee shall collect from the  
7 carrier a sum not in excess of twenty-five per centum of the amount of  
8 the benefits as to which the carrier failed to make payment, which sum  
9 shall be credited to the special fund for disability benefits. In addi-  
10 tion, the [chairman] chair or designee may collect and pay over to the  
11 employee the sum of ten dollars in respect to each week, or fraction  
12 thereof, for which benefits have not been promptly paid.

13     5. In addition to other penalties herein provided, the [chairman]  
14 chair or designee shall remove from the list of [physicians] health care  
15 providers authorized to render medical care under the provisions [of  
16 articles one to eight, inclusive,] of this chapter [and from the list of  
17 podiatrists authorized to render podiatric care under section thirteen-k  
18 of this chapter, and from the list of chiropractors authorized to render  
19 chiropractic care under section thirteen-1 of this chapter the name of  
20 any physician or podiatrist or chiropractor] whom [he] the chair or  
21 designee shall find, after reasonable investigation, has submitted to  
22 the employer or carrier or [chairman] chair in connection with any claim  
23 for disability benefits under this article, a statement of disability  
24 that is not truthful and complete.

25     6. In addition to other penalties herein provided, any person who for  
26 the purpose of obtaining any benefit or payment under this article or  
27 for the purpose of influencing any determination regarding any benefit  
28 payment, knowingly makes a false statement with regard to a material

1 fact, shall not be entitled to receive benefits with respect to the  
2 disability claimed or any disability benefits during the period of  
3 twelve calendar months thereafter; but this penalty shall not be applied  
4 more than once with respect to each such offense.

5 7. All fines imposed under subdivisions one and three of this section,  
6 except as herein otherwise provided, shall be paid directly and imme-  
7 diately by the officer collecting the same to the chair, and be paid  
8 into the state treasury, provided, however, that all such fines  
9 collected by justices of the peace of towns and police justices of  
10 villages shall be paid to the state comptroller in accordance with the  
11 provisions of section twenty-seven of the town law [and section one  
12 hundred eighty-five of the village law, respectively].

13 8. (a) The head of a state or municipal department, board, commission  
14 or office authorized or required by law to issue any permit for or in  
15 connection with any work involving the employment of employees in  
16 employment as defined in this article, and notwithstanding any general  
17 or special statute requiring or authorizing the issue of such permits,  
18 shall not issue such permit unless proof duly subscribed by an insurance  
19 carrier is produced in a form satisfactory to the chair, that the  
20 payment of disability benefits and after January first, two thousand  
21 twenty-one, the payment of family leave benefits for all employees has  
22 been secured as provided by this article. Nothing herein, however,  
23 shall be construed as creating any liability on the part of such state  
24 or municipal department, board, commission or office to pay any disabil-  
25 ity benefits to any such employee if so employed.

26 (b) The head of a state or municipal department, board, commission or  
27 office authorized or required by law to enter into any contract for or  
28 in connection with any work involving the employment of employees in

1 employment as defined in this article, and notwithstanding any general  
2 or special statute requiring or authorizing any such contract, shall not  
3 enter into any such contract unless proof duly subscribed by an insur-  
4 ance carrier is produced in a form satisfactory to the chair, that the  
5 payment of disability benefits and after January first, two thousand  
6 eighteen, the payment of family leave benefits for all employees has  
7 been secured as provided by this article.

8 § 18. Section 221 of the workers' compensation law, as separately  
9 amended by chapters 425 and 500 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read  
10 as follows:

11 § 221. Determination of contested claims for disability and family  
12 leave benefits. [Within twenty-six weeks] In accordance with regu-  
13 lations adopted by the chair, within sixty days of written notice of  
14 rejection of claim, the employee may file with the [chairman] chair a  
15 notice that his or her claim for disability or family leave benefits has  
16 not been paid, and the employee shall submit proof of disability or  
17 entitlement to family leave and of his or her employment, wages and  
18 other facts reasonably necessary for determination of the employee's  
19 right to such benefits. Failure to file such notice within the time  
20 provided, may be excused [by the chairman] if it can be shown [to the  
21 satisfaction of the chairman] not to have been reasonably possible to  
22 furnish such notice and that such notice was furnished as soon as possi-  
23 ble. On demand [of the chairman] the employer or carrier shall forth-  
24 with deliver to the [chairman] board the original or a true copy of the  
25 [attending physician's or attending podiatrist's or accredited practi-  
26 tioner's statement] health care provider's report, wage and employment  
27 data and all other papers in the possession of the employer or carrier  
28 with respect to such claim.

1     The [board] chair or designee shall have full power and authority to  
2     determine all issues in relation to every such claim for disability or  
3     family leave benefits required or provided under this article[, and  
4     shall file its decision in the office of the chairman. Upon such filing,  
5     the chairman shall send to the parties a copy of the decision. Either  
6     party may present evidence and be represented by counsel at any hearing  
7     on such claim. The decision of the board shall be final as to all ques-  
8     tions of fact and, except as provided in section twenty-three of this  
9     chapter, as to all questions of law]. Every decision [of the board]  
10    shall be complied with in accordance with its terms within ten days  
11    thereafter except [in case of appeal] as permitted by law upon the  
12    filing of a request for review, and any payments due under such decision  
13    shall draw simple interest from thirty days after the making thereof at  
14    the rate provided in section five thousand four of the civil practice  
15    law and rules. The chair shall adopt rules and regulations to carry out  
16    the provisions of this article including but not limited to resolution  
17    of contested claims and requests for review thereof, and payment of  
18    costs for resolution of disputed claims by carriers. The chair shall  
19    have authority to provide for alternative dispute resolution procedures  
20    for claims arising under this article including but not limited to  
21    referral and submission of disputed claims to mandatory arbitration with  
22    private arbitration associations, and any determination made by alterna-  
23    tive dispute resolution shall not be reviewable by the board and the  
24    venue for any appeal shall be to a court of competent jurisdiction.

25    § 19. Section 222 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chap-  
26    ter 600 of the laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows:

27    § 222. Technical rules of evidence or procedure not required. The  
28    [chairman or] chair, the board or the chair's designee, in making an

1 investigation or inquiry or conducting a hearing shall not be bound by  
2 common law or statutory rules of evidence or by technical or formal  
3 rules of procedure, except as provided by this chapter; but may make  
4 such investigation or inquiry or conduct such hearing in such manner as  
5 to ascertain the substantial rights of the parties.

6 § 20. Sections 223 and 224 of the workers' compensation law are  
7 REPEALED.

8 § 21. Section 225 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chap-  
9 ter 600 of the laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows:

10 § 225. Fees for representing employees. Claims of attorneys and coun-  
11 sellors-at-law for services in connection with any contested claim aris-  
12 ing under this article shall not be enforceable unless approved by the  
13 board. If so approved, such fee or fees shall become a lien upon the  
14 benefits ordered, but shall be paid therefrom only in the manner fixed  
15 by the board or the alternative dispute resolution association. Any  
16 other person, firm, corporation, organization, or other association who  
17 shall exact or receive any fee or gratuity for any services rendered on  
18 behalf of an employee except in an amount so determined [by the board]  
19 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person, firm, corporation, organ-  
20 ization, or association who shall solicit the business [of appearing  
21 before the board on behalf] of an employee claiming benefits under this  
22 article, or who shall make it a business to solicit employment for a  
23 lawyer in connection with any claim for disability or family leave bene-  
24 fits under this article, or who shall exact or receive any fee or gratu-  
25 ity or other charge with respect to the collection of any uncontested  
26 claim for disability or family leave benefits, shall be guilty of a  
27 misdemeanor.

1     § 22. Subdivision 5 of section 226 of the workers' compensation law,  
2 as amended by chapter 211 of the laws of 1983, is amended and three new  
3 subdivisions 7, 8 and 9 are added to read as follows:

4     5. No contract of insurance issued by an insurance carrier providing  
5 the benefits to be paid under this article shall be cancelled within the  
6 time limited in such contract for its expiration unless notice is given  
7 as required by this section. When cancellation is due to non-payment of  
8 premiums such cancellation shall not be effective until at least ten  
9 days after a notice of cancellation of such contract, on a date speci-  
10 fied in such notice, shall be filed in the office of the [chairman]  
11 chair and also served on the employer. When cancellation is due to any  
12 reason other than non-payment of premiums such cancellation shall not be  
13 effective until at least thirty days after a notice of cancellation of  
14 such contract, on a date specified in such notice, shall be filed in the  
15 office of the [chairman] chair and also served on the employer;  
16 provided, however, in either case that if insurance with another insur-  
17 ance carrier has been obtained which becomes effective prior to the  
18 expiration of the time stated in such notice, the cancellation shall be  
19 effective as of the date of such other coverage. Such notice shall be  
20 served on the employer [by] as prescribed by the chair, including deliv-  
21 ering it to him [or by sending it by certified or registered mail,  
22 return receipt requested, addressed to the employer at his or its last  
23 known place of business] or her by electronic means; provided that, if  
24 the employer be a partnership, then such notice may be given to any one  
25 of the partners, and if the employer be a corporation then the notice  
26 may be given to any agent or officer of the corporation upon whom legal  
27 process may be served, provided, however, the right to cancellation of a  
28 policy of insurance in the state fund shall be exercised only for

1 nonpayment of premiums or as provided in section ninety-four of this  
2 chapter.

3 7. The chair may require by regulation that every policy of insurance  
4 contain a provision requiring that all disputes be resolved by mandatory  
5 arbitration, in accordance with such regulations.

6 8. Premiums for policies providing disability or family leave benefits  
7 in accordance with this article shall be calculated in accordance with  
8 applicable provisions of the insurance law, including subsection (n) of  
9 section four thousand two hundred thirty-five of such law.

10 9. Every policy of insurance issued pursuant to this article must  
11 offer coverage for both disability and family leave benefits.

12 § 23. The section heading of section 227 of the workers' compensation  
13 law, as amended by chapter 805 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read  
14 as follows:

15 Actionable injuries in claims for disability benefits; subrogation.

16 § 24. Subdivision 1 of section 228 of the workers' compensation law,  
17 as added by section 27 of part GG of chapter 57 of the laws of 2013, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 1. The estimated annual expenses necessary for the workers' compen-  
20 sation board or department of financial services to administer the  
21 provisions of the disability and family leave benefits law shall be  
22 borne by all affected employers and included as part of the assessment  
23 rate generated pursuant to subdivision two of section one hundred  
24 fifty-one of this chapter.

25 § 25. Section 229 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by  
26 chapter 271 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

27 § 229. Posting of notice and providing of notice of rights. 1. Each  
28 covered employer shall post and maintain in a conspicuous place or plac-

1 es in and about the employer's place or places of business typewritten  
2 or printed notices in form prescribed by the [chairman] chair, stating  
3 that the employer has provided for the payment of disability and family  
4 leave benefits as required by this article. The [chairman] chair may  
5 require any covered employer to furnish a written statement at any time  
6 showing the carrier insuring the payment of benefits under this article  
7 or the manner in which such employer has complied with section two  
8 hundred eleven of this article or any other provision of this article.  
9 Failure for a period of ten days to furnish such written statement shall  
10 constitute presumptive evidence that such employer has neglected or  
11 failed in respect of any of the matters so required.

12 2. Whenever an employee of a covered employer who is eligible for  
13 benefits under section two hundred four of this article shall be absent  
14 from work due to a disability or to provide family care as defined in  
15 subdivision nine and subdivision twenty-five respectively, of section  
16 two hundred one of this article for more than seven consecutive days,  
17 the employer shall provide the employee with a written statement of the  
18 employee's rights under this article in a form prescribed by the [chair-  
19 man] chair. The statement shall be provided to the employee within five  
20 business days after the employee's seventh consecutive day of absence  
21 due to disability or family leave or within five business days after the  
22 employer [knows or should know] has received notice that the employee's  
23 absence is due to disability or family leave, whichever is later.

24 § 26. Section 232 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by  
25 chapter 270 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

26 § 232. Fees for testimony of [physicians, podiatrists, chiropractors,  
27 dentists and psychologists] health care providers. Whenever his or her  
28 attendance at a hearing, deposition or arbitration before the board or

1 [its referees] the chair's designee is required, the attending [physi-  
2 cian or attending podiatrist or attending chiropractor or attending  
3 dentist or attending psychologist or attending certified nurse midwife  
4 of the disabled employee, except such physicians as are disqualified  
5 from testifying pursuant to subdivision one of section thirteen-b, or  
6 section nineteen-a of this chapter, and except such podiatrists as are  
7 disqualified from testifying under the provisions of section thirteen-k,  
8 and except such chiropractors as are disqualified from testifying under  
9 the provisions of section thirteen-l, and except such psychologists as  
10 are disqualified from testifying under the provisions of section thir-  
11 teen-m,] health care provider shall be entitled to receive a fee [from  
12 the carrier or the fund established under section two hundred fourteen,  
13 in an amount as directed and fixed by the board, or its referees, and  
14 such fee shall be in addition to any witness fee] in accordance with  
15 regulations of the chair.

16 § 27. Section 237 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chap-  
17 ter 600 of the laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows:

18 § 237. Reimbursement for advance payments by employers. If an employer  
19 has made advance payments of benefits or has made payments to an employ-  
20 ee in like manner as wages during any period of disability or family  
21 leave for which such employee is entitled to the benefits provided by  
22 this article, he or she shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the carri-  
23 er out of any benefits due or to become due for the existing disability  
24 or family leave, if the claim for reimbursement is filed with the carri-  
25 er prior to payment of the benefits by the carrier.

26 § 28. Section 238 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chap-  
27 ter 600 of the laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows:

1     § 238. Payments to minors. Minors shall be deemed to be sui juris for  
2 the purpose of [receiving] payment of benefits under this article.

3     § 29. Section 239 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chap-  
4 ter 600 of the laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows:

5     § 239. Representation before the board. Any person, firm, or corpo-  
6 ration licensed by the board under section twenty-four-a of this article  
7 or subdivision three-b of section fifty of this chapter shall be deemed  
8 to be authorized to appear in behalf of claimants or self insured  
9 employers, as the case may be, in contested disability or family leave  
10 claims under this article.

11    § 30. The section heading and the opening paragraph of section 120 of  
12 the workers' compensation law, as amended by chapter 61 of the laws of  
13 1989, are amended to read as follows:

14    Discrimination against employees [who bring proceedings]. It shall be  
15 unlawful for any employer or his or her duly authorized agent to  
16 discharge or in any other manner discriminate against an employee as to  
17 his or her employment because such employee has claimed or attempted to  
18 claim compensation from such employer, or claimed or attempted to claim  
19 any benefits provided under this chapter or because he or she has testi-  
20 fied or is about to testify in a proceeding under this chapter and no  
21 other valid reason is shown to exist for such action by the employer.

22    § 31. Subdivision 2 of section 76 of the workers' compensation law, as  
23 added by chapter 600 of the laws of 1949, is amended to read as follows:

24    2. The purposes of the state insurance fund herein created are hereby  
25 enlarged to provide [for the] insurance [by the state insurance fund of]  
26 for the payment of the benefits required by section two hundred four of  
27 this chapter including benefits for family care. A separate fund is  
28 hereby created within the state insurance fund, which shall be known as

1 the "disability benefits fund", and which shall consist of all premiums  
2 received and paid into said fund on account of such insurance, all secu-  
3 rities acquired by and through the use of moneys belonging to said fund  
4 and of interest earned upon moneys belonging to said fund and deposited  
5 or invested as herein provided. Said disability benefits fund shall be  
6 applicable to the payment of benefits, expenses and assessments on  
7 account of insurance written pursuant to article nine of this chapter.  
8 Premiums for policies providing disability and family leave benefits in  
9 accordance with this article shall be calculated in accordance with  
10 applicable provisions of the insurance law, including subsection (n) of  
11 section four thousand two hundred thirty-five of such law. The state  
12 insurance fund shall have authority to discount or surcharge on estab-  
13 lished premium rates based on sound actuarial principles.

14 § 32. Subdivision 1 of section 141-a of the workers' compensation law,  
15 as added by chapter 6 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 1. To investigate violations of sections fifty-two [and], one hundred  
18 thirty-one and two hundred thirteen of this chapter, the chair or his or  
19 her designees shall have the power to:

20 (a) Enter and inspect any place of business at any reasonable time for  
21 the purpose of investigating employer compliance.

22 (b) Examine and copy business records.

23 (c) Administer oaths and affirmations.

24 (d) Issue and serve subpoenas for attendance of witnesses or  
25 production of business records, books, papers, correspondence, memoran-  
26 da, and other records. Such subpoenas may be served without the state on  
27 any defendant over whom a New York court would have personal jurisdic-  
28 tion under the civil practice law and rules as to the subject matter

1 under investigation, provided the information or testimony sought bears  
2 a reasonable relationship to the subject matter under investigation.

3 § 32-a. Section 318 of the workers' compensation law, as added by  
4 chapter 788 of the laws of 1951, is amended to read as follows:

5 § 318. Rules of evidence; modification of board decisions or orders;  
6 appeals. The provisions of [sections] section two hundred twenty-two [,  
7 two hundred twenty-three and two hundred twenty-four] of this chapter  
8 are made applicable to claims for compensation under this article.

9 § 33. Paragraph 3 of subsection (a) of section 1113 of the insurance  
10 law is amended to read as follows:

11 (3) "Accident and health insurance," means (i) insurance against death  
12 or personal injury by accident or by any specified kind or kinds of  
13 accident and insurance against sickness, ailment or bodily injury,  
14 including insurance providing disability and family leave benefits  
15 pursuant to article nine of the workers' compensation law, except as  
16 specified in item (ii) hereof; and (ii) non-cancellable disability  
17 insurance, meaning insurance against disability resulting from sickness,  
18 ailment or bodily injury (but excluding insurance solely against acci-  
19 dental injury) under any contract which does not give the insurer the  
20 option to cancel or otherwise terminate the contract at or after one  
21 year from its effective date or renewal date.

22 § 34. Paragraphs 1 and 4 of subsection (h) of section 4235 of the  
23 insurance law are amended and a new subsection (n) is to added read as  
24 follows:

25 (1) Each domestic insurer and each foreign or alien insurer doing  
26 business in this state shall file with the superintendent its schedules  
27 of premium rates, rules and classification of risks for use in  
28 connection with the issuance of its policies of group accident, group

1 health or group accident and health insurance, and of its rates of  
2 commissions, compensation or other fees or allowances to agents and  
3 brokers pertaining to the solicitation or sale of such insurance and of  
4 such fees or allowances, exclusive of amounts payable to persons who are  
5 in the regular employ of the insurer, other than as agent or broker to  
6 any individuals, firms or corporations pertaining to such class of busi-  
7 ness, whether transacted within or without the state. A group accident  
8 and health insurance policy providing disability and family leave bene-  
9 fits pursuant to article nine of the workers' compensation law shall be  
10 subject to the requirements of subsection (n) of this section.

11 (4) Nothing herein shall prohibit the state insurance fund from taking  
12 into account peculiar hazards of individual risks in establishing higher  
13 premium rates to be charged for insurance providing for the payment of  
14 disability [or] and family leave benefits in accordance with article  
15 nine of the workers' compensation law.

16 (n) (1) On or before June first, two thousand seventeen, the super-  
17 intendent of financial services by regulation, in consultation with the  
18 chair of the workers' compensation board of this state, shall determine  
19 whether a group accident and health insurance policy, including policies  
20 issued by the state insurance fund, providing disability and family  
21 leave benefits pursuant to article nine of the workers' compensation  
22 law, requires the policy to be experience rated or community rated,  
23 which may include subjecting the policy to a risk adjustment mechanism.

24 (2) If the policy is subjected to a risk adjustment mechanism, the  
25 superintendent of financial services shall promulgate regulations neces-  
26 sary for the implementation of this subsection in consultation with the  
27 chair of the workers' compensation board of this state. Any such risk  
28 adjustment mechanism shall be administered directly by the superinten-

1 dent of financial services of this state, in consultation with the chair  
2 of the workers' compensation board of this state, or by a third party  
3 vendor selected by the superintendent of financial services in consulta-  
4 tion with the chair of the workers' compensation board.

5 (3) "Risk adjustment mechanism" as used in this subsection means the  
6 process used to equalize the per member per month claim amounts among  
7 insurers in order to protect insurers from disproportionate adverse  
8 risks.

9 § 35. Subdivision (c) of section 1108 of the insurance law, as amended  
10 by chapter 838 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

11 (c) The state insurance fund of this state, except as to the  
12 provisions of subsection (d) of section two thousand three hundred thir-  
13 ty-nine, section three thousand one hundred ten, subsection (a), para-  
14 graph one of subsection (b), paragraph three of subsection (c) and  
15 subsection (d) of section three thousand two hundred one, sections three  
16 thousand two hundred two, three thousand two hundred four, subsections  
17 (a) through (d) of section three thousand two hundred twenty-one,  
18 subsections (b) and (c) of section four thousand two hundred twenty-  
19 four, section four thousand two hundred twenty-six and subsections (a)  
20 and (b) [and], (g) through (j), and (n) of section four thousand two  
21 hundred thirty-five of this chapter and except as otherwise specifically  
22 provided by the laws of this state.

23 § 36. This act shall take effect on the April 1, 2016 and shall apply  
24 to all policies or contracts issued, renewed, modified, altered or  
25 amended on or after such effective date; provided, however, that effec-  
26 tive immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or  
27 regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective

1 date are authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before  
2 such effective date.

3 PART I

4 Section 1. The public authorities law is amended by adding a new  
5 section 1678-a to read as follows:

6 § 1678-a. New York state design and construction corporation act. 1.  
7 Purposes of act. The purposes of the New York state design and  
8 construction corporation act are to: (a) establish the New York state  
9 design and construction corporation in order to provide additional  
10 project management expertise and oversight on significant public works  
11 projects undertaken by state agencies, departments, public authorities  
12 and public benefit corporations; (b) set forth the responsibility and  
13 obligation of all state agencies, departments, public authorities and  
14 public benefit corporations to cooperate with the corporation and accom-  
15 plish the purposes of this section; (c) make provisions for contractual  
16 requirements concerning the incorporation of this section for public  
17 works projects having a total or aggregate construction value in excess  
18 of fifty million dollars and for any and all contracts relating to such  
19 projects which are advertised for bid or proposal or otherwise procured  
20 and/or entered into on or after January first, two thousand sixteen; and  
21 (d) provide a means to implement improvements and other project changes  
22 on all proposed public works projects in excess of fifty million dollars  
23 in total or aggregate value, in a more timely fashion, so that such  
24 projects can be accomplished, to the extent practicable, on time, within  
25 budget and at an acceptable overall quality and cost to the state of New  
26 York.

1     2. New York state design and construction corporation. (a) There is  
2 hereby established the New York state design and construction corpo-  
3 ration as a subsidiary corporation of the dormitory authority.

4     (b) The dormitory authority may transfer or assign to such subsidiary  
5 corporation any real, personal or mixed property as shall be required in  
6 order to carry out the purposes of this act. The authority may assign  
7 any such employees to work for the corporation as shall be required in  
8 order to carry out the purposes of this section. Notwithstanding any  
9 provision of law to the contrary, the term "employee" as set forth in  
10 this section shall mean a dormitory authority employee assigned, in  
11 whole, or in part, to work for the corporation.

12     (c) Such corporation shall be a body corporate and politic constitut-  
13 ing a public benefit corporation, and shall have all of the privileges,  
14 immunities, tax exemptions and other exemptions of the dormitory author-  
15 ity to the extent the same are not inconsistent with this section.

16     (d) The board of the corporation shall consist of three members as  
17 designated by the governor, and the governor shall designate the chair  
18 from among the members of the corporation's board. The members of the  
19 corporation's board shall serve until such time as his or her successor  
20 is appointed by the governor.

21     (e) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the board.  
22 A quorum shall be required for the board to conduct business, and  
23 approval of any matter properly before the board shall require the  
24 affirmative vote of the majority of the board. Meetings of the corpo-  
25 ration shall be called by the chair, or by a majority of the members  
26 appointed. Meetings shall be held at least bi-annually.

27     (f) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to impose any  
28 liabilities, obligations or responsibilities of such corporation upon

1 the dormitory authority, and the authority shall have no liability or  
2 responsibility therefor unless the authority expressly agrees by resol-  
3 ution of the authority board to assume the same.

4 (g) The provisions of section sixteen hundred ninety-one of this title  
5 shall in all respects apply to members of the corporation and any offi-  
6 cer, employee or agent of the dormitory authority transferred or  
7 assigned to the corporation, while acting within the scope of his, her  
8 or its authority.

9 (h) All of the provisions of sections seventeen and nineteen of the  
10 public officers law shall apply to the members, directors, officers and  
11 employees of the corporation.

12 (i) The corporation created pursuant to this section shall be subject  
13 to any other provisions of this chapter pertaining to subsidiaries of  
14 public authorities to the extent that such provisions are not inconsist-  
15 ent with the provisions of this section.

16 3. Corporation review and oversight of public works contracts. For all  
17 public works projects having a total or aggregate construction value in  
18 excess of fifty million dollars and for any and all contracts relating  
19 to such projects which are advertised for bid or proposal or otherwise  
20 procured and/or entered into on or after January first, two thousand  
21 sixteen:

22 (a) Any state agency, department, public authority or public benefit  
23 corporation proposing a public works project having a total or aggregate  
24 construction value in excess of fifty million dollars shall provide  
25 written notice to the corporation of such proposal, to include without  
26 limitation, the estimated value of the project and a summary of the  
27 scope and duration of the project. Projects shall not be divided or

1 segmented for the purposes of avoiding compliance with the provisions of  
2 this act.

3 (b) The corporation shall have the authority to, and may, in its sole  
4 discretion, require review and oversight, in whole or in part, of any  
5 project, and make recommendations regarding required corrective or other  
6 action to any state agency, department, public authority or public bene-  
7 fit corporation in connection with such project.

8 (c) For the purposes of this section, the term "project" shall mean  
9 any work associated with the planning, acquisition, design, engineering,  
10 environmental analysis, construction, reconstruction, restoration, reha-  
11 bilitation, establishment, improvement, renovation, extension, repair,  
12 revitalization, management and development of a capital asset as defined  
13 in section two of the state finance law.

14 (d) The state agency, department, public authority or public benefit  
15 corporation undertaking such project shall fully cooperate with any  
16 determination of the corporation, and provide access to all personnel,  
17 books, records, plans, specifications, data and other information as may  
18 be necessary for the corporation to perform its duties.

19 (e) In the event the corporation determines that corrective or other  
20 action is necessary for such a project, then the corporation shall have  
21 the authority to direct that the state agency, department, public  
22 authority or public benefit corporation undertaking the project shall  
23 implement all corrective or other action as shall be required to accom-  
24 plish the project, to the extent practicable, on time, within budget and  
25 at an acceptable overall cost to the state of New York. Such corrective  
26 or other action shall include, but not be limited to:

1 (i) Modification of such plans, specifications, designs and estimates  
2 of costs for the construction of the project and equipment of facili-  
3 ties;

4 (ii) Detailed analysis of the project schedule;

5 (iii) Detailed analysis of project budget;

6 (iv) Detailed analysis of change orders and/or payments to prime  
7 contractors, subcontractors and other parties;

8 (v) Detailed analysis of records of construction observations,  
9 inspections and deficiencies;

10 (vi) Termination of contracts, contractors, subcontractors or other  
11 consultants;

12 (vii) Procurement of independent auditors, project managers, legal  
13 counsel, or other professionals for the benefit of the project;

14 (viii) Regular reporting of project status and milestones to the  
15 public;

16 (ix) Active project management review and oversight utilizing addi-  
17 tional resources provided by the corporation; and

18 (x) Periodic project review and audit by the corporation on a suitable  
19 time interval determined by the corporation.

20 (f) Any state agency, department, public authority or public benefit  
21 corporation proposing a public works project having a total or aggregate  
22 construction value in excess of fifty million dollars shall include a  
23 summary of the provisions of this subdivision in all such proposal  
24 and/or bid documents for such projects.

25 (g) All contract documents shall expressly incorporate the provisions  
26 of this section and include compliance with the provisions hereof as a  
27 condition of performance.

1     4. General powers and duties of the corporation. (a) The corporation  
2     shall have the power to:

3     (i) Sue and be sued;

4     (ii) Have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;

5     (iii) Make and alter by-laws for its organization and internal manage-  
6     ment and make rules and regulations governing same;

7     (iv) Appoint such officers and employees from the officers and employ-  
8     ees of the authority, as it may require for the performance of its  
9     duties and fix and determine their qualifications, duties, and compen-  
10    sation, and retain or employ counsel, auditors, private financial  
11    consultants, professional engineers or other technical consultants and  
12    other services on a contract basis or otherwise, for the rendering of  
13    professional, business or technical services and advice, and be reim-  
14    bursed for such services as a cost of the project;

15    (v) Make and execute contracts and all other instruments necessary or  
16    convenient for the exercise of its powers and functions under this  
17    section;

18    (vi) To fix and collect fees and other charges for services the corpo-  
19    ration renders in connection with this section;

20    (vii) Acquire, hold and dispose of real or personal property for its  
21    corporate purposes, including without limitation the power to exercise  
22    eminent domain;

23    (viii) Engage the services of private consultants on a contract basis  
24    for rendering professional and technical assistance advice;

25    (ix) Procure insurance against any loss in connection with its activ-  
26    ities, properties and other assets, in such amount and from such insur-  
27    ance as it deems desirable; and

1 (x) Invest any funds of the corporation, or any other monies under its  
2 custody and control not required for immediate use or disbursement, at  
3 the discretion of the corporation, in obligations of the state or the  
4 United States government or obligations the principal and interest of  
5 which are obligations in which the comptroller of the state is author-  
6 ized to invest pursuant to section ninety-eight of the state finance  
7 law.

8 (b) The corporation may do any and all things necessary or convenient  
9 to carry out and exercise the powers given and granted by this section.

10 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to the contrary, all  
11 state officers, departments, boards, divisions, commissions, public  
12 authorities and public benefit corporations shall cooperate with the  
13 corporation in every way and shall implement any and all recommendations  
14 of the corporation in any manner without the approval or authorization  
15 of any state officer or agency.

16 5. Termination of corporation. The corporation and its corporate  
17 existence shall continue until terminated by law, provided, however,  
18 that no such law shall take effect so long as the corporation shall have  
19 obligations outstanding, unless adequate provision has been made for the  
20 payment or exercise thereof.

21 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

22 PART J

23 Section 1. Section 167 of the civil service law is amended by adding a  
24 new subdivision 10 to read as follows:

25 10. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the state's  
26 contribution for the cost of premium or subscription charges for the

1 coverage of retired state employees who are enrolled in the statewide  
2 and the supplementary health benefit plans established pursuant to this  
3 article and who retired on or after October first, two thousand sixteen  
4 shall be as set forth in this subdivision.

5 (a) For state employees who retire from a position at or equated to  
6 grade ten or higher with at least ten but less than twenty years of  
7 service, the state shall pay fifty percent of the cost of premium or  
8 subscription charges for the individual coverage of such retired state  
9 employees. Such contributions shall increase by two percent of the cost  
10 of premium or subscription charges for each year of service in excess of  
11 ten years, to a maximum of sixty-eight percent of the cost of premium or  
12 subscription charges. For state employees who retire from a position at  
13 or equated to grade ten or higher with twenty or more years of service,  
14 the state shall pay seventy-four percent of the cost of premium or  
15 subscription charges for the individual coverage of such retired state  
16 employees. Such contributions shall increase by one percent of the cost  
17 of premium or subscription charges for each year of service in excess of  
18 twenty years, to a maximum of eighty-four percent of the cost of premium  
19 or subscription charges.

20 (b) For state employees who retire from a position at or equated to  
21 grade nine or lower with at least ten but less than twenty years of  
22 service, the state shall pay fifty-four percent of the cost of premium  
23 or subscription charges for the individual coverage of such retired  
24 state employees. Such contributions shall increase by two percent of  
25 the cost of premium or subscription charges for each year of service in  
26 excess of ten years, to a maximum of seventy-two percent of the cost of  
27 premium or subscription charges. For state employees who retire from a  
28 position at or equated to grade nine or lower with twenty or more years

1 of service, the state shall pay seventy-eight percent of the cost of  
2 premium subscription charges for the individual coverage of such retired  
3 state employees. Such contributions shall increase by one percent of the  
4 cost of premium or subscription charges for each year of service in  
5 excess of twenty years, to a maximum of eighty-eight percent of the cost  
6 of premium or subscription charges.

7 (c) For state employees who retire from a position at or equated to  
8 grade ten or higher with at least ten but less than twenty years of  
9 service, the state shall pay thirty-five percent of the cost of premium  
10 or subscription charges for the coverage of dependents of such retired  
11 state employees; such contribution shall increase by two percent of the  
12 cost of premium or subscription charges for each year of service in  
13 excess of ten years, to a maximum of fifty-three percent of the cost of  
14 premium or subscription charges for such dependents. For state employees  
15 who retire from a position at or equated to grade ten or higher with  
16 twenty or more years of service, the state shall pay fifty-nine percent  
17 of the cost of premium or subscription charges for the coverage of  
18 dependents of such retired state employees; such contribution shall  
19 increase by one percent of the cost of premium or subscription charges  
20 for each year of service in excess of twenty years, to a maximum of  
21 sixty-nine percent of the cost of premium or subscription charges for  
22 such dependents.

23 (d) For state employees who retire from a position at or equated to  
24 grade nine or lower with at least ten but less than twenty years of  
25 service, the state shall pay thirty-nine percent of the cost of premium  
26 or subscription charges for the coverage of dependents of such retired  
27 state employees; such contribution shall increase by two percent of the  
28 cost of premium or subscription charges for each year of service in

1 excess of ten years, to a maximum of fifty-seven percent of the cost of  
2 premium or subscription charges for such dependents. For state employees  
3 who retire from a position at or equated to grade nine or lower with  
4 twenty or more years of service, the state shall pay sixty-three percent  
5 of the cost of premium or subscription charges for the coverage of  
6 dependents of such retired state employees; such contribution shall  
7 increase by one percent of the cost of premium or subscription charges  
8 for each year of service in excess of twenty years, to a maximum of  
9 seventy-three percent of the cost of premium or subscription charges for  
10 such dependents.

11 (e) With respect to all such retired state employees, each increment  
12 of one or two percent of the cost of premium or subscription charges for  
13 each year of service shall be applicable for whole years of service to  
14 the state and shall not be applied on a pro-rata basis for partial years  
15 of service.

16 (f) The provisions of this subdivision shall not be applicable to:

17 (I) members of the New York state and local police and fire retirement  
18 system;

19 (II) members in the uniformed personnel in institutions under the  
20 jurisdiction of the state department of corrections and community super-  
21 vision or who are security hospital treatment assistants, as defined in  
22 section eighty-nine of the retirement and social security law; and

23 (III) any state employee determined to have retired with an ordinary,  
24 accidental, or performance of duty disability retirement benefit.

25 (g) For the purposes of determining the premium or subscription charg-  
26 es to be paid by the state on behalf of retired state employees enrolled  
27 in the New York state health insurance program who retire on or after  
28 October first, two thousand sixteen, the state shall consider all years

1 of service that a retired state employee has accrued in a public retire-  
2 ment system of the state or an optional retirement program established  
3 pursuant to article three, eight-B, or one hundred twenty-five-A of the  
4 education law. The provisions of this paragraph may not be used to grant  
5 eligibility for retiree state health insurance coverage to a retiree who  
6 is not otherwise eligible to enroll in the New York state health insur-  
7 ance program as a retiree.

8 § 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2016.

9 PART K

10 Section 1. Section 167-a of the civil service law, as amended by  
11 section 1 of part I of chapter 55 of the laws of 2012, is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 § 167-a. Reimbursement for medicare premium charges. Upon exclusion  
14 from the coverage of the health benefit plan of supplementary medical  
15 insurance benefits for which an active or retired employee or a depend-  
16 ent covered by the health benefit plan is or would be eligible under the  
17 federal old-age, survivors and disability insurance program, effective  
18 October first, two thousand sixteen, an amount [equal to] not to exceed  
19 one hundred four dollars and ninety cents per month for the standard  
20 medicare premium charge for such supplementary medical insurance bene-  
21 fits for such active or retired employee and his or her dependents, if  
22 any, shall be paid monthly or at other intervals to such active or  
23 retired employee from the health insurance fund; provided, however,  
24 effective January first, two thousand sixteen, there shall be no payment  
25 whatsoever for the income related monthly adjustment amount for any  
26 amounts or premiums incurred on or after January first, two thousand

1 sixteen, to any active or retired employee and his or her dependents, if  
2 any. Where appropriate, such standard medicare premium amount may be  
3 deducted from contributions payable by the employee or retired employee;  
4 or where appropriate in the case of a retired employee receiving a  
5 retirement allowance, such standard medicare premium amount may be  
6 included with payments of his or her retirement allowance. All state  
7 employer, employee, retired employee and dependent contributions to the  
8 health insurance fund, including contributions from public authorities,  
9 public benefit corporations or other quasi-public organizations of the  
10 state eligible for participation in the health benefit plan as author-  
11 ized by subdivision two of section one hundred sixty-three of this arti-  
12 cle, shall be adjusted as necessary to cover the cost of reimbursing  
13 federal old-age, survivors and disability insurance program premium  
14 charges under this section. This cost shall be included in the calcu-  
15 lation of premium or subscription charges for health coverage provided  
16 to employees and retired employees of the state, public authorities,  
17 public benefit corporations or other quasi-public organizations of the  
18 state; provided, however, the state, public authorities, public benefit  
19 corporations or other quasi-public organizations of the state shall  
20 remain obligated to pay no less than its share of such increased cost  
21 consistent with its share of premium or subscription charges provided  
22 for by this article. All other employer contributions to the health  
23 insurance fund shall be adjusted as necessary to provide for such  
24 payments.

25 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
26 have been in full force and effect on and after October 1, 2016 for the  
27 standard medicare premium amount and January 1, 2016 for the income

1 related monthly adjustment amount for any amounts or premiums incurred  
2 on or after January 1, 2016.

3 PART L

4 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 4 of section 209 of the civil  
5 service law, as amended by chapter 67 of the laws of 2013, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (d) The provisions of this subdivision shall expire [thirty-nine years  
8 from July first, nineteen hundred seventy-seven, and hereafter may be  
9 renewed every four years] July first, two thousand nineteen.

10 § 2. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 6 of section 209 of the civil  
11 service law, as added by chapter 67 of the laws of 2013, is amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (f) The provisions of this subdivision shall expire [three years from]  
14 July first, two thousand [thirteen] nineteen.

15 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

16 PART M

17 Section 1. The opening paragraph of subdivision 3 of section 93-b of  
18 the state finance law, as added by section 1 of part H of chapter 60 of  
19 the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

20 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, for the  
21 state fiscal year commencing on April first, two thousand fifteen, and  
22 each state fiscal year thereafter, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
23 to transfer monies from the dedicated infrastructure investment fund to  
24 the general fund, and from the general fund to the dedicated infrastruc-

1 ture investment fund, in an amount determined by the director of the  
2 budget to the extent moneys are available in the fund; provided, howev-  
3 er, that the comptroller is only authorized to transfer monies from the  
4 dedicated infrastructure investment fund to the general fund in the  
5 event of an economic downturn as described in paragraph (a) of this  
6 subdivision; and/or to fulfill disallowances and/or settlements related  
7 to over-payments of federal medicare and medicaid revenues in excess of  
8 one hundred million dollars from anticipated levels, as determined by  
9 the director of the budget and described in paragraph (b) of this subdi-  
10 vision.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

12 PART N

13 Section 1. The state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to  
14 loan money in accordance with the provisions set forth in subdivision 5  
15 of section 4 of the state finance law to the following funds and/or  
16 accounts:

- 17 1. Proprietary vocational school supervision account (20452).
- 18 2. Local government records management account (20501).
- 19 3. Child health plus program account (20810).
- 20 4. EPIC premium account (20818).
- 21 5. Education - New (20901).
- 22 6. VLT - Sound basic education fund (20904).
- 23 7. Sewage treatment program management and administration fund  
24 (21000).
- 25 8. Hazardous bulk storage account (21061).
- 26 9. Federal grants indirect cost recovery account (21065).

1 10. Low level radioactive waste account (21066).  
2 11. Recreation account (21067).  
3 12. Public safety recovery account (21077).  
4 13. Environmental regulatory account (21081).  
5 14. Natural resource account (21082).  
6 15. Mined land reclamation program account (21084).  
7 16. Great lakes restoration initiative account (21087).  
8 17. Environmental protection and oil spill compensation fund (21200).  
9 18. Public transportation systems account (21401).  
10 19. Metropolitan mass transportation (21402).  
11 20. Operating permit program account (21451).  
12 21. Mobile source account (21452).  
13 22. Statewide planning and research cooperative system account  
14 (21902).  
15 23. Mental hygiene program fund account (21907).  
16 24. Mental hygiene patient income account (21909).  
17 25. Financial control board account (21911).  
18 26. Regulation of racing account (21912).  
19 27. New York Metropolitan Transportation Council account (21913).  
20 28. State university dormitory income reimbursable account (21937).  
21 29. Criminal justice improvement account (21945).  
22 30. Environmental laboratory reference fee account (21959).  
23 31. Clinical laboratory reference system assessment account (21962).  
24 32. Indirect cost recovery account (21978).  
25 33. High school equivalency program account (21979).  
26 34. Multi-agency training account (21989).  
27 35. Interstate reciprocity for post-secondary distance education  
28 account.

- 1 36. Bell jar collection account (22003).
- 2 37. Industry and utility service account (22004).
- 3 38. Real property disposition account (22006).
- 4 39. Parking account (22007).
- 5 40. Asbestos safety training program account (22009).
- 6 41. Batavia school for the blind account (22032).
- 7 42. Investment services account (22034).
- 8 43. Surplus property account (22036).
- 9 44. Financial oversight account (22039).
- 10 45. Regulation of Indian gaming account (22046).
- 11 46. Rome school for the deaf account (22053).
- 12 47. Seized assets account (22054).
- 13 48. Administrative adjudication account (22055).
- 14 49. Federal salary sharing account (22056).
- 15 50. New York City assessment account (22062).
- 16 51. Cultural education account (22063).
- 17 52. Local services account (22078).
- 18 53. DHCR mortgage servicing account (22085).
- 19 54. Department of motor vehicles compulsory insurance account (22087).
- 20 55. Housing indirect cost recovery account (22090).
- 21 56. DHCR-HCA application fee account (22100).
- 22 57. Low income housing monitoring account (22130).
- 23 58. Corporation administration account (22135).
- 24 59. Montrose veteran's home account (22144).
- 25 60. Deferred compensation administration account (22151).
- 26 61. Rent revenue other New York City account (22156).
- 27 62. Rent revenue account (22158).
- 28 63. Tax revenue arrearage account (22168).

- 1 64. State university general income offset account (22654).
- 2 65. Lake George park trust fund account (22751).
- 3 66. State police motor vehicle law enforcement account (22802).
- 4 67. Highway safety program account (23001).
- 5 68. EFC drinking water program account (23101).
- 6 69. DOH drinking water program account (23102).
- 7 70. NYCCC operating offset account (23151).
- 8 71. Commercial gaming revenue account (23701).
- 9 72. Commercial gaming regulation account (23702).
- 10 73. Highway and bridge capital account (30051).
- 11 74. State university residence hall rehabilitation fund (30100).
- 12 75. State parks infrastructure account (30351).
- 13 76. Clean water/clean air implementation fund (30500).
- 14 77. Hazardous waste remedial cleanup account (31506).
- 15 78. Youth facilities improvement account (31701).
- 16 79. Housing assistance fund (31800).
- 17 80. Housing program fund (31850).
- 18 81. Highway facility purpose account (31951).
- 19 82. Information technology capital financing account (32215).
- 20 83. New York racing account (32213).
- 21 84. Mental hygiene facilities capital improvement fund (32300).
- 22 85. Correctional facilities capital improvement fund (32350).
- 23 86. New York State Storm Recovery Capital Fund (33000).
- 24 87. OGS convention center account (50318).
- 25 88. Empire Plaza Gift Shop (50327)
- 26 89. Centralized services fund (55000).
- 27 90. Archives records management account (55052).
- 28 91. Federal single audit account (55053).

- 1 92. Civil service EHS occupational health program account (55056).
- 2 93. Banking services account (55057).
- 3 94. Cultural resources survey account (55058).
- 4 95. Automation & printing chargeback account (55060).
- 5 96. OFT NYT account (55061).
- 6 97. Data center account (55062).
- 7 98. Intrusion detection account (55066).
- 8 99. Domestic violence grant account (55067).
- 9 100. Centralized technology services account (55069).
- 10 101. Labor contact center account (55071).
- 11 102. Human services contact center account (55072).
- 12 103. Policing the NYS thruway account.
- 13 104. Executive direction internal audit account (55251).
- 14 105. CIO Information technology centralized services account (55252).
- 15 106. Health insurance internal service account (55300).
- 16 107. Civil service employee benefits division administrative account
- 17 (55301).
- 18 108. Correctional industries revolving fund (55350).
- 19 109. Employees health insurance account (60201).
- 20 110. Medicaid management information system escrow fund (60900).
- 21 § 1-a. The state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to loan
- 22 money in accordance with the provisions set forth in subdivision 5 of
- 23 section 4 of the state finance law to any account within the following
- 24 federal funds, provided the comptroller has made a determination that
- 25 sufficient federal grant award authority is available to reimburse such
- 26 loans:
- 27 1. Federal USDA-food and nutrition services fund (25000).
- 28 2. Federal health and human services fund (25100).

1 3. Federal education fund (25200).

2 4. Federal block grant fund (25250).

3 5. Federal miscellaneous operating grants fund (25300).

4 6. Federal unemployment insurance administration fund (25900).

5 7. Federal unemployment insurance occupational training fund (25950).

6 8. Federal emergency employment act fund (26000).

7 9. Federal capital projects fund (31350).

8 § 2. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in accordance with  
9 section 4 of the state finance law, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
10 and directed to transfer, upon request of the director of the budget, on  
11 or before March 31, 2017, and with respect to item 5 under the miscella-  
12 neous category set forth in this section, up to and after March 31,  
13 2017, up to the unencumbered balance or the following amounts:

14 Economic Development and Public Authorities:

15 1. \$175,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, underground  
16 facilities safety training account (22172), to the general fund.

17 2. An amount up to the unencumbered balance from the miscellaneous  
18 special revenue fund, business and licensing services account (21977),  
19 to the general fund.

20 3. \$14,810,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, code  
21 enforcement account (21904), to the general fund.

22 4. \$3,000,000 from the general fund to the miscellaneous special  
23 revenue fund, tax revenue arrearage account (22168).

24 Education:

25 1. \$2,260,000,000 from the general fund to the state lottery fund,  
26 education account (20901), as reimbursement for disbursements made from  
27 such fund for supplemental aid to education pursuant to section 92-c of

1 the state finance law that are in excess of the amounts deposited in  
2 such fund for such purposes pursuant to section 1612 of the tax law.

3 2. \$986,000,000 from the general fund to the state lottery fund, VLT  
4 education account (20904), as reimbursement for disbursements made from  
5 such fund for supplemental aid to education pursuant to section 92-c of  
6 the state finance law that are in excess of the amounts deposited in  
7 such fund for such purposes pursuant to section 1612 of the tax law.

8 3. Moneys from the state lottery fund up to an amount deposited in  
9 such fund pursuant to section 1612 of the tax law in excess of the  
10 current year appropriation for supplemental aid to education pursuant to  
11 section 92-c of the state finance law.

12 4. Up to \$137,700,000 from the moneys deposited in commercial gaming  
13 revenue account (23701) to the general fund as reimbursement for  
14 disbursements made from the general fund for supplemental aid to educa-  
15 tion during the prior fiscal year due to the unencumbered balance of the  
16 commercial gaming revenue account during the prior fiscal year being  
17 less than required to fully fund payments of general support for public  
18 schools, pursuant to Chapter 61 of the laws of 2015.

19 5. \$300,000 from the local government records management improvement  
20 fund (20500) to the archives partnership trust fund (20350).

21 6. \$900,000 from the general fund to the miscellaneous special revenue  
22 fund, Batavia school for the blind account (22032).

23 7. \$900,000 from the general fund to the miscellaneous special revenue  
24 fund, Rome school for the deaf account (22053).

25 8. \$343,400,000 from the state university dormitory income fund  
26 (40350) to the miscellaneous special revenue fund, state university  
27 dormitory income reimbursable account (21937).

1 9. \$24,000,000 from any of the state education department special  
2 revenue and internal service funds to the miscellaneous special revenue  
3 fund, indirect cost recovery account (21978).

4 10. \$8,318,000 from the general fund to the state university income  
5 fund, state university income offset account (22654), for the state's  
6 share of repayment of the STIP loan.

7 11. \$40,000,000 from the state university income fund, state universi-  
8 ty hospitals income reimbursable account (22656) to the general fund for  
9 hospital debt service for the period April 1, 2015 through March 31,  
10 2016.

11 12. An amount up to \$14,251,000 from the general fund to the state  
12 university income fund, state university general revenue account  
13 (22653).

14 Environmental Affairs:

15 1. \$16,000,000 from any of the department of environmental conserva-  
16 tion's special revenue federal funds to the environmental conservation  
17 special revenue fund, federal indirect recovery account (21065).

18 2. \$2,000,000 from any of the department of environmental conserva-  
19 tion's special revenue federal funds to the conservation fund as neces-  
20 sary to avoid diversion of conservation funds.

21 3. \$3,000,000 from any of the office of parks, recreation and historic  
22 preservation capital projects federal funds and special revenue federal  
23 funds to the miscellaneous special revenue fund, federal grant indirect  
24 cost recovery account (22188).

25 4. \$1,000,000 from any of the office of parks, recreation and historic  
26 preservation special revenue federal funds to the miscellaneous special  
27 revenue fund, I love NY water account (21930).

1     5.   \$146,000,000 from the general fund to the environmental protection  
2 fund, environmental protection fund transfer account (30451).

3     6.   \$9,700,000 from the general fund to the hazardous waste remedial  
4 fund, hazardous waste oversight and assistance account (31505).

5     Family Assistance:

6     1. \$10,000,000 from any of the office of children and family services,  
7 office of temporary and disability assistance, or department of health  
8 special revenue federal funds and the general fund, in accordance with  
9 agreements with social services districts, to the miscellaneous special  
10 revenue fund, office of human resources development state match account  
11 (21967).

12    2. \$4,000,000 from any of the office of children and family services  
13 or office of temporary and disability assistance special revenue federal  
14 funds to the miscellaneous special revenue fund, family preservation and  
15 support services and family violence services account (22082).

16    3. \$18,670,000 from any of the office of children and family services,  
17 office of temporary and disability assistance, or department of health  
18 special revenue federal funds and any other miscellaneous revenues  
19 generated from the operation of office of children and family services  
20 programs to the general fund.

21    4. \$140,000,000 from any of the office of temporary and disability  
22 assistance or department of health special revenue funds to the general  
23 fund.

24    5. \$2,500,000 from any of the office of temporary and disability  
25 assistance special revenue federal funds to the miscellaneous special  
26 revenue fund, office of temporary and disability assistance program  
27 account (21980).

1 6. \$21,000,000 from any of the office of children and family services,  
2 office of temporary and disability assistance, department of labor, and  
3 department of health special revenue federal funds to the office of  
4 children and family services miscellaneous special revenue fund, multi-  
5 agency training contract account (21989).

6 7. \$65,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, youth  
7 facility per diem account (22186), to the general fund.

8 8. \$621,850 from the general fund to the combined gifts, grants, and  
9 bequests fund, WB Hoyt Memorial account (20128).

10 9. \$3,100,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, state  
11 central registry (22028), to the general fund.

12 10. \$1,000,000 from the general fund to the housing program fund  
13 (31850).

14 General Government:

15 1. \$1,566,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, examination  
16 and miscellaneous revenue account (22065) to the general fund.

17 2. \$12,500,000 from the general fund to the health insurance revolving  
18 fund (55300).

19 3. \$192,400,000 from the health insurance reserve receipts fund  
20 (60550) to the general fund.

21 4. \$150,000 from the general fund to the not-for-profit revolving loan  
22 fund (20650).

23 5. \$150,000 from the not-for-profit revolving loan fund (20650) to the  
24 general fund.

25 6. \$3,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, surplus  
26 property account (22036), to the general fund.

27 7. \$19,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, revenue  
28 arrearage account (22024), to the general fund.

1 8. \$1,826,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, revenue  
2 arrearage account (22024), to the miscellaneous special revenue fund,  
3 authority budget office account (22138).

4 9. \$1,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, parking  
5 services account (22007), to the general fund, for the purpose of reim-  
6 bursing the costs of debt service related to state parking facilities.

7 10. \$21,789,000 from the general fund to the centralized services  
8 fund, COPS account (55013).

9 11. \$2,360,000 from the general fund to the agencies internal service  
10 fund, central technology services account (55069), for the purpose of  
11 enterprise technology projects.

12 12. \$15,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, workers'  
13 compensation account (21995), to the miscellaneous capital projects  
14 fund, workers' compensation board IT business process design fund.

15 Health:

16 1. \$33,710,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, quality of  
17 care account (21915), to the general fund.

18 2. A transfer from the general fund to the combined gifts, grants and  
19 bequests fund, breast cancer research and education account (20155), up  
20 to an amount equal to the monies collected and deposited into that  
21 account in the previous fiscal year.

22 3. A transfer from the general fund to the combined gifts, grants and  
23 bequests fund, prostate cancer research, detection, and education  
24 account (20183), up to an amount equal to the moneys collected and  
25 deposited into that account in the previous fiscal year.

26 4. A transfer from the general fund to the combined gifts, grants and  
27 bequests fund, Alzheimer's disease research and assistance account

1 (20143), up to an amount equal to the moneys collected and deposited  
2 into that account in the previous fiscal year.

3 5. \$30,295,000 from the HCRA resources fund (20800) to the miscella-  
4 neous special revenue fund, empire state stem cell trust fund account  
5 (22161).

6 6. \$7,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, certificate  
7 of need account (21920), to the miscellaneous capital projects fund,  
8 healthcare IT capital subfund (32216).

9 7. \$1,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, adminis-  
10 tration program account (21982), to the miscellaneous capital projects  
11 fund, healthcare IT capital account (32216).

12 8. \$1,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, vital  
13 records account (22103), to the miscellaneous capital projects fund,  
14 healthcare IT capital account (32216).

15 9. \$55,500,000 from the HCRA resources fund (20800) to the capital  
16 projects fund (30000).

17 10. \$3,700,000 from the miscellaneous New York state agency fund,  
18 medical assistance account to the general fund.

19 11. \$4,886,000 from the general fund to the medical marihuana trust  
20 fund, health operation and oversight account (23755).

21 12. \$1,086,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, certif-  
22 icate of need account (21920), to the general fund.

23 13. \$1,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, profes-  
24 sional medical conduct account (22088), to the miscellaneous capital  
25 projects fund, healthcare IT capital account (32216).

26 Labor:

1 1. \$400,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, DOL fee and  
2 penalty account (21923), to the child performer's protection fund, child  
3 performer protection account (20401).

4 2. \$8,400,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, DOL fee and  
5 penalty account (21923), to the general fund.

6 3. \$3,300,000 from the unemployment insurance interest and penalty  
7 fund, unemployment insurance special interest and penalty account  
8 (23601), to the general fund.

9 Mental Hygiene:

10 1. \$10,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, mental  
11 hygiene patient income account (21909), to the miscellaneous special  
12 revenue fund, federal salary sharing account (22056).

13 2. \$1,950,000,000 from the general fund to the miscellaneous special  
14 revenue fund, mental hygiene patient income account (21909).

15 3. \$1,550,000,000 from the general fund to the miscellaneous special  
16 revenue fund, mental hygiene program fund account (21907).

17 4. \$100,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, mental  
18 hygiene program fund account (21907), to the general fund.

19 5. \$100,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, mental  
20 hygiene patient income account (21909), to the general fund.

21 6. \$3,800,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, mental  
22 hygiene patient income account (21909), to the agencies internal service  
23 fund, civil service EHS occupational health program account (55056).

24 7. \$5,000,000 from the chemical dependance service fund, substance  
25 abuse services fund account (22700), to the miscellaneous capital  
26 projects fund, chemical dependance service capital account.

27 Public Protection:

- 1     1. \$1,350,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, emergency  
2 management account (21944), to the general fund.
- 3     2. \$3,300,000 from the general fund to the miscellaneous special  
4 revenue fund, recruitment incentive account (22171).
- 5     3. \$10,500,000 from the general fund to the correctional industries  
6 revolving fund, correctional industries internal service account  
7 (55350).
- 8     4. \$3,000,000 from the federal miscellaneous operating grants fund,  
9 DMNA damage account (25324), to the general fund.
- 10    5. \$6,300,000 from the general fund to the miscellaneous special  
11 revenue fund, crimes against revenue program account (22015).
- 12    6. \$8,600,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, criminal  
13 justice improvement account (21945), to the general fund.
- 14    7. \$106,000,000 from the state police motor vehicle law enforcement  
15 and motor vehicle theft and insurance fraud prevention fund, state  
16 police motor vehicle enforcement account (22802), to the general fund  
17 for state operation expenses of the division of state police.
- 18    8. \$53,500,000 from the general fund to the correctional facilities  
19 capital improvement fund (32350).
- 20    9. \$5,000,000 from the general fund to the dedicated highway and  
21 bridge trust fund (30050) for the purpose of work zone safety activities  
22 provided by the division of state police for the department of transpor-  
23 tation.
- 24    10. \$10,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, statewide  
25 public safety communications account (22123), to the capital projects  
26 fund (30000).
- 27    11. \$2,900,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, legal  
28 services assistance account (22096), to the general fund.

1 12. \$300,000 from the state police motor vehicle law enforcement and  
2 motor vehicle theft and insurance fraud prevention fund, motor vehicle  
3 theft and insurance fraud account (22801), to the general fund.

4 13. \$1,000,000 from the general fund to the agencies internal service  
5 fund, center for employment opportunities NWP account.

6 Transportation:

7 1. \$17,672,000 from the federal miscellaneous operating grants fund to  
8 the miscellaneous special revenue fund, New York Metropolitan Transpor-  
9 tation Council account (21913).

10 2. \$20,147,000 from the federal capital projects fund to the miscella-  
11 neous special revenue fund, New York Metropolitan Transportation Council  
12 account (21913).

13 3. \$1,240,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, compulsory  
14 insurance account (22087), to the dedicated highway and bridge trust  
15 fund (30050).

16 4. \$14,878,096 from the general fund to the mass transportation oper-  
17 ating assistance fund, public transportation systems operating assist-  
18 ance account (21401), of which \$12,000,000 constitutes the base need for  
19 operations.

20 5. \$750,000,000 from the general fund to the dedicated highway and  
21 bridge trust fund (30050).

22 6. \$936,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, accident  
23 prevention course program account (22094), to the dedicated highway and  
24 bridge trust fund (30050).

25 7. \$1,234,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, motorcycle  
26 safety account (21976), to the dedicated highway and bridge trust fund  
27 (30050).

1 8. \$309,250,000 from the general fund to the MTA financial assistance  
2 fund, mobility tax trust account (23651).

3 9. \$5,000,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, transporta-  
4 tion regulation account (22067) to the dedicated highway and bridge  
5 trust fund (30050), for disbursements made from such fund for motor  
6 carrier safety that are in excess of the amounts deposited in the dedi-  
7 cated highway and bridge trust fund (30050) for such purpose pursuant to  
8 section 94 of the transportation law.

9 10. \$34,000 from the miscellaneous special revenue fund, seized assets  
10 account (21906), to the dedicated highway and bridge trust fund (30050).

11 Miscellaneous:

12 1. \$250,000,000 from the general fund to any funds or accounts for the  
13 purpose of reimbursing certain outstanding accounts receivable balances.

14 2. \$500,000,000 from the general fund to the debt reduction reserve  
15 fund (40000).

16 3. \$450,000,000 from the New York state storm recovery capital fund  
17 (33000) to the revenue bond tax fund (40152).

18 4. \$15,500,000 from the general fund, community projects account GG  
19 (10256), to the general fund, state purposes account (10050).

20 5. \$1,840,000,000 from the general fund to the dedicated infrastruc-  
21 ture investment fund.

22 § 3. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in accordance with  
23 section 4 of the state finance law, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
24 and directed to transfer, on or before March 31, 2017:

25 1. Upon request of the commissioner of environmental conservation, up  
26 to \$11,410,000 from revenues credited to any of the department of envi-  
27 ronmental conservation special revenue funds, including \$3,293,400 from  
28 the environmental protection and oil spill compensation fund (21200),

1 and \$1,783,600 from the conservation fund (21150), to the environmental  
2 conservation special revenue fund, indirect charges account (21060).

3 2. Upon request of the commissioner of agriculture and markets, up to  
4 \$3,000,000 from any special revenue fund or enterprise fund within the  
5 department of agriculture and markets to the general fund, to pay appro-  
6 priate administrative expenses.

7 3. Upon request of the commissioner of agriculture and markets, up to  
8 \$2,000,000 from the state exposition special fund, state fair receipts  
9 account (50051) to the miscellaneous capital projects fund, state fair  
10 capital improvement account (32208).

11 4. Upon request of the commissioner of the division of housing and  
12 community renewal, up to \$6,221,000 from revenues credited to any divi-  
13 sion of housing and community renewal federal or miscellaneous special  
14 revenue fund to the miscellaneous special revenue fund, housing indirect  
15 cost recovery account (22090).

16 5. Upon request of the commissioner of the division of housing and  
17 community renewal, up to \$5,500,000 may be transferred from any miscel-  
18 laneous special revenue fund account, to any miscellaneous special  
19 revenue fund.

20 6. Upon request of the commissioner of health up to \$5,000,000 from  
21 revenues credited to any of the department of health's special revenue  
22 funds, to the miscellaneous special revenue fund, administration account  
23 (21982).

24 § 4. On or before March 31, 2017, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
25 and directed to deposit earnings that would otherwise accrue to the  
26 general fund that are attributable to the operation of section 98-a of  
27 the state finance law, to the agencies internal service fund, banking

1 services account (55057), for the purpose of meeting direct payments  
2 from such account.

3 § 5. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, upon the direction of  
4 the director of the budget and upon requisition by the state university  
5 of New York, the dormitory authority of the state of New York is  
6 directed to transfer, up to \$22,000,000 in revenues generated from the  
7 sale of notes or bonds, to the state university of New York for  
8 reimbursement of bondable equipment for further transfer to the state's  
9 general fund.

10 § 6. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in accordance with  
11 section 4 of the state finance law, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
12 and directed to transfer, upon request of the director of the budget and  
13 upon consultation with the state university chancellor or his or her  
14 designee, on or before March 31, 2017, up to \$16,000,000 from the state  
15 university income fund general revenue account (22653) to the state  
16 general fund for debt service costs related to campus supported capital  
17 project costs for the NY-SUNY 2020 challenge grant program at the  
18 University at Buffalo.

19 § 7. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in accordance with  
20 section 4 of the state finance law, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
21 and directed to transfer, upon request of the director of the budget and  
22 upon consultation with the state university chancellor or his or her  
23 designee, on or before March 31, 2017, up to \$6,500,000 from the state  
24 university income fund general revenue account (22653) to the state  
25 general fund for debt service costs related to campus supported capital  
26 project costs for the NY-SUNY 2020 challenge grant program at the  
27 University at Albany.

1     § 8. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the state university  
2 chancellor or his or her designee is authorized and directed to transfer  
3 estimated tuition revenue balances from the state university collection  
4 fund (61000) to the state university income fund, state university  
5 general revenue offset account (22655) on or before March 31, 2017.

6     § 9. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in accordance with  
7 section 4 of the state finance law, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
8 and directed to transfer, upon request of the director of the budget, up  
9 to \$69,264,000 from the general fund to the state university income  
10 fund, state university hospitals income reimbursable account (22656)  
11 during the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to reflect ongoing  
12 state subsidy of SUNY hospitals and to pay costs attributable to the  
13 SUNY hospitals' state agency status.

14     § 10. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in accordance with  
15 section 4 of the state finance law, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
16 and directed to transfer, upon request of the director of the budget, up  
17 to \$996,778,300 from the general fund to the state university income  
18 fund, state university general revenue offset account (22655) during the  
19 period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 to support operations at  
20 the state university.

21     § 11. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in accordance with  
22 section 4 of the state finance law, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
23 and directed to transfer, upon request of the state university chancel-  
24 lor or his or her designee, up to \$55,000,000 from the state university  
25 income fund, state university hospitals income reimbursable account  
26 (22656), for services and expenses of hospital operations and capital  
27 expenditures at the state university hospitals; and the state university

1 income fund, Long Island veterans' home account (22652) to the state  
2 university capital projects fund (32400) on or before June 30, 2017.

3 § 12. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in accordance with  
4 section 4 of the state finance law, the comptroller, after consultation  
5 with the state university chancellor or his or her designee, is hereby  
6 authorized and directed to transfer moneys, in the first instance, from  
7 the state university collection fund, Stony Brook hospital collection  
8 account (61006), Brooklyn hospital collection account (61007), and Syra-  
9 cuse hospital collection account (61008) to the state university income  
10 fund, state university hospitals income reimbursable account (22656) in  
11 the event insufficient funds are available in the state university  
12 income fund, state university hospitals income reimbursable account  
13 (22656) to permit the full transfer of moneys authorized for transfer,  
14 to the general fund for payment of debt service related to the SUNY  
15 hospitals. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the comptroller is  
16 also hereby authorized and directed, after consultation with the state  
17 university chancellor or his or her designee, to transfer moneys from  
18 the state university income fund to the state university income fund,  
19 state university hospitals income reimbursable account (22656) in the  
20 event insufficient funds are available in the state university income  
21 fund, state university hospitals income reimbursable account (22656) to  
22 pay hospital operating costs or to permit the full transfer of moneys  
23 authorized for transfer, to the general fund for payment of debt service  
24 related to the SUNY hospitals on or before March 31, 2017.

25 § 13. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, upon the direction of  
26 the director of the budget and the chancellor of the state university of  
27 New York or his or her designee, and in accordance with section 4 of the  
28 state finance law, the comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to

1 transfer monies from the state university dormitory income fund (40350)  
2 to the state university residence hall rehabilitation fund (30100), and  
3 from the state university residence hall rehabilitation fund (30100) to  
4 the state university dormitory income fund (40350), in a net amount not  
5 to exceed \$80 million.

6 § 14. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in accordance with  
7 section 4 of the state finance law, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
8 and directed to transfer monies, upon request of the director of the  
9 budget, on or before March 31, 2017, from and to any of the following  
10 accounts: the miscellaneous special revenue fund, patient income account  
11 (21909), the miscellaneous special revenue fund, mental hygiene program  
12 fund account (21907), the miscellaneous special revenue fund, federal  
13 salary sharing account (22056), or the general fund in any combination,  
14 the aggregate of which shall not exceed \$350 million.

15 § 15. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in accordance with  
16 section 4 of the state finance law, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
17 and directed to transfer, at the request of the director of the budget,  
18 up to \$750 million from the unencumbered balance of any special revenue  
19 fund or account, agency fund or account, internal service fund or  
20 account, enterprise fund or account, or any combination of such funds  
21 and accounts, to the general fund. The amounts transferred pursuant to  
22 this authorization shall be in addition to any other transfers expressly  
23 authorized in the 2016-17 budget. Transfers from federal funds, debt  
24 service funds, capital projects funds, the community projects fund, or  
25 funds that would result in the loss of eligibility for federal benefits  
26 or federal funds pursuant to federal law, rule, or regulation as assent-  
27 ed to in chapter 683 of the laws of 1938 and chapter 700 of the laws of  
28 1951 are not permitted pursuant to this authorization.

1     § 16. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in accordance with  
2 section 4 of the state finance law, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
3 and directed to transfer, at the request of the director of the budget,  
4 up to \$100 million from any non-general fund or account, or combination  
5 of funds and accounts, to the miscellaneous special revenue fund, tech-  
6 nology financing account (22207) or the miscellaneous capital projects  
7 fund, information technology capital financing account (32215), for the  
8 purpose of consolidating technology procurement and services. The  
9 amounts transferred to the miscellaneous special revenue fund, technolo-  
10 gy financing account (22207) pursuant to this authorization shall be  
11 equal to or less than the amount of such monies intended to support  
12 information technology costs which are attributable, according to a  
13 plan, to such account made in pursuance to an appropriation by law.  
14 Transfers to the technology financing account shall be completed from  
15 amounts collected by non-general funds or accounts pursuant to a fund  
16 deposit schedule or permanent statute, and shall be transferred to the  
17 technology financing account pursuant to a schedule agreed upon by the  
18 affected agency commissioner. Transfers from funds that would result in  
19 the loss of eligibility for federal benefits or federal funds pursuant  
20 to federal law, rule, or regulation as assented to in chapter 683 of the  
21 laws of 1938 and chapter 700 of the laws of 1951 are not permitted  
22 pursuant to this authorization.

23     § 17. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in accordance with  
24 section 4 of the state finance law, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
25 and directed to transfer, at the request of the director of the budget,  
26 up to \$350 million from any non-general fund or account, or combination  
27 of funds and accounts, to the general fund for the purpose of consol-  
28 idating technology procurement and services. The amounts transferred

1 pursuant to this authorization shall be equal to or less than the amount  
2 of such monies intended to support information technology costs which  
3 are attributable, according to a plan, to such account made in pursuance  
4 to an appropriation by law. Transfers to the general fund shall be  
5 completed from amounts collected by non-general funds or accounts pursu-  
6 ant to a fund deposit schedule. Transfers from funds that would result  
7 in the loss of eligibility for federal benefits or federal funds pursu-  
8 ant to federal law, rule, or regulation as assented to in chapter 683 of  
9 the laws of 1938 and chapter 700 of the laws of 1951 are not permitted  
10 pursuant to this authorization.

11 § 18. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as deemed  
12 feasible and advisable by its trustees, the power authority of the state  
13 of New York is authorized and directed to transfer to the state treasury  
14 to the credit of the general fund \$20,000,000 for the state fiscal year  
15 commencing April 1, 2016, the proceeds of which will be utilized to  
16 support energy-related state activities.

17 § 19. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule or regulation to the  
18 contrary, the New York State energy research and development authority  
19 is authorized and directed to make a contribution to the state treasury  
20 to the credit of the general fund in the amount of \$23,000,000 from  
21 proceeds collected by the authority from the auction or sale of carbon  
22 dioxide emission allowances allocated by the department of environmental  
23 conservation on or before March 31, 2017.

24 § 20. Notwithstanding any provision of law, rule or regulation to the  
25 contrary, the New York state energy research and development authority  
26 is authorized and directed to transfer to the state university income  
27 fund general revenue account (22653), in an amount not to exceed  
28 \$15,000,000 for the state fiscal year commencing April 1, 2016 from the

1 proceeds collected by the authority from the auction or sale of carbon  
2 dioxide emission allowances allocated by the department of environmental  
3 conservation, which amount shall be utilized to support the Clean Energy  
4 Workforce Opportunity Program, to expand and develop clean energy educa-  
5 tion and workforce training programs; provided further, that up to  
6 \$5,000,000 of such amount shall be available to support Clean Energy  
7 Workforce Opportunity Program initiatives at state university of New  
8 York community colleges.

9 § 21. Subdivision 5 of section 97-rrr of the state finance law, as  
10 amended by section 21 of part I of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one hundred seventy-one-a  
13 of the tax law, as separately amended by chapters four hundred eighty-  
14 one and four hundred eighty-four of the laws of nineteen hundred eight-  
15 y-one, and notwithstanding the provisions of chapter ninety-four of the  
16 laws of two thousand eleven, or any other provisions of law to the  
17 contrary, during the fiscal year beginning April first, two thousand  
18 [fifteen] sixteen, the state comptroller is hereby authorized and  
19 directed to deposit to the fund created pursuant to this section from  
20 amounts collected pursuant to article twenty-two of the tax law and  
21 pursuant to a schedule submitted by the director of the budget, up to  
22 [\$3,382,279,000] \$3,227,844,000, as may be certified in such schedule as  
23 necessary to meet the purposes of such fund for the fiscal year begin-  
24 ning April first, two thousand [fifteen] sixteen.

25 § 22. The comptroller is authorized and directed to deposit to the  
26 general fund-state purposes account reimbursements from moneys appropri-  
27 ated or reappropriated to the correctional facilities capital improve-  
28 ment fund by a chapter of the laws of 2016. Reimbursements shall be

1 available for spending from appropriations made to the department of  
2 corrections and community supervision in the general fund-state purposes  
3 accounts by a chapter of the laws of 2016 for costs associated with the  
4 administration and security of capital projects and for other costs  
5 which are attributable, according to a plan, to such capital projects.

6 § 23. The opening paragraph of section 2 and section 47 of part I of  
7 chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, providing for the administration of  
8 certain funds and accounts related to the 2015-16 budget, are amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, and in accordance with  
11 section 4 of the state finance law, the comptroller is hereby authorized  
12 and directed to transfer, upon request of the director of the budget, on  
13 or before March 31, 2016, and with respect to item 5 under the miscella-  
14 neous category set forth in this section, up to and after March 31,  
15 2016, up to the unencumbered balance or the following amounts:

16 § 47. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
17 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2015; provided,  
18 however, [that] with the exception of item 5 of the miscellaneous cate-  
19 gory set forth within section two of this act, the provisions of  
20 sections one through eight and sections thirteen through twenty of this  
21 act shall expire March 31, 2016, when upon such date the provisions of  
22 such sections shall be deemed repealed.

23 § 24. Subdivision 6 of section 4 of the state finance law, as amended  
24 by section 22 of part I of chapter 55 of the laws of 2014, is amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 6. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, at the beginning of the  
27 state fiscal year, the state comptroller is hereby authorized and  
28 directed to receive for deposit to the credit of a fund and/or an

1 account such monies as are identified by the director of the budget as  
2 having been intended for such deposit to support disbursements from such  
3 fund and/or account made in pursuance of an appropriation by law. As  
4 soon as practicable upon enactment of the budget, the director of the  
5 budget shall, but not less than three days following preliminary  
6 submission to the chairs of the senate finance committee and the assem-  
7 bly ways and means committee, file with the state comptroller an iden-  
8 tification of specific monies to be so deposited. Any subsequent change  
9 regarding the monies to be so deposited shall be filed by the director  
10 of the budget, as soon as practicable, but not less than three days  
11 following preliminary submission to the chairs of the senate finance  
12 committee and the assembly ways and means committee.

13 All monies identified by the director of the budget to be deposited to  
14 the credit of a fund and/or account shall be consistent with the intent  
15 of the budget for the then current state fiscal year as enacted by the  
16 legislature.

17 [The provisions of this subdivision shall expire on March thirty-  
18 first, two thousand sixteen.]

19 § 25. Subdivision 4 of section 40 of the state finance law, as amended  
20 by section 23 of part I of chapter 55 of the laws of 2014, is amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 4. Every appropriation made from a fund or account to a department or  
23 agency shall be available for the payment of prior years' liabilities in  
24 such fund or account for fringe benefits, indirect costs, and telecommu-  
25 nications expenses and expenses for other centralized services fund  
26 programs without limit. Every appropriation shall also be available for  
27 the payment of prior years' liabilities other than those indicated

1 above, but only to the extent of one-half of one percent of the total  
2 amount appropriated to a department or agency in such fund or account.

3 [The provisions of this subdivision shall expire March thirty-first,  
4 two thousand sixteen.]

5 § 26. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section  
6 92-cc of the state finance law, as added by chapter 1 of the laws of  
7 2007, is amended to read as follows:

8 (i) Economic downturn. The commissioner of labor shall calculate and  
9 publish, on or before the fifteenth day of each month, a composite index  
10 of business cycle indicators. Such index shall be calculated using  
11 monthly data on New York state private sector employment, [total] aver-  
12 age weekly hours of manufacturing [hours worked] workers, and the unem-  
13 ployment rate prepared by the department of labor or its successor agen-  
14 cy, and total sales tax [collected net of law changes] collections  
15 adjusted for inflation, prepared by the department of taxation and  
16 finance or its successor agency. Such index shall be [constructed in  
17 accordance with the procedures for calculating composite indexes issued  
18 by the conference board or its successor organization, and] adjusted for  
19 seasonal variations in accordance with the procedures issued by the  
20 [census bureau of the] United States [department of commerce] Census  
21 Bureau or its successor agency. If the composite index declines for five  
22 consecutive months, the commissioner of labor shall notify the governor,  
23 the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, and  
24 the minority leaders of the assembly and the senate. Upon such notifica-  
25 tion, the director of the budget may authorize and direct the comp-  
26 troller to transfer from the rainy day reserve fund to the general fund  
27 such amounts as the director of the budget deems necessary to meet the  
28 requirements of the state financial plan. The authority to transfer

1 funds under the provisions of this subdivision shall lapse when the  
2 composite index shall have increased for five consecutive months or  
3 twelve months from the original notification of the commissioner of  
4 labor, whichever occurs earlier. Provided, however, that for every addi-  
5 tional and consecutive monthly decline succeeding the five month decline  
6 so noted by the commissioner of labor, the twelve month lapse date shall  
7 be extended by one additional month; or

8 § 27. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 93-b of the state  
9 finance law, as added by section 1 of part H of chapter 60 of the laws  
10 of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

11 (a) Economic downturn. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, for  
12 the purpose of this section, the commissioner of labor shall calculate  
13 and publish, on or before the fifteenth day of each month, a composite  
14 index of business cycle indicators. Such index shall be calculated using  
15 monthly data on New York state private sector employment, [total] aver-  
16 age weekly hours of manufacturing [hours worked] workers, and the unem-  
17 ployment rate prepared by the department of labor or its successor agen-  
18 cy, and total sales tax [collected net of law changes] collections  
19 adjusted for inflation, prepared by the department of taxation and  
20 finance or its successor agency. Such index shall be [constructed in  
21 accordance with the procedures for calculating composite indexes issued  
22 by the conference board or its successor organization, and] adjusted for  
23 seasonal variations in accordance with the procedures issued by the  
24 [census bureau of the] United States [department of commerce] Census  
25 Bureau or its successor agency. If the composite index declines for five  
26 consecutive months, the commissioner of labor shall notify the governor,  
27 the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, and  
28 the minority leaders of the assembly and the senate. Upon such notifica-

1 tion, the director of the budget may authorize and direct the comp-  
2 troller to transfer from the dedicated infrastructure investment fund to  
3 the general fund such amounts as the director of the budget deems neces-  
4 sary to meet the requirements of the state financial plan. The authority  
5 to transfer funds under the provisions of this paragraph shall lapse  
6 when the composite index shall have increased for five consecutive  
7 months or twelve months from the original notification of the commis-  
8 sioner of labor, whichever occurs earlier. Provided, however, that for  
9 every additional and consecutive monthly decline succeeding the five  
10 month decline so noted by the commissioner of labor, the twelve month  
11 lapse date shall be extended by one additional month.

12 § 28. Notwithstanding any other law, rule, or regulation to the  
13 contrary, the state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to use  
14 any balance remaining in the mental health services fund debt service  
15 appropriation, after payment by the state comptroller of all obligations  
16 required pursuant to any lease, sublease, or other financing arrangement  
17 between the dormitory authority of the state of New York as successor to  
18 the New York state medical care facilities finance agency, and the  
19 facilities development corporation pursuant to chapter 83 of the laws of  
20 1995 and the department of mental hygiene for the purpose of making  
21 payments to the dormitory authority of the state of New York for the  
22 amount of the earnings for the investment of monies deposited in the  
23 mental health services fund that such agency determines will or may have  
24 to be rebated to the federal government pursuant to the provisions of  
25 the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, in order to enable such  
26 agency to maintain the exemption from federal income taxation on the  
27 interest paid to the holders of such agency's mental services facilities  
28 improvement revenue bonds. Annually on or before each June 30th, such

1 agency shall certify to the state comptroller its determination of the  
2 amounts received in the mental health services fund as a result of the  
3 investment of monies deposited therein that will or may have to be  
4 rebated to the federal government pursuant to the provisions of the  
5 internal revenue code of 1986, as amended.

6 § 29. Subdivision 1 of section 47 of section 1 of chapter 174 of the  
7 laws of 1968, constituting the New York state urban development corpo-  
8 ration act, as amended by section 25 of part I of chapter 60 of the laws  
9 of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

10 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary,  
11 the dormitory authority and the corporation are hereby authorized to  
12 issue bonds or notes in one or more series for the purpose of funding  
13 project costs for the office of information technology services, depart-  
14 ment of law, and other state costs associated with such capital  
15 projects. The aggregate principal amount of bonds authorized to be  
16 issued pursuant to this section shall not exceed [two] three hundred  
17 [sixty-nine] sixty-four million [one] eight hundred forty thousand  
18 dollars, excluding bonds issued to fund one or more debt service reserve  
19 funds, to pay costs of issuance of such bonds, and bonds or notes issued  
20 to refund or otherwise repay such bonds or notes previously issued. Such  
21 bonds and notes of the dormitory authority and the corporation shall not  
22 be a debt of the state, and the state shall not be liable thereon, nor  
23 shall they be payable out of any funds other than those appropriated by  
24 the state to the dormitory authority and the corporation for principal,  
25 interest, and related expenses pursuant to a service contract and such  
26 bonds and notes shall contain on the face thereof a statement to such  
27 effect. Except for purposes of complying with the internal revenue code,

1 any interest income earned on bond proceeds shall only be used to pay  
2 debt service on such bonds.

3 § 30. Subdivision 1 of section 16 of part D of chapter 389 of the laws  
4 of 1997, relating to the financing of the correctional facilities  
5 improvement fund and the youth facility improvement fund, as amended by  
6 section 27 of part I of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 1. Subject to the provisions of chapter 59 of the laws of 2000, but  
9 notwithstanding the provisions of section 18 of section 1 of chapter 174  
10 of the laws of 1968, the New York state urban development corporation is  
11 hereby authorized to issue bonds, notes and other obligations in an  
12 aggregate principal amount not to exceed seven billion [one] four  
13 hundred [sixty-three] twenty-four million [three] nine hundred [sixty-  
14 nine] ninety-nine thousand dollars [\$7,163,369,000] \$7,424,999,000, and  
15 shall include all bonds, notes and other obligations issued pursuant to  
16 chapter 56 of the laws of 1983, as amended or supplemented. The proceeds  
17 of such bonds, notes or other obligations shall be paid to the state,  
18 for deposit in the correctional facilities capital improvement fund to  
19 pay for all or any portion of the amount or amounts paid by the state  
20 from appropriations or reappropriations made to the department of  
21 corrections and community supervision from the correctional facilities  
22 capital improvement fund for capital projects. The aggregate amount of  
23 bonds, notes or other obligations authorized to be issued pursuant to  
24 this section shall exclude bonds, notes or other obligations issued to  
25 refund or otherwise repay bonds, notes or other obligations theretofore  
26 issued, the proceeds of which were paid to the state for all or a  
27 portion of the amounts expended by the state from appropriations or  
28 reappropriations made to the department of corrections and community

1 supervision; provided, however, that upon any such refunding or repay-  
2 ment the total aggregate principal amount of outstanding bonds, notes or  
3 other obligations may be greater than seven billion [one] four hundred  
4 [sixty-three] twenty-four million [three] nine hundred [sixty-nine]  
5 ninety-nine thousand dollars [\$7,163,369,000] \$7,424,999,000, only if  
6 the present value of the aggregate debt service of the refunding or  
7 repayment bonds, notes or other obligations to be issued shall not  
8 exceed the present value of the aggregate debt service of the bonds,  
9 notes or other obligations so to be refunded or repaid. For the purposes  
10 hereof, the present value of the aggregate debt service of the refunding  
11 or repayment bonds, notes or other obligations and of the aggregate debt  
12 service of the bonds, notes or other obligations so refunded or repaid,  
13 shall be calculated by utilizing the effective interest rate of the  
14 refunding or repayment bonds, notes or other obligations, which shall be  
15 that rate arrived at by doubling the semi-annual interest rate  
16 (compounded semi-annually) necessary to discount the debt service  
17 payments on the refunding or repayment bonds, notes or other obligations  
18 from the payment dates thereof to the date of issue of the refunding or  
19 repayment bonds, notes or other obligations and to the price bid includ-  
20 ing estimated accrued interest or proceeds received by the corporation  
21 including estimated accrued interest from the sale thereof.

22 § 31. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 47-e of the private  
23 housing finance law, as amended by section 28 of part I of chapter 60 of  
24 the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

25 (a) Subject to the provisions of chapter fifty-nine of the laws of two  
26 thousand, in order to enhance and encourage the promotion of housing  
27 programs and thereby achieve the stated purposes and objectives of such  
28 housing programs, the agency shall have the power and is hereby author-

1 ized from time to time to issue negotiable housing program bonds and  
2 notes in such principal amount as shall be necessary to provide suffi-  
3 cient funds for the repayment of amounts disbursed (and not previously  
4 reimbursed) pursuant to law or any prior year making capital appropri-  
5 ations or reappropriations for the purposes of the housing program;  
6 provided, however, that the agency may issue such bonds and notes in an  
7 aggregate principal amount not exceeding [three] four billion [one] six  
8 hundred [fifty-three] ninety-seven million [seven] four hundred [nine-  
9 ty-nine] seventy-four thousand dollars, plus a principal amount of bonds  
10 issued to fund the debt service reserve fund in accordance with the debt  
11 service reserve fund requirement established by the agency and to fund  
12 any other reserves that the agency reasonably deems necessary for the  
13 security or marketability of such bonds and to provide for the payment  
14 of fees and other charges and expenses, including underwriters'  
15 discount, trustee and rating agency fees, bond insurance, credit  
16 enhancement and liquidity enhancement related to the issuance of such  
17 bonds and notes. No reserve fund securing the housing program bonds  
18 shall be entitled or eligible to receive state funds apportioned or  
19 appropriated to maintain or restore such reserve fund at or to a partic-  
20 ular level, except to the extent of any deficiency resulting directly or  
21 indirectly from a failure of the state to appropriate or pay the agreed  
22 amount under any of the contracts provided for in subdivision four of  
23 this section.

24 § 32. Subdivision (b) of section 11 of chapter 329 of the laws of  
25 1991, amending the state finance law and other laws relating to the  
26 establishment of the dedicated highway and bridge trust fund, as amended  
27 by section 29 of part I of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, is amended to  
28 read as follows:

1 (b) Any service contract or contracts for projects authorized pursuant  
2 to sections 10-c, 10-f, 10-g and 80-b of the highway law and section  
3 14-k of the transportation law, and entered into pursuant to subdivision  
4 (a) of this section, shall provide for state commitments to provide  
5 annually to the thruway authority a sum or sums, upon such terms and  
6 conditions as shall be deemed appropriate by the director of the budget,  
7 to fund, or fund the debt service requirements of any bonds or any obli-  
8 gations of the thruway authority issued to fund or to reimburse the  
9 state for funding such projects having a cost not in excess of  
10 [\$8,658,881,000] \$9,147,234,000 cumulatively by the end of fiscal year  
11 [2015-16] 2016-17.

12 § 33. Subdivision 1 of section 1689-i of the public authorities law,  
13 as amended by section 30 of part I of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 1. The dormitory authority is authorized to issue bonds, at the  
16 request of the commissioner of education, to finance eligible library  
17 construction projects pursuant to section two hundred seventy-three-a of  
18 the education law, in amounts certified by such commissioner not to  
19 exceed a total principal amount of one hundred [forty] fifty-four  
20 million dollars.

21 § 34. Subdivision (a) of section 27 of part Y of chapter 61 of the  
22 laws of 2005, providing for the administration of certain funds and  
23 accounts related to the 2005-2006 budget, as amended by section 31 of  
24 part I of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

25 (a) Subject to the provisions of chapter 59 of the laws of 2000, but  
26 notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, the urban devel-  
27 opment corporation is hereby authorized to issue bonds or notes in one  
28 or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed

1   [\$155,600,000] \$167,600,000, excluding bonds issued to finance one or  
2 more debt service reserve funds, to pay costs of issuance of such bonds,  
3 and bonds or notes issued to refund or otherwise repay such bonds or  
4 notes previously issued, for the purpose of financing capital projects  
5 including IT initiatives for the division of state police, debt service  
6 and leases; and to reimburse the state general fund for disbursements  
7 made therefor. Such bonds and notes of such authorized issuer shall not  
8 be a debt of the state, and the state shall not be liable thereon, nor  
9 shall they be payable out of any funds other than those appropriated by  
10 the state to such authorized issuer for debt service and related  
11 expenses pursuant to any service contract executed pursuant to subdivi-  
12 sion (b) of this section and such bonds and notes shall contain on the  
13 face thereof a statement to such effect. Except for purposes of comply-  
14 ing with the internal revenue code, any interest income earned on bond  
15 proceeds shall only be used to pay debt service on such bonds.

16   § 35. Section 44 of section 1 of chapter 174 of the laws of 1968,  
17 constituting the New York state urban development corporation act, as  
18 amended by section 32 of part I of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20   § 44. Issuance of certain bonds or notes. 1. Notwithstanding the  
21 provisions of any other law to the contrary, the dormitory authority and  
22 the corporation are hereby authorized to issue bonds or notes in one or  
23 more series for the purpose of funding project costs for the regional  
24 economic development council initiative, the economic transformation  
25 program, state university of New York college for nanoscale and science  
26 engineering, projects within the city of Buffalo or surrounding envi-  
27 rons, the New York works economic development fund, projects for the  
28 retention of professional football in western New York, the empire state

1 economic development fund, the clarkson-trudeau partnership, the New  
2 York genome center, the cornell university college of veterinary medi-  
3 cine, the olympic regional development authority, a project at nano  
4 Utica, onondaga county revitalization projects, Binghamton university  
5 school of pharmacy, New York power electronics manufacturing consortium,  
6 regional infrastructure projects, a commercialization center in Chautau-  
7 qua county, an industrial scale research and development facility in  
8 Clinton county, upstate revitalization initiative projects, market New  
9 York projects, and other state costs associated with such projects. The  
10 aggregate principal amount of bonds authorized to be issued pursuant to  
11 this section shall not exceed [two] three billion [eight] six hundred  
12 [eighty-eight] fifty-three million two hundred fifty-seven thousand  
13 dollars, excluding bonds issued to fund one or more debt service reserve  
14 funds, to pay costs of issuance of such bonds, and bonds or notes issued  
15 to refund or otherwise repay such bonds or notes previously issued. Such  
16 bonds and notes of the dormitory authority and the corporation shall not  
17 be a debt of the state, and the state shall not be liable thereon, nor  
18 shall they be payable out of any funds other than those appropriated by  
19 the state to the dormitory authority and the corporation for principal,  
20 interest, and related expenses pursuant to a service contract and such  
21 bonds and notes shall contain on the face thereof a statement to such  
22 effect. Except for purposes of complying with the internal revenue code,  
23 any interest income earned on bond proceeds shall only be used to pay  
24 debt service on such bonds.

25 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in  
26 order to assist the dormitory authority and the corporation in undertak-  
27 ing the financing for project costs for the regional economic develop-  
28 ment council initiative, the economic transformation program, state

1 university of New York college for nanoscale and science engineering,  
2 projects within the city of Buffalo or surrounding environs, the New  
3 York works economic development fund, projects for the retention of  
4 professional football in western New York, the empire state economic  
5 development fund, the clarkson-trudeau partnership, the New York genome  
6 center, the cornell university college of veterinary medicine, the olym-  
7 pic regional development authority, a project at nano Utica, onondaga  
8 county revitalization projects, Binghamton university school of pharma-  
9 cy, New York power electronics manufacturing consortium, regional  
10 infrastructure projects, a commercialization center in Chautauqua coun-  
11 ty, an industrial scale research and development facility in Clinton  
12 county, upstate revitalization initiative projects, market New York  
13 projects, and other state costs associated with such projects, the  
14 director of the budget is hereby authorized to enter into one or more  
15 service contracts with the dormitory authority and the corporation, none  
16 of which shall exceed thirty years in duration, upon such terms and  
17 conditions as the director of the budget and the dormitory authority and  
18 the corporation agree, so as to annually provide to the dormitory  
19 authority and the corporation, in the aggregate, a sum not to exceed the  
20 principal, interest, and related expenses required for such bonds and  
21 notes. Any service contract entered into pursuant to this section shall  
22 provide that the obligation of the state to pay the amount therein  
23 provided shall not constitute a debt of the state within the meaning of  
24 any constitutional or statutory provision and shall be deemed executory  
25 only to the extent of monies available and that no liability shall be  
26 incurred by the state beyond the monies available for such purpose,  
27 subject to annual appropriation by the legislature. Any such contract or  
28 any payments made or to be made thereunder may be assigned and pledged

1 by the dormitory authority and the corporation as security for its bonds  
2 and notes, as authorized by this section.

3 § 36. Subdivision 3 of section 1285-p of the public authorities law,  
4 as amended by section 33 of part I of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 3. The maximum amount of bonds that may be issued for the purpose of  
7 financing environmental infrastructure projects authorized by this  
8 section shall be [one] two billion [seven hundred seventy-five] eight  
9 million [seven] two hundred sixty thousand dollars, exclusive of bonds  
10 issued to fund any debt service reserve funds, pay costs of issuance of  
11 such bonds, and bonds or notes issued to refund or otherwise repay bonds  
12 or notes previously issued. Such bonds and notes of the corporation  
13 shall not be a debt of the state, and the state shall not be liable  
14 thereon, nor shall they be payable out of any funds other than those  
15 appropriated by the state to the corporation for debt service and  
16 related expenses pursuant to any service contracts executed pursuant to  
17 subdivision one of this section, and such bonds and notes shall contain  
18 on the face thereof a statement to such effect.

19 § 37. Subdivision 1 of section 45 of section 1 of chapter 174 of the  
20 laws of 1968, constituting the New York state urban development corpo-  
21 ration act, as amended by section 34 of part I of chapter 60 of the laws  
22 of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

23 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary,  
24 the urban development corporation of the state of New York is hereby  
25 authorized to issue bonds or notes in one or more series for the purpose  
26 of funding project costs for the implementation of a NY-SUNY and NY-CUNY  
27 2020 challenge grant program subject to the approval of a NY-SUNY and  
28 NY-CUNY 2020 plan or plans by the governor and either the chancellor of

1 the state university of New York or the chancellor of the city universi-  
2 ty of New York, as applicable. The aggregate principal amount of bonds  
3 authorized to be issued pursuant to this section shall not exceed  
4 [\$440,000,000] \$550,000,000, excluding bonds issued to fund one or more  
5 debt service reserve funds, to pay costs of issuance of such bonds, and  
6 bonds or notes issued to refund or otherwise repay such bonds or notes  
7 previously issued. Such bonds and notes of the corporation shall not be  
8 a debt of the state, and the state shall not be liable thereon, nor  
9 shall they be payable out of any funds other than those appropriated by  
10 the state to the corporation for principal, interest, and related  
11 expenses pursuant to a service contract and such bonds and notes shall  
12 contain on the face thereof a statement to such effect. Except for  
13 purposes of complying with the internal revenue code, any interest  
14 income earned on bond proceeds shall only be used to pay debt service on  
15 such bonds.

16 § 38. Subdivision (a) of section 48 of part K of chapter 81 of the  
17 laws of 2002, providing for the administration of certain funds and  
18 accounts related to the 2002-2003 budget, as amended by section 35 of  
19 part I of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

20 (a) Subject to the provisions of chapter 59 of the laws of 2000 but  
21 notwithstanding the provisions of section 18 of the urban development  
22 corporation act, the corporation is hereby authorized to issue bonds or  
23 notes in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to  
24 exceed \$197,000,000 excluding bonds issued to fund one or more debt  
25 service reserve funds, to pay costs of issuance of such bonds, and bonds  
26 or notes issued to refund or otherwise repay such bonds or notes previ-  
27 ously issued, for the purpose of financing capital costs related to  
28 homeland security and training facilities for the division of state

1 police, the division of military and naval affairs, and any other state  
2 agency, including the reimbursement of any disbursements made from the  
3 state capital projects fund, and is hereby authorized to issue bonds or  
4 notes in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to  
5 exceed [\$469,800,000] \$509,600,000, excluding bonds issued to fund one  
6 or more debt service reserve funds, to pay costs of issuance of such  
7 bonds, and bonds or notes issued to refund or otherwise repay such bonds  
8 or notes previously issued, for the purpose of financing improvements to  
9 State office buildings and other facilities located statewide, including  
10 the reimbursement of any disbursements made from the state capital  
11 projects fund. Such bonds and notes of the corporation shall not be a  
12 debt of the state, and the state shall not be liable thereon, nor shall  
13 they be payable out of any funds other than those appropriated by the  
14 state to the corporation for debt service and related expenses pursuant  
15 to any service contracts executed pursuant to subdivision (b) of this  
16 section, and such bonds and notes shall contain on the face thereof a  
17 statement to such effect.

18 § 39. Subdivision 1 of section 386-b of the public authorities law, as  
19 amended by section 36 of part I of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the  
22 authority, the dormitory authority and the urban development corporation  
23 are hereby authorized to issue bonds or notes in one or more series for  
24 the purpose of financing peace bridge projects and capital costs of  
25 state and local highways, parkways, bridges, the New York state thruway,  
26 Indian reservation roads, and facilities, and transportation infrastruc-  
27 ture projects including aviation projects, non-MTA mass transit  
28 projects, and rail service preservation projects, including work appur-

1 tenant and ancillary thereto. The aggregate principal amount of bonds  
2 authorized to be issued pursuant to this section shall not exceed [one]  
3 two billion [six hundred ninety] seven hundred twenty-five million  
4 dollars [\$1,690,000,000] \$2,725,000,000, excluding bonds issued to fund  
5 one or more debt service reserve funds, to pay costs of issuance of such  
6 bonds, and to refund or otherwise repay such bonds or notes previously  
7 issued. Such bonds and notes of the authority, the dormitory authority  
8 and the urban development corporation shall not be a debt of the state,  
9 and the state shall not be liable thereon, nor shall they be payable out  
10 of any funds other than those appropriated by the state to the authori-  
11 ty, the dormitory authority and the urban development corporation for  
12 principal, interest, and related expenses pursuant to a service contract  
13 and such bonds and notes shall contain on the face thereof a statement  
14 to such effect. Except for purposes of complying with the internal  
15 revenue code, any interest income earned on bond proceeds shall only be  
16 used to pay debt service on such bonds.

17 § 40. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 19 of section 1680 of the public  
18 authorities law, as amended by section 37 of part I of chapter 60 of the  
19 laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

20 (c) Subject to the provisions of chapter fifty-nine of the laws of two  
21 thousand, the dormitory authority shall not issue any bonds for state  
22 university educational facilities purposes if the principal amount of  
23 bonds to be issued when added to the aggregate principal amount of bonds  
24 issued by the dormitory authority on and after July first, nineteen  
25 hundred eighty-eight for state university educational facilities will  
26 exceed eleven billion [two] six hundred [twenty-eight] three million  
27 dollars; provided, however, that bonds issued or to be issued shall be  
28 excluded from such limitation if: (1) such bonds are issued to refund

1 state university construction bonds and state university construction  
2 notes previously issued by the housing finance agency; or (2) such bonds  
3 are issued to refund bonds of the authority or other obligations issued  
4 for state university educational facilities purposes and the present  
5 value of the aggregate debt service on the refunding bonds does not  
6 exceed the present value of the aggregate debt service on the bonds  
7 refunded thereby; provided, further that upon certification by the  
8 director of the budget that the issuance of refunding bonds or other  
9 obligations issued between April first, nineteen hundred ninety-two and  
10 March thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-three will generate long  
11 term economic benefits to the state, as assessed on a present value  
12 basis, such issuance will be deemed to have met the present value test  
13 noted above. For purposes of this subdivision, the present value of the  
14 aggregate debt service of the refunding bonds and the aggregate debt  
15 service of the bonds refunded, shall be calculated by utilizing the true  
16 interest cost of the refunding bonds, which shall be that rate arrived  
17 at by doubling the semi-annual interest rate (compounded semi-annually)  
18 necessary to discount the debt service payments on the refunding bonds  
19 from the payment dates thereof to the date of issue of the refunding  
20 bonds to the purchase price of the refunding bonds, including interest  
21 accrued thereon prior to the issuance thereof. The maturity of such  
22 bonds, other than bonds issued to refund outstanding bonds, shall not  
23 exceed the weighted average economic life, as certified by the state  
24 university construction fund, of the facilities in connection with which  
25 the bonds are issued, and in any case not later than the earlier of  
26 thirty years or the expiration of the term of any lease, sublease or  
27 other agreement relating thereto; provided that no note, including  
28 renewals thereof, shall mature later than five years after the date of

1 issuance of such note. The legislature reserves the right to amend or  
2 repeal such limit, and the state of New York, the dormitory authority,  
3 the state university of New York, and the state university construction  
4 fund are prohibited from covenanting or making any other agreements with  
5 or for the benefit of bondholders which might in any way affect such  
6 right.

7 § 41. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 14 of section 1680 of the public  
8 authorities law, as amended by section 38 of part I of chapter 60 of the  
9 laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

10 (c) Subject to the provisions of chapter fifty-nine of the laws of two  
11 thousand, (i) the dormitory authority shall not deliver a series of  
12 bonds for city university community college facilities, except to refund  
13 or to be substituted for or in lieu of other bonds in relation to city  
14 university community college facilities pursuant to a resolution of the  
15 dormitory authority adopted before July first, nineteen hundred eighty-  
16 five or any resolution supplemental thereto, if the principal amount of  
17 bonds so to be issued when added to all principal amounts of bonds  
18 previously issued by the dormitory authority for city university commu-  
19 nity college facilities, except to refund or to be substituted in lieu  
20 of other bonds in relation to city university community college facili-  
21 ties will exceed the sum of four hundred twenty-five million dollars and  
22 (ii) the dormitory authority shall not deliver a series of bonds issued  
23 for city university facilities, including community college facilities,  
24 pursuant to a resolution of the dormitory authority adopted on or after  
25 July first, nineteen hundred eighty-five, except to refund or to be  
26 substituted for or in lieu of other bonds in relation to city university  
27 facilities and except for bonds issued pursuant to a resolution supple-  
28 mental to a resolution of the dormitory authority adopted prior to July

1 first, nineteen hundred eighty-five, if the principal amount of bonds so  
2 to be issued when added to the principal amount of bonds previously  
3 issued pursuant to any such resolution, except bonds issued to refund or  
4 to be substituted for or in lieu of other bonds in relation to city  
5 university facilities, will exceed seven billion [three] five hundred  
6 [ninety-two] forty-eight million [seven] four hundred [fifty-three]  
7 eleven thousand dollars. The legislature reserves the right to amend or  
8 repeal such limit, and the state of New York, the dormitory authority,  
9 the city university, and the fund are prohibited from covenanting or  
10 making any other agreements with or for the benefit of bondholders which  
11 might in any way affect such right.

12 § 42. Subdivision 10-a of section 1680 of the public authorities law,  
13 as amended by section 39 of part I of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 10-a. Subject to the provisions of chapter fifty-nine of the laws of  
16 two thousand, but notwithstanding any other provision of the law to the  
17 contrary, the maximum amount of bonds and notes to be issued after March  
18 thirty-first, two thousand two, on behalf of the state, in relation to  
19 any locally sponsored community college, shall be eight hundred [thir-  
20 ty-eight] sixty-one million four hundred [fifty-eight] fifty-four thou-  
21 sand dollars. Such amount shall be exclusive of bonds and notes issued  
22 to fund any reserve fund or funds, costs of issuance and to refund any  
23 outstanding bonds and notes, issued on behalf of the state, relating to  
24 a locally sponsored community college.

25 § 43. Subdivision 1 of section 17 of part D of chapter 389 of the laws  
26 of 1997, relating to the financing of the correctional facilities  
27 improvement fund and the youth facility improvement fund, as amended by

1 section 41 of part I of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 1. Subject to the provisions of chapter 59 of the laws of 2000, but  
4 notwithstanding the provisions of section 18 of section 1 of chapter 174  
5 of the laws of 1968, the New York state urban development corporation is  
6 hereby authorized to issue bonds, notes and other obligations in an  
7 aggregate principal amount not to exceed six hundred [eleven] forty-sev-  
8 en million [two hundred fifteen] sixty-five thousand dollars  
9 [(\$611,215,000)] (\$647,065,000), which authorization increases the  
10 aggregate principal amount of bonds, notes and other obligations author-  
11 ized by section 40 of chapter 309 of the laws of 1996, and shall include  
12 all bonds, notes and other obligations issued pursuant to chapter 211 of  
13 the laws of 1990, as amended or supplemented. The proceeds of such  
14 bonds, notes or other obligations shall be paid to the state, for depos-  
15 it in the youth facilities improvement fund, to pay for all or any  
16 portion of the amount or amounts paid by the state from appropriations  
17 or reappropriations made to the office of children and family services  
18 from the youth facilities improvement fund for capital projects. The  
19 aggregate amount of bonds, notes and other obligations authorized to be  
20 issued pursuant to this section shall exclude bonds, notes or other  
21 obligations issued to refund or otherwise repay bonds, notes or other  
22 obligations theretofore issued, the proceeds of which were paid to the  
23 state for all or a portion of the amounts expended by the state from  
24 appropriations or reappropriations made to the office of children and  
25 family services; provided, however, that upon any such refunding or  
26 repayment the total aggregate principal amount of outstanding bonds,  
27 notes or other obligations may be greater than six hundred [eleven]  
28 forty-seven million [two hundred fifteen] sixty-five thousand dollars

1 [(\$611,215,000)] (\$647,065,000), only if the present value of the aggre-  
2 gate debt service of the refunding or repayment bonds, notes or other  
3 obligations to be issued shall not exceed the present value of the  
4 aggregate debt service of the bonds, notes or other obligations so to be  
5 refunded or repaid. For the purposes hereof, the present value of the  
6 aggregate debt service of the refunding or repayment bonds, notes or  
7 other obligations and of the aggregate debt service of the bonds, notes  
8 or other obligations so refunded or repaid, shall be calculated by  
9 utilizing the effective interest rate of the refunding or repayment  
10 bonds, notes or other obligations, which shall be that rate arrived at  
11 by doubling the semi-annual interest rate (compounded semi-annually)  
12 necessary to discount the debt service payments on the refunding or  
13 repayment bonds, notes or other obligations from the payment dates ther-  
14 eof to the date of issue of the refunding or repayment bonds, notes or  
15 other obligations and to the price bid including estimated accrued  
16 interest or proceeds received by the corporation including estimated  
17 accrued interest from the sale thereof.

18 § 44. Paragraph b of subdivision 2 of section 9-a of section 1 of  
19 chapter 392 of the laws of 1973, constituting the New York state medical  
20 care facilities finance agency act, as amended by section 42 of part I  
21 of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

22 b. The agency shall have power and is hereby authorized from time to  
23 time to issue negotiable bonds and notes in conformity with applicable  
24 provisions of the uniform commercial code in such principal amount as,  
25 in the opinion of the agency, shall be necessary, after taking into  
26 account other moneys which may be available for the purpose, to provide  
27 sufficient funds to the facilities development corporation, or any  
28 successor agency, for the financing or refinancing of or for the design,

1 construction, acquisition, reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement  
2 of mental health services facilities pursuant to paragraph a of this  
3 subdivision, the payment of interest on mental health services improve-  
4 ment bonds and mental health services improvement notes issued for such  
5 purposes, the establishment of reserves to secure such bonds and notes,  
6 the cost or premium of bond insurance or the costs of any financial  
7 mechanisms which may be used to reduce the debt service that would be  
8 payable by the agency on its mental health services facilities improve-  
9 ment bonds and notes and all other expenditures of the agency incident  
10 to and necessary or convenient to providing the facilities development  
11 corporation, or any successor agency, with funds for the financing or  
12 refinancing of or for any such design, construction, acquisition, recon-  
13 struction, rehabilitation or improvement and for the refunding of mental  
14 hygiene improvement bonds issued pursuant to section 47-b of the private  
15 housing finance law; provided, however, that the agency shall not issue  
16 mental health services facilities improvement bonds and mental health  
17 services facilities improvement notes in an aggregate principal amount  
18 exceeding [seven] eight billion [seven hundred twenty-two] twenty-one  
19 million eight hundred fifteen thousand dollars, excluding mental health  
20 services facilities improvement bonds and mental health services facili-  
21 ties improvement notes issued to refund outstanding mental health  
22 services facilities improvement bonds and mental health services facili-  
23 ties improvement notes; provided, however, that upon any such refunding  
24 or repayment of mental health services facilities improvement bonds  
25 and/or mental health services facilities improvement notes the total  
26 aggregate principal amount of outstanding mental health services facili-  
27 ties improvement bonds and mental health facilities improvement notes  
28 may be greater than [seven] eight billion [seven hundred twenty-two]

1 twenty-one million eight hundred fifteen thousand dollars only if,  
2 except as hereinafter provided with respect to mental health services  
3 facilities bonds and mental health services facilities notes issued to  
4 refund mental hygiene improvement bonds authorized to be issued pursuant  
5 to the provisions of section 47-b of the private housing finance law,  
6 the present value of the aggregate debt service of the refunding or  
7 repayment bonds to be issued shall not exceed the present value of the  
8 aggregate debt service of the bonds to be refunded or repaid. For  
9 purposes hereof, the present values of the aggregate debt service of the  
10 refunding or repayment bonds, notes or other obligations and of the  
11 aggregate debt service of the bonds, notes or other obligations so  
12 refunded or repaid, shall be calculated by utilizing the effective  
13 interest rate of the refunding or repayment bonds, notes or other obli-  
14 gations, which shall be that rate arrived at by doubling the semi-annual  
15 interest rate (compounded semi-annually) necessary to discount the debt  
16 service payments on the refunding or repayment bonds, notes or other  
17 obligations from the payment dates thereof to the date of issue of the  
18 refunding or repayment bonds, notes or other obligations and to the  
19 price bid including estimated accrued interest or proceeds received by  
20 the authority including estimated accrued interest from the sale there-  
21 of. Such bonds, other than bonds issued to refund outstanding bonds,  
22 shall be scheduled to mature over a term not to exceed the average  
23 useful life, as certified by the facilities development corporation, of  
24 the projects for which the bonds are issued, and in any case shall not  
25 exceed thirty years and the maximum maturity of notes or any renewals  
26 thereof shall not exceed five years from the date of the original issue  
27 of such notes. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the agen-  
28 cy shall have the power and is hereby authorized to issue mental health

1 services facilities improvement bonds and/or mental health services  
2 facilities improvement notes to refund outstanding mental hygiene  
3 improvement bonds authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of  
4 section 47-b of the private housing finance law and the amount of bonds  
5 issued or outstanding for such purposes shall not be included for  
6 purposes of determining the amount of bonds issued pursuant to this  
7 section. The director of the budget shall allocate the aggregate princi-  
8 pal authorized to be issued by the agency among the office of mental  
9 health, office for people with developmental disabilities, and the  
10 office of alcoholism and substance abuse services, in consultation with  
11 their respective commissioners to finance bondable appropriations previ-  
12 ously approved by the legislature.

13 § 45. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 1 and clause (B) of  
14 subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (j) of subdivision 4 of section 1 of  
15 part D of chapter 63 of the laws of 2005 relating to the composition and  
16 responsibilities of the New York state higher education capital matching  
17 grant board, as amended by section 43 of part I of chapter 60 of the  
18 laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

19 (b) Within amounts appropriated therefor, the board is hereby author-  
20 ized and directed to award matching capital grants totaling [210] 240  
21 million dollars. Each college shall be eligible for a grant award amount  
22 as determined by the calculations pursuant to subdivision five of this  
23 section. In addition, such colleges shall be eligible to compete for  
24 additional funds pursuant to paragraph (h) of subdivision four of this  
25 section.

26 (B) The dormitory authority shall not issue any bonds or notes in an  
27 amount in excess of [210] 240 million dollars for the purposes of this  
28 section; excluding bonds or notes issued to fund one or more debt

1 service reserve funds, to pay costs of issuance of such bonds, and bonds  
2 or notes issued to refund or otherwise repay such bonds or notes previ-  
3 ously issued. Except for purposes of complying with the internal revenue  
4 code, any interest on bond proceeds shall only be used to pay debt  
5 service on such bonds.

6 § 46. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, from  
7 the taxes, interest and penalties collected or received by the commis-  
8 sioner of taxation and finance in respect of the tax imposed by the city  
9 of New York pursuant to the authority of section 1210, 1211, 1212 or  
10 1212-A of the tax law, the comptroller shall pay, as directed in writing  
11 by the director of the budget, the sum of \$16,666,667 on or before the  
12 twelfth day of each month from such taxes, penalties and interest  
13 collected or received by such commissioner during the previous month to  
14 (i) any issuers of state-related debt for the purposes of paying princi-  
15 pal, interest, and related expenses, or for retiring or defeasing bonds  
16 previously issued, including any accrued interest or other expenses  
17 related thereto, for any state-related bonding program or programs, or  
18 to (ii) a governmental fund or funds of the state treasury. The comp-  
19 troller shall make the first payment to issuers of state-related debt or  
20 the government funds on the twelfth day of May, 2016 from the taxes,  
21 penalties and interest collected or received during April 2016 and the  
22 last payment on or before the twelfth day of April, 2019 from the taxes,  
23 penalties and interest collected or received during March 2019.  
24 Provided, however, that in no event shall such payments exceed  
25 \$200,000,000 in any state fiscal year; and provided further that such  
26 payments shall not reduce the reasonable costs of such commissioner  
27 under paragraph (b) of section 1261 of the tax law.

1     § 47. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to  
2 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2016; provided,  
3 however, with the exception of item 5 of the miscellaneous category set  
4 forth within section two of this act: (a) the provisions of sections  
5 one through eight, and sections twelve through twenty of this act shall  
6 expire March 31, 2017, when upon such date the provisions of such  
7 sections shall be deemed repealed; and (b) the provisions of section  
8 forty-six of this act shall expire upon the last payment made by the  
9 comptroller pursuant to section forty-six of this act when upon such  
10 date the provisions of such section shall be deemed repealed; provided  
11 that the state comptroller shall notify the legislative bill drafting  
12 commission upon the occurrence of the last payment provided for in  
13 section forty-six of this act in order that the commission may maintain  
14 an accurate and timely effective database of the official text of the  
15 laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the  
16 provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the  
17 public officers law.

18     § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
19 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
20 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
21 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
22 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
23 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
24 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of  
25 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
26 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

1     § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that  
2     the applicable effective date of Parts A through N of this act shall be  
3     as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.