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AN ACT 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 extending the effectiveness of such provisions (Part A); to amend the tax law, in relation to extending the suspension of the subsidy to state emergency services revolving loan fund from the public safety communications surcharge (Part B); to amend the penal law, in relation to convertible pistols and three-dimensional printed guns (Subpart A); and to amend the executive law and the general business law, in relation to firearm prevention technology requirements for three-dimensional printers (Subpart B) (Part C); to amend the penal law and the executive law, in relation to establishing a comprehensive drone plan (Part D); intentionally omitted (Part E); to amend the penal law, in relation to insurance fraud (Part F); intentionally omitted (Part G); to amend the criminal procedure law, in relation to extending orders of protection (Part H); intentionally omitted (Part I); intentionally omitted (Part J); intentionally omitted (Part K); intentionally omitted (Part L); intentionally omitted (Part M); to amend chapter 396 of the laws of 2010 amending the alco-

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

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holic beverage control law relating to liquidator's permits and temporary retail permits, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part N); to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to authorizing the liquor authority to change the duration of certain licenses (Subpart A); to amend part CC of chapter 55 of the laws of 2024 amending the alcoholic beverage control law, relating to alcohol in certain motion picture theatres, in relation to extending provisions of law relating to motion picture theater licenses (Subpart B); and to amend the alcoholic beverage control law, in relation to banning wholesalers from assessing certain fees on retailers (Subpart C) (Part O); intentionally omitted (Part P); intentionally omitted (Part Q); intentionally omitted (Part R); intentionally omitted (Part S); intentionally omitted (Part T); to amend the executive law and the legislative law, in relation to education and training in ethics and lobbying (Part U); intentionally omitted (Part V); to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to establishing dedicated workers' compensation fraud units within New York state district attorneys' offices (Part W); to amend the workers' compensation law, in relation to specifying which providers are authorized to render certain medical care; and to repeal certain provisions of such law related thereto (Part X); to amend the state finance law, the economic development law and the education law, in relation to purchasing and advertising thresholds (Part Y); to amend the legislative law, in relation to lobbyist and client registration fees (Part Z); to amend the executive law, in relation to requiring the superintendent of state police to develop, maintain, and disseminate to all members of the division of state police a critical incident paid leave policy (Part AA); 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 extending the effectiveness thereof (Part BB); 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 the effectiveness of certain provisions thereof (Part CC); intentionally omitted (Part DD); intentionally omitted (Part EE); intentionally omitted (Part FF); to repeal subdivision 3 of section 230.21 of the criminal procedure law, relating to proceedings reverting to the original court of record when a defendant fails to comply with or complete the mental health court program (Part GG); to amend chapter 729 of the laws of 2023, constituting the New York State community commission on reparations remedies, in relation to extending the time the New York State community commission on reparations remedies has to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature and the governor, and in relation to the status of members of the commission (Part HH); to amend the insurance law, in relation to flexible rating for nonbusiness automobile insurance policies; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto (Part II); to amend the insurance law, in relation to prohibiting the use of employment, education, homeownership, and zip code for determining private passenger motor vehicle insurance rates (Part JJ); to amend chapter 141 of the laws of 1994, amending the legislative law and the state finance law relating to the operation and administration of the legislature, in relation to extending such provisions (Part KK); to amend the executive law, in relation to enacting the "Local Cops, Local Crimes Act" (Subpart A); to amend the civil rights law, in relation to enacting the "New York state Bivens act" (Subpart B); to amend the executive law, the general municipal



law and the municipal home rule law, in relation to restricting action state and municipal employees can take regarding civil immigration enforcement; and to repeal section 8 of the executive law relating to registration of noncitizens (Subpart C); to amend the education law, in relation to prohibiting children from being denied access to a free public education due to citizenship or immigration status and other prohibited practices (Subpart D); to amend the civil rights law, in relation to enacting the "sensitive location protection act" (Subpart E); to amend the civil rights law, in relation to prohibiting law enforcement officers from wearing any mask or personal disguise while interacting with the public in the performance of their duties (Subpart F); to amend the executive law, in relation to creating a new immigrant trust office within the department of law (Subpart G); and to amend the social services law, in relation to procedures for child care programs (Subpart H) (Part LL); to amend the general municipal law and the executive law, in relation to extending the term and authority of the independent monitor for the Orange county industrial development agency, and modifying the applicability of certain tax exemptions based on population; to amend part III of chapter 58 of the laws of 2023, amending the general municipal law and the executive law relating to directing the state inspector general to appoint an independent monitor for the Orange county industrial development agency, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon the expiration thereof (Part MM); to amend the local finance law, in relation to capitalizing police emergency response vehicles (Part NN); and to amend the municipal home rule law, in relation to appointments to a city charter commission by a mayor (Part OO)

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 necessary to implement the state public protection and general govern-
3 ment budget for the 2026-2027 state fiscal year. Each component is whol-
4 ly contained within a Part identified as Parts A through OO. The effec-
5 tive date for each particular provision contained within such Part is
6 set forth in the last section of such Part. Any provision in any section
7 contained within a Part, including the effective date of the Part, which
8 makes a reference to a section "of this act", when used in connection
9 with that particular component, shall be deemed to mean and refer to the
10 corresponding section of the Part in which it is found. Section three of
11 this act sets forth the general effective date of this act.

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PART A

13 Section 1. Section 5 of chapter 268 of the laws of 1996 amending the
14 education law and the state finance law relating to providing a recruit-
15 ment incentive and retention program for certain active members of the
16 New York army national guard, New York air national guard, and New York
17 naval militia, as amended by section 1 of part P of chapter 55 of the
18 laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

19 § 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 1997 and shall expire and
20 be deemed repealed September 1, [2026] 2031; provided that any person
21 who has begun to receive the benefits of this act prior to its expira-

1 tion and repeal shall be entitled to continue to receive the benefits of
2 this act after its expiration and repeal until completion of a baccalau-
3 reate degree or cessation of status as an active member, whichever
4 occurs first.

5 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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PART B

7 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 6 of section 186-f of the tax
8 law, as amended by section 1 of part E of chapter 55 of the laws of
9 2024, is amended to read as follows:

10 (b) The sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars must be
11 deposited into the New York state emergency services revolving loan fund
12 annually; provided, however, that such sums shall not be deposited for
13 any state fiscal [years] year between two thousand eleven--two thousand
14 twelve, [two thousand twelve--two thousand thirteen, two thousand four-
15 teen--two thousand fifteen, two thousand fifteen--two thousand sixteen,
16 two thousand sixteen--two thousand seventeen, two thousand seventeen--
17 two thousand eighteen, two thousand eighteen--two thousand nineteen, two
18 thousand nineteen--two thousand twenty, two thousand twenty--two thou-
19 sand twenty-one, two thousand twenty-one--two thousand twenty-two, two
20 thousand twenty-two--two thousand twenty-three, two thousand twenty-
21 three--two thousand twenty-four, two thousand twenty-four--two thousand
22 twenty-five,] and [two thousand twenty-five--two thousand twenty-six]
23 two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand twenty-eight;

24 § 2. This act shall take effect April 1, 2026; provided, however, if
25 this act shall become a law after such date it shall take effect imme-
26 diately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and
27 after April 1, 2026.

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PART C

29 Section 1. This Part enacts into law components of legislation relat-
30 ing to three-dimensional printed guns and pistol converters. Each compo-
31 nent is wholly contained within a Subpart identified as Subparts A
32 through B. The effective date for each particular provision contained
33 within such Subpart is set forth in the last section of such Subpart.
34 Any provision in any section contained within a Subpart, including the
35 effective date of the Subpart, which makes reference to a section "of
36 this act", when used in connection with that particular component, shall
37 be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Subpart
38 in which it is found. Section three of this Part sets forth the general
39 effective date of this Part.

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SUBPART A

41 Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 36 of section 265.00 of the penal law,
42 subdivision 36 as added by chapter 429 of the laws of 2024, are amended
43 and four new subdivisions 37, 38, 39 and 40 are added to read as
44 follows:

45 1. "Machine-gun" means a weapon of any description, irrespective of
46 size, by whatever name known, loaded or unloaded, from which a number of
47 shots or bullets may be rapidly or automatically discharged from a maga-
48 zine with one continuous pull of the trigger and includes a sub-machine
49 gun, and also includes any convertible pistol that is equipped with a
50 pistol converter.

1 36. "Pistol converter" means any device or instrument that, when
2 installed in or attached to the rear of the slide of a semi-automatic
3 pistol, replaces the backplate and interferes with the trigger mechanism
4 and thereby enables the pistol to discharge a number of shots or bullets
5 rapidly or automatically with one continuous pull of the trigger.

6 37. "Convertible pistol" means any semi-automatic pistol with a cruci-
7 form trigger bar that can be readily altered by hand or with common
8 household tools so that it can be converted into a machine-gun by the
9 installation or attachment of a pistol converter. As used in this
10 subdivision, "common household tools" means screwdrivers, pipe wrenches,
11 pliers, hacksaws, crowbars, electric drills or rotary tools, hammers,
12 chisels, files, and crescent wrenches. "Convertible pistol" does not
13 include hammer-fired semi-automatic pistols or any striker-fired semi-
14 automatic pistol lacking a cruciform trigger bar. A notch, tab, or other
15 piece of material on a pistol frame is not sufficient to prevent ready
16 alteration so that the pistol can be converted into a machine-gun by the
17 installation or attachment of a pistol converter, and will not prevent
18 such pistol from qualifying as a convertible pistol under this subdivi-
19 sion, if such notch, tab, or other piece of material can be readily
20 removed with common household tools.

21 38. "Three-dimensional printer" means:

22 (a) any machine capable of rendering a three-dimensional object from a
23 digital design file using additive manufacturing; or

24 (b) any machine capable of making three-dimensional modifications to
25 an object from a digital design file using subtractive manufacturing.

26 39. "Digital firearm manufacturing code" means any digital
27 instructions in the form of computer-aided design files or other code or
28 instructions stored and displayed in electronic format as a digital
29 model that may be used to program a three-dimensional printer or a
30 computer numerical control (CNC) milling machine to manufacture or
31 produce any firearm, rifle, shotgun, ghost gun, unfinished frame or
32 receiver, firearm silencer, rapid-fire modification device or major
33 component of a firearm.

34 40. "Cruciform trigger bar" means a component in a semi-automatic
35 pistol that serves as a linkage between the trigger and the firing pin
36 and has its sear incorporated in a cross-shaped surface.

37 § 2. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 265.10 of the penal law, as
38 amended by chapter 481 of the laws of 2024, are amended and three new
39 subdivisions 10, 11 and 12 are added to read as follows:

40 1. Any person who manufactures or causes to be manufactured any
41 machine-gun, ghost gun, unfinished frame or receiver, firearm silencer,
42 major component of a firearm, assault weapon, large capacity ammunition
43 feeding device or disguised gun is guilty of a class D felony. Any
44 person who manufactures or causes to be manufactured any rapid-fire
45 modification device is guilty of a class E felony. Any person who manu-
46 factures or causes to be manufactured any switchblade knife, pilum
47 ballistic knife, metal knuckle knife, undetectable knife, billy,
48 blackjack, bludgeon, plastic knuckles, metal knuckles, throwing star,
49 chuka stick, sandbag, sandclub or slungshot is guilty of a class A
50 misdemeanor.

51 2. Any person who transports or ships any machine-gun, ghost gun,
52 firearm silencer, assault weapon or large capacity ammunition feeding
53 device or disguised gun, or who transports or ships as merchandise five
54 or more firearms, is guilty of a class D felony. Any person who trans-
55 ports or ships any rapid-fire modification device is guilty of a class E
56 felony. Any person who transports or ships as merchandise any firearm,

1 other than an assault weapon, switchblade knife, pilum ballistic knife,
2 undetectable knife, billy, blackjack, bludgeon, plastic knuckles, metal
3 knuckles, throwing star, chuka stick, sandbag or slungshot is guilty of
4 a class A misdemeanor.

5 10. Any dealer in firearms or gunsmith who, on or after May thirty-
6 first, two thousand twenty-seven, sells, transfers, disposes of, or
7 transports or ships as merchandise a convertible pistol shall be guilty
8 of a class D felony.

9 11. Any person who knowingly sells, offers to sell, transfers,
10 distributes, sell access to, provides, or otherwise disposes of digital
11 firearm manufacturing code to any person who does not hold both: (a) a
12 valid gunsmith license as provided in section 400.00 of this chapter;
13 and (b) a valid federal firearms license, is guilty of a class A misde-
14 meanor. It is not a violation of this subdivision if: (a) the person
15 sells, offers to sell, transfers, sells access to, provides, or other-
16 wise disposes of the digital firearm manufacturing code with the reason-
17 able belief that the recipient will not use the digital firearm manufac-
18 turing code to violate this subdivision or subdivision twelve of this
19 section; (b) neither (i) the person who sells, offers to sell, trans-
20 fers, sells access to, or otherwise disposes of the digital firearm
21 manufacturing code, nor (ii) the recipient of the digital firearm manu-
22 facturing code are in New York state; or (c) the recipient of the
23 digital firearm manufacturing code holds both (i) a gunsmith license as
24 provided in section 400.00 of this chapter and (ii) a valid federal
25 firearms license.

26 12. Any person who possesses digital firearm manufacturing code with
27 the intent to: (a) illegally manufacture any item described in subdivi-
28 sion one, two, three, or three-a of section 265.00 of this article; (b)
29 distribute to a person in the state of New York for whom the sender
30 knows or reasonably should know would be prohibited from possessing the
31 manufactured or produced product under section 265.02 of this article or
32 subsection (G) of section 922 of title 18 of the United States Code; or
33 (c) distribute to a person in the state of New York who does not hold
34 both (i) a valid gunsmith license as provided in section 400.00 of this
35 chapter and (ii) a valid federal firearms license, is guilty of a class
36 A misdemeanor.

37 § 3. Paragraph 10 of subdivision a of section 265.20 of the penal law,
38 as amended by chapter 1041 of the laws of 1974, is amended and a new
39 subdivision f is added to read as follows:

40 10. Engaging in the business of gunsmith or dealer in firearms by a
41 person to whom a valid license therefor has been issued pursuant to
42 section 400.00 of this chapter, provided, however, that this paragraph
43 shall not apply to conduct prohibited by subdivision ten of section
44 265.10 of this article.

45 f. Subdivision ten of section 265.10 of this article shall not apply
46 to the following:

47 1. the disposition of a convertible pistol or the transport or ship-
48 ping as merchandise of a convertible pistol for disposition to persons
49 in the military service of the state of New York or the United States
50 when duly authorized by law or regulation to possess the same;

51 2. the disposition of a convertible pistol or the transport or ship-
52 ping as merchandise of a convertible pistol for disposition to police
53 officers as defined in subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of the
54 criminal procedure law;

55 3. the disposition of a convertible pistol or the transport or ship-
56 ping as merchandise of a convertible pistol for disposition to peace

1 officers as defined by section 2.10 of the criminal procedure law when
2 they are authorized to possess the same;

3 4. the disposition of a convertible pistol or the transport or ship-
4 ping as merchandise of a convertible pistol for disposition to persons
5 engaging in the business of gunsmith or dealer in firearms to whom a
6 valid license therefor has been issued pursuant to section 400.00 of
7 this chapter;

8 5. a private party to private party transaction conducted through a
9 duly licensed dealer in firearms;

10 6. the sale, transfer, disposal, transportation, or shipment of a
11 convertible pistol to a duly licensed dealer in firearms or licensed
12 gunsmith by private party who lawfully owned such convertible pistol
13 prior to May thirty-first, two thousand twenty-seven;

14 7. the sale, transfer, disposal, transportation, or shipment of a
15 convertible pistol by a duly licensed dealer in firearms or licensed
16 gunsmith to a private person or another federal firearms licensee or
17 licensed gunsmith, where such convertible pistol's immediately preceding
18 owner and possessor, prior to the licensed dealer or licensed gunsmith,
19 was a private party who lawfully owned and possessed such convertible
20 pistol prior to May thirty-first, two thousand twenty-seven; or

21 8. the sale, transfer, disposal, transportation, or shipment of a
22 convertible pistol between members of an immediate family, as such term
23 is defined in section eight hundred ninety-eight of the general business
24 law, provided that such convertible pistol was lawfully owned and
25 possessed by such seller, transferor, or a member of the immediate fami-
26 ly of such seller or transferor prior to May thirty-first, two thousand
27 twenty-seven.

28 § 4. The superintendent of the division of state police is authorized
29 to promulgate rules, regulations, and policies necessary to effectuate
30 the provisions of this act. Such superintendent shall, prior to the
31 effective date of this act and annually thereafter, publish a list of
32 pistols that the superintendent has determined to be convertible
33 pistols, as defined in section 265.00 of the penal law.

34 § 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
35 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
36 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
37 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
38 on or before such effective date.

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SUBPART B

40 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 837-aa
41 to read as follows:

42 § 837-aa. Firearm prevention technology requirements for three-dimen-
43 sional printers. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall
44 have the following meanings:

45 (a) "Three-dimensional printer" means:

46 (i) any machine capable of rendering a three-dimensional object from a
47 digital design file using additive manufacturing; or

48 (ii) any machine capable of making three-dimensional modifications to
49 an object from a digital design file using subtractive manufacturing.

50 (b) "Blocking technology" means hardware, software, firmware, or other
51 integrated technological measures capable of ensuring a three-dimension-
52 al printer will not proceed to print any print job unless the underlying
53 three-dimensional printing file has been evaluated by a firearms blue-

1 print detection algorithm and determined not to be a printing file that
2 would produce a firearm or illegal firearm parts.

3 (c) "Firearms blueprint detection algorithm" means a software service
4 that evaluates three-dimensional printing files, whether in the form of
5 stereolithography (STL) files or other computer aided design files or
6 geometric code, to determine if they can be used to program a three-di-
7 mensional printer to produce a firearm or illegal firearm parts, and
8 flag any such files to prevent their use to manufacture said firearm or
9 illegal firearm parts.

10 (d) "Illegal firearm parts" means an unfinished frame or receiver, a
11 major component of a firearm, or any part designed and intended for use
12 in converting a semi-automatic weapon into a machine gun, including, but
13 not limited to, a pistol converter.

14 (e) All other terms shall have the same meaning given to such terms in
15 section 265.00 of the penal law.

16 2. Within ninety days of the effective date of this section, the divi-
17 sion, the department of state, and the state university of New York
18 shall convene a working group which shall include experts in additive
19 manufacturing technology, artificial intelligence and digital security,
20 firearms regulation, public safety, consumer product safety, and any
21 other relevant disciplines determined by the division to be necessary to
22 perform the functions prescribed herein. No later than one year after
23 the working group convenes, the working group shall make recommendations
24 regarding the minimum safety standards a three-dimensional printer's
25 blocking technology must meet in order to comply with the requirements
26 of section three hundred ninety-six-eeee of the general business law.
27 Such recommendations shall address, at a minimum, available and appro-
28 priate types of blocking technology, including minimum performance stan-
29 dards for those technologies and for firearms blueprint detection algo-
30 rithms, necessary safeguards to reduce the risk of circumvention of
31 blocking technology, and alignment with existing state and federal law.
32 Provided, however, that if the working group determines that it is not
33 technologically feasible to require three-dimensional printers sold in
34 the state of New York to include blocking technology, the working group
35 shall so report, and no regulations shall be required to be promulgated
36 pursuant to this section, until such time as the working group deter-
37 mines that it is technologically feasible.

38 3. The division shall:

39 (a) within nine months of receiving the recommendations from the work-
40 ing group pursuant to subdivision two of this section, unless the work-
41 ing group reports that it is not technologically feasible to require
42 three-dimensional printers sold in New York to include blocking technol-
43 ogy, in consultation with the department of state, promulgate and
44 publish rules or regulations establishing performance standards for
45 blocking technology and any other rules and regulations as may be neces-
46 sary to carry out the provisions of this section, section three hundred
47 ninety-six-eeee of the general business law, and article
48 thirty-nine-DDDD of the general business law; and

49 (b) be authorized to create and maintain a library of firearms blue-
50 print files and illegal firearm parts blueprint files, and maintain and
51 update the library, including by adding new files that enable the three-
52 dimensional printing of firearms or illegal firearm parts and including
53 scans of seized firearms. In furtherance of this authorization, the
54 division may designate another government agency or an academic or
55 research institution in this state to assist with the creation and main-
56 tenance of the file library. The library shall be made available to

1 three-dimensional printer manufacturers, vendors with demonstrated
2 expertise in software development, or experts in computational design or
3 public safety, for the development or improvement of blocking technology
4 and firearm blueprint detection algorithms. The division shall establish
5 safeguards to prevent unauthorized access to and misuse of the library
6 and shall prohibit all persons who are granted access to the library
7 from misusing, selling, disseminating, or otherwise publishing its
8 contents.

9 § 2. The general business law is amended by adding a new section 396-
10 eeee to read as follows:

11 § 396-eeee. Three-dimensional printers. 1. No person, firm, partner-
12 ship, association, or corporation shall sell or deliver any three-dimen-
13 sional printer in the state of New York unless such printer is equipped
14 with blocking technology. As used in this section, the terms "three-di-
15 mensional printer" and "blocking technology" shall have the same meaning
16 as such terms are defined in subdivision one of section eight hundred
17 thirty-seven-aa of the executive law.

18 2. Whenever the attorney general shall believe from evidence satisfac-
19 tory to them that any person, firm, partnership, corporation or associ-
20 ation or agent or employee thereof has engaged in or is about to engage
21 in conduct prohibited by this section they may bring an action in the
22 name and on behalf of the people of the state of New York to enjoin such
23 unlawful acts or practices and to obtain restitution of any moneys or
24 property obtained directly or indirectly by any such unlawful acts or
25 practices. In such action preliminary relief may be granted under arti-
26 cle sixty-three of the civil practice law and rules.

27 3. Any gun industry member, as such term is defined in section eight
28 hundred ninety-eight-a of this chapter, determined by a court to have
29 violated this section shall be liable to the people of the state of New
30 York for a civil penalty of five thousand dollars for each qualified
31 product that is unlawfully sold, transferred, imported, distributed,
32 manufactured, marketed, or offered for wholesale or retail sale in New
33 York state.

34 4. Any person, firm, partnership, corporation or association that has
35 been damaged as a result of any person, firm, partnership, association,
36 or corporation whose acts or omissions that violate the provisions of
37 this section shall be entitled to bring an action for recovery of
38 damages or to enforce this section.

39 5. The provisions of subdivision one of this section shall not apply
40 to the sale or delivery of a three-dimensional printer to any person,
41 firm, partnership, association, or corporation in this state that has
42 both: (a) a valid gunsmith license issued pursuant to section 400.00 of
43 the penal law; and (b) a valid federal firearms license, issued pursuant
44 to section 922 of title 18 of the United States Code; provided, however,
45 that prior to purchasing or accepting delivery of a three-dimensional
46 printer that is not equipped with blocking technology, such person,
47 firm, partnership, association, or corporation shall make a written
48 request to the attorney general to authorize such purchase. Upon receipt
49 of such a written request, the attorney general shall verify the validi-
50 ty of the state and federal firearms licenses issued to the person,
51 firm, partnership, association, or corporation to whom the three-dimen-
52 sional printer would be sold and delivered. Upon verifying the validity
53 of the licenses required by this subdivision, the attorney general shall
54 issue a written notice authorizing the sale and delivery of a three-di-
55 mensional printer that is not equipped with blocking technology to the
56 person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation to whom the



1 licenses were issued. The attorney general may promulgate rules and
2 regulations, as necessary, to ensure compliance with this subdivision,
3 including, but not limited to, developing and publishing rules and guid-
4 ance for the submission of requests for authorization and the form of
5 written authorization of sales and delivery of three-dimensional print-
6 ers that are not equipped with blocking technology.

7 § 3. Subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 6 of section 898-a of the general busi-
8 ness law, as added by chapter 237 of the laws of 2021, subdivision 2 as
9 amended by chapter 429 of the laws of 2024, and subdivision 6 as amended
10 by chapter 123 of the laws of 2024, are amended and a new subdivision 7
11 is added to read as follows:

12 1. ["Deceptive] "Unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts or practices"
13 shall have the same meaning as defined in article twenty-two-A of this
14 chapter.

15 2. "Reasonable controls and procedures" shall mean policies that
16 include, but are not limited to: (a) instituting screening, security,
17 inventory and other business practices to prevent thefts of qualified
18 products as well as sales or distribution of qualified products to straw
19 purchasers, traffickers, persons prohibited from possessing firearms
20 under state or federal law, or persons at risk of injuring themselves or
21 others; (b) preventing unfair, deceptive, or abusive acts and practices
22 and false advertising and otherwise ensuring compliance with all
23 provisions of article twenty-two-A of this chapter; and (c) taking
24 reasonable steps to prevent the installation and use of a pistol
25 converter, as defined in section 265.00 of the penal law, on qualified
26 products.

27 4. "Gun industry member" shall mean a person, firm, corporation,
28 company, partnership, society, joint stock company or any other entity
29 or association engaged in the sale, manufacturing, distribution, import-
30 ing or marketing of firearms, ammunition, ammunition magazines, [and]
31 firearms accessories, firearm component parts, or digital firearm manu-
32 facturing code.

33 6. "Qualified product" shall mean a firearm, as defined in subpara-
34 graph (A) or (B) of 18 U.S.C. section 921(a)(3), including any antique
35 firearm, as defined in 18 U.S.C. section 921(a)(16), or ammunition, as
36 defined in 18 U.S.C. section 921(a)(17)(A), [or] a component part of a
37 firearm or ammunition, or digital firearm manufacturing code.

38 7. "Digital firearm manufacturing code" shall have the same meaning as
39 defined in subdivision thirty-nine of section 265.00 of the penal law.

40 § 4. Section 898-b of the general business law, as added by chapter
41 237 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

42 § 898-b. Prohibited activities. 1. No gun industry member, by conduct
43 either unlawful in itself or unreasonable under all the circumstances,
44 shall knowingly or recklessly create, maintain or contribute to a condi-
45 tion in New York state that endangers the safety or health of the public
46 through the sale, manufacturing, importing, distribution, or marketing
47 of a qualified product.

48 2. All gun industry members who manufacture, market, import, distrib-
49 ute, or offer for wholesale or retail sale any qualified product in New
50 York state shall establish and utilize reasonable controls and proce-
51 dures to prevent its qualified products from being possessed, used,
52 marketed or sold unlawfully in New York state.

53 § 5. Section 898-d of the general business law, as added by chapter
54 237 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

55 § 898-d. Enforcement. Whenever there shall be a violation of this
56 article, the attorney general, in the name of the people of the state of

1 New York, or a city corporation counsel on behalf of the locality, may
2 bring an action in the supreme court or federal district court to enjoin
3 and restrain such violations and to obtain restitution and damages. In
4 addition, any gun industry member determined by a court to have violated
5 this article shall be liable to the people of the state of New York for
6 a civil penalty of five thousand dollars for each qualified product that
7 is unlawfully sold, transferred, imported, distributed, manufactured,
8 marketed, or offered for wholesale or retail sale in New York state.

9 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
10 section two of this act shall take effect one year after the promulga-
11 tion of rules as provided for in subdivision 3 of section 837-aa of the
12 executive law, as added by section one of this act; provided further,
13 that the commissioner of the division of criminal justice services shall
14 notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the promulgation of
15 such rules in order that the commission may maintain an accurate and
16 timely effective database of the official text of the laws of the state
17 of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions of section 44
18 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public officers law.

19 § 2. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or
20 subpart of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent juris-
21 diction to be invalid and after exhaustion of all further judicial
22 review, the judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remain-
23 der thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause,
24 sentence, paragraph, section or subpart of this act directly involved in
25 the controversy in which the judgment shall have been rendered.

26 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that
27 the applicable effective date of Subparts A through B of this Part shall
28 be as specifically set forth in the last section of such Subparts.

29 PART D

30 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding a new article 280 to
31 read as follows:

32 ARTICLE 280

33 OFFENSES RELATING TO UNLAWFUL USE OF A DRONE

34 Section 280.00 Definitions.

35 280.05 Unlawful use of a drone.

36 280.10 Applicability and restrictions.

37 § 280.00 Definitions.

38 As used in this article, the following terms shall have the following
39 meanings:

40 1. "Drone" shall mean an unmanned aircraft and its associated operat-
41 ing system, including the hardware and software that manages flight
42 control, navigation, and sensors for autonomous or remote flight without
43 the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the
44 aircraft.

45 2. "Nefarious manner" shall mean engaging in conduct that:

46 (a) constitutes or facilitates the commission of a crime as defined by
47 subdivision six of section 10.00 of the penal law;

48 (b) recklessly creates a substantial risk of physical injury to anoth-
49 er person;

50 (c) recklessly creates a substantial risk of damage to property;

51 (d) knowingly or intentionally interferes with, obstructs, or impedes
52 an emergency response, law enforcement operation, search and rescue
53 operation, disaster response, medical evacuation, or other public safe-
54 ty-related operation;



1 (e) is knowingly or intentionally used to harass, intimidate, stalk,
2 surveil, or physically menace another person in a manner that would
3 otherwise violate state or local law;

4 (f) is knowingly or intentionally used to deliver, attempt to deliver,
5 or facilitate the delivery of contraband to a correctional facility,
6 detention facility, secure treatment facility, or other secure govern-
7 mental facility;

8 (g) constitutes operating a drone knowing such drone is equipped,
9 modified, or operated to discharge, drop, spray, project, or release any
10 projectile, substance, or object in a manner that creates a substantial
11 risk of physical injury to a person, substantial risk of property
12 damage, or disruption of public safety operations; or

13 (h) is used for the unauthorized surveillance of a state or federal
14 military installation.

15 3. (a) "Recreational drone" shall mean a drone:

16 (i) operated exclusively in compliance with 49 U.S.C. 44809 and
17 weighs 0.55 pounds or less on takeoff, including everything that is on
18 board or otherwise attached to the drone;

19 (ii) operated solely for personal recreational purposes; and

20 (iii) is not operated in connection with any business commercial,
21 governmental, or surveillance activity.

22 (b) An unmanned aircraft does not qualify as a recreational drone at
23 any time during which it is carrying a payload other than equipment
24 integral to its flight or its onboard sensor system.

25 4. (a) "Toy drone" shall mean a drone:

26 (i) operated exclusively in compliance with 49 U.S.C. 44809 and weighs
27 0.55 pounds or less on takeoff;

28 (ii) operated within the visual line of sight of the operator without
29 the use of any other devices or other additional equipment;

30 (iii) is not equipped with any camera, video transmission system, or
31 other sensor capable of recording or transmitting, imagery, audio, or
32 geospatial data;

33 (iv) is operated solely for personal recreational purposes; and

34 (v) is not operated in connection with any business commercial,
35 governmental, or surveillance activity.

36 (b) An unmanned aircraft does not qualify as a toy drone at any time
37 during which it is carrying a payload other than equipment integral to
38 its flight or its onboard sensor system.

39 5. "Prohibited space" shall mean any area within five hundred feet
40 horizontally of the outer perimeter or boundary of the following
41 locations, and the airspace (a) up to four hundred feet vertically above
42 the surface of the ground within those boundaries, and (b) when not
43 authorized by the federal aviation administration, at any distance
44 vertically above those boundaries, of: an airport; state or federal
45 military installation; state, local, or federal correctional facility;
46 police station; fire department station; emergency services dispatch
47 station; large public gathering, which shall mean an event where there
48 are five hundred or more persons, and shall include but not be limited
49 to festivals, concerts, or sporting events; any critical infrastructure,
50 as defined in subdivision five of section eighty-six of the public offi-
51 cers law; and any school as defined in subdivision ten of section eleven
52 hundred twenty-five of the education law.

53 § 280.05 Unlawful use of a drone.

54 A person commits unlawful use of a drone when such person:

55 1. operates a drone in a nefarious manner; or

1 2. operates a drone over prohibited space without express prior
2 approval from someone the person reasonably believes has the authority
3 to grant such approval.

4 Unlawful use of a drone is a class A misdemeanor.

5 § 280.10 Applicability and restrictions.

6 The provisions of this article shall not apply to the following
7 persons or entities:

8 1. A toy drone operated solely for recreation, unless such toy drone
9 is operated in a manner that would recklessly create a substantial risk
10 of physical injury to another person or substantial risk of damage to
11 property.

12 2. A recreational drone operated solely for hobby or recreational
13 purposes and operates in compliance with all applicable federal laws,
14 rules, regulations, authorizations, waivers, or exemptions and all other
15 applicable state and local laws, rules, and regulations, unless such
16 recreational drone is operated in a manner that recklessly creates a
17 substantial risk of physical injury to another person or substantial
18 risk of damage to property.

19 3. A drone operated for commercial, educational, agricultural, jour-
20 nalistic, infrastructure, or other lawful purposes in compliance with
21 all applicable federal laws, rules, regulations, authorizations, waiv-
22 ers, or exemptions and all other applicable state and local laws, rules
23 and regulations, unless such drone is operated in a manner that reck-
24 lessly creates a substantial risk of physical injury to another person
25 or substantial risk of damage to property.

26 4. A governmental employee, or a person acting on behalf of a state or
27 local government entity, provided that such person or employee is acting
28 in a manner consistent with such person's governmental duties.

29 § 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 236 to read
30 as follows:

31 § 236. Drones. 1. The terms used in this section shall have the same
32 meaning as given in section 280.00 of the penal law.

33 2. A police officer as defined by subdivision thirty-four of section
34 1.20 of the criminal procedure law, or a peace officer as defined by
35 section 2.10 of the criminal procedure law, acting within such peace
36 officer's geographical jurisdiction, may take reasonable and necessary
37 mitigation measures against a credible threat that a drone poses to the
38 safety or security of people and/or prohibited spaces. Such measures
39 may include but not be limited to any of the following:

40 (a) The use of detection, tracking, and identification methods of a
41 drone and/or drone operating system.

42 (b) The interception or disabling of a drone and/or drone operating
43 system through legal and safe methods, including but not limited to both
44 kinetic and non-kinetic mitigation measures.

45 (c) A law enforcement officer or agency may only use kinetic measures
46 when non-kinetic measures have or would reasonably be expected to fail,
47 provided that such kinetic measures are deployed using federally
48 approved technologies.

49 3. The superintendent shall, within six months of the effective date
50 of this section, promulgate rules and regulations for drone mitigation
51 by police officers and peace officers. Such rules and regulations shall
52 prioritize the use of the least destructive measures necessary to miti-
53 gate the threat posed by the drone.

54 4. (a) A qualifying police officer or peace officer shall act pursuant
55 to subdivision two of this section only if: (i) the officer has
56 completed the training required by the superintendent or the superinten-

1 dent's designee, in addition to any other training and certification
2 required by federal law; (ii) the officer has reasonable suspicion that
3 the drone is operating in a nefarious manner or within a prohibited
4 space before using non-kinetic measures; and (iii) the officer has prob-
5 able cause a drone is operating in a nefarious manner or within prohib-
6 ited space before using kinetic measures. Any drone mitigation measure
7 employed must occur in accordance with the regulations prescribed pursu-
8 ant to subdivision three of this section and in accordance with applica-
9 ble federal law.

10 (b) Within forty-eight hours of utilizing any mitigation measures
11 authorized by this section, the agency employing the officer who
12 utilized such measures shall report such utilization to the superinten-
13 dent or the superintendent's designee, in the form and manner
14 prescribed by the superintendent, in addition to any reporting required
15 by federal law.

16 5. The superintendent may designate one or more areas of the state as
17 a space to test kinetic and non-kinetic mitigation measures.

18 6. The superintendent shall establish a registry known as "the New
19 York state blue list". Such registry shall include vetted and approved
20 vendors that comply with applicable federal requirements. Upon publica-
21 tion of the registry, the state, its agencies, and any political subdi-
22 visions of the state may only buy or lease drones and drone mitigation
23 technology from vendors listed on such registry.

24 § 3. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or
25 part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdic-
26 tion to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate
27 the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the
28 clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part thereof directly involved
29 in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

30 § 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
31 have become a law.

32 PART E

33 Intentionally Omitted

34 PART F

35 Section 1. Section 176.05 of the penal law, as amended by chapter 211
36 of the laws of 2011 and the closing paragraph as further amended by
37 section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is amended to
38 read as follows:

39 § 176.05 Insurance fraud; defined.

40 1. A fraudulent insurance act is committed by any person who, knowing-
41 ly and with intent to defraud presents, causes to be presented, or
42 prepares with knowledge or belief that it will be presented to or by an
43 insurer, self insurer, or purported insurer, or purported self insurer,
44 or any agent thereof:

45 [1.] (a) any written statement as part of, or in support of, an appli-
46 cation for the issuance of, or the rating of a commercial insurance
47 policy, or certificate or evidence of self insurance for commercial
48 insurance or commercial self insurance, or a claim for payment or other
49 benefit pursuant to an insurance policy or self insurance program for
50 commercial or personal insurance that [he or she] such person knows to:

1 [(a)] (i) contain materially false information concerning any fact
2 material thereto; or

3 [(b)] (ii) conceal, for the purpose of misleading, information
4 concerning any fact material thereto; or

5 [2.] (b) any written statement or other physical evidence as part of,
6 or in support of, an application for the issuance of a health insurance
7 policy, or a policy or contract or other authorization that provides or
8 allows coverage for, membership or enrollment in, or other services of a
9 public or private health plan, or a claim for payment, services or other
10 benefit pursuant to such policy, contract or plan that [he or she] such
11 person knows to:

12 [(a)] (i) contain materially false information concerning any material
13 fact thereto; or

14 [(b)] (ii) conceal, for the purpose of misleading, information
15 concerning any fact material thereto.

16 Such policy or contract or plan or authorization shall include, but
17 not be limited to, those issued or operating pursuant to any public or
18 governmentally-sponsored or supported plan for health care coverage or
19 services or those otherwise issued or operated by entities authorized
20 pursuant to the public health law. For purposes of this subdivision an
21 "application for the issuance of a health insurance policy" shall not
22 include (i) any application for a health insurance policy or contract
23 approved by the superintendent of financial services pursuant to the
24 provisions of sections three thousand two hundred sixteen, four thousand
25 three hundred four, four thousand three hundred twenty-one or four thou-
26 sand three hundred twenty-two of the insurance law or any other applica-
27 tion for a health insurance policy or contract approved by the super-
28 intendent of financial services in the individual or direct payment
29 market; or (ii) any application for a certificate evidencing coverage
30 under a self-insured plan or under a group contract approved by the
31 superintendent of financial services.

32 2. A person who hires, requests, encourages, orchestrates, or invites
33 another individual to stage a motor vehicle accident, as that term is
34 defined in section 176.75 of this article, commits a fraudulent insur-
35 ance act, and the person who hired, requested, encouraged, orchestrated,
36 or invited the other to stage a motor vehicle accident shall be deemed
37 to have wrongfully taken, obtained, or withheld the full amount of loss
38 to the victim or victims of the fraudulent insurance act.

39 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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PART G

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Intentionally Omitted

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PART H

43 Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 530.12 of the criminal procedure
44 law, as amended by chapter 589 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read
45 as follows:

46 4. The court may issue or extend a temporary order of protection ex
47 parte or on notice simultaneously with the issuance of a warrant for the
48 arrest of defendant. Such temporary order of protection [may] shall
49 continue in effect until the day the defendant subsequently appears in
50 court pursuant to such warrant or voluntarily or otherwise, unless there
51 is a dismissal of the matter. The court shall inform the defendant when

1 issuing the order of protection that it will remain in effect if the
 2 defendant fails to appear in court on a subsequent court date. Provided,
 3 however, that the court may vacate such order if a defendant fails to
 4 appear at a subsequent court date if, after providing the parties an
 5 opportunity to be heard, the court determines vacating the order of
 6 protection is in the interest of justice, in which case the vacatur
 7 shall be effective at such a time that the attorney for the defendant
 8 files with the court a confirmation that the defendant has acknowledged
 9 the conditional vacatur.

10 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 530.13 of the criminal procedure law, as
 11 amended by chapter 589 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as
 12 follows:

13 3. The court may issue or extend a temporary order of protection under
 14 this section ex parte simultaneously with the issuance of a warrant for
 15 the arrest of the defendant. Such temporary order of protection [may]
 16 shall continue in effect until the day the defendant subsequently
 17 appears in court pursuant to such warrant or voluntarily or otherwise,
 18 unless there is a dismissal of the matter. The court shall inform the
 19 defendant when issuing the order of protection that it will remain in
 20 effect if the defendant fails to appear in court on a subsequent court
 21 date. Provided, however, that the court may vacate such order if a
 22 defendant fails to appear at a subsequent court date if, after providing
 23 the parties an opportunity to be heard, the court determines vacating
 24 the order of protection is in the interest of justice, in which case the
 25 vacatur shall be effective at such a time that the attorney for the
 26 defendant files with the court a confirmation that the defendant has
 27 acknowledged the conditional vacatur.

28 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
 29 have become a law.

30 PART I

31 Intentionally Omitted

32 PART J

33 Intentionally Omitted

34 PART K

35 Intentionally Omitted

36 PART L

37 Intentionally Omitted

38 PART M

39 Intentionally Omitted

40 PART N

1 Section 1. Section 5 of chapter 396 of the laws of 2010 amending the
2 alcoholic beverage control law relating to liquidator's permits and
3 temporary retail permits, as amended by section 1 of part Q of chapter
4 55 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

5 § 5. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
6 have become a law, provided that paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of
7 section 97-a of the alcoholic beverage control law as added by section
8 two of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed October 12, [2026]
9 2027.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

11 PART O

12 Section 1. This act enacts into law components of legislation relating
13 to alcoholic beverage control licenses. Each component is wholly
14 contained within a Subpart identified as Subparts A through C. The
15 effective date for each particular provision contained within such
16 Subpart is set forth in the last section of such Subpart. Any provision
17 in any section contained within a Subpart, including the effective date
18 of the Subpart, which makes a reference to a section "of this act", when
19 used in connection with that particular component, shall be deemed to
20 mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Subpart in which it
21 is found. Section three of this Part sets forth the general effective
22 date of this Part.

23 SUBPART A

24 Section 1. Section 57-a of the alcoholic beverage control law, as
25 amended by chapter 523 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 § 57-a. Change in duration of licenses. The liquor authority is
28 authorized to change the periods during which the licenses authorized by
29 sections fifty-one, fifty-one-a, fifty-three, fifty-three-a, fifty-four,
30 fifty-four-a, fifty-five and fifty-five-a of this article shall be
31 effective and to establish the commencement dates, duration and expira-
32 tion dates thereof, provided that no such license shall be effective for
33 a period in excess of three years. When any change or changes are made
34 in the duration of any such license, the license fee shall be equal to
35 the annual license fee specified in this article multiplied by the
36 number of years for which such license is issued. The liquor authority
37 may make such rules as shall be appropriate to carry out the purpose of
38 this section.

39 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

40 SUBPART B

41 Section 1. Section 5 of part CC of chapter 55 of the laws of 2024
42 amending the alcoholic beverage control law, relating to alcohol in
43 certain motion picture theatres, is amended to read as follows:

44 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
45 deemed repealed [3] 6 years after such date.

46 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

47 SUBPART C

1 Section 1. Section 104 of the alcoholic beverage control law is
2 amended by adding a new subdivision 12 to read as follows:

3 12. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no
4 wholesaler shall assess any fee for attorney fees and costs, and break-
5 age fees upon any New York state licensed retailer.

6 (b) No wholesaler shall assess any split-case fees or any other fees
7 upon any New York state licensed retailer if such fee does not comply
8 with the rules and regulations promulgated by the authority.

9 (c) The state liquor authority shall have the authority to promulgate
10 rules and regulations on the assessment of split case fees and any other
11 fees not otherwise prohibited by law, and may impose such limitations,
12 conditions, and record keeping requirements it deems appropriate on such
13 split case fees or any other fees.

14 § 2. Other than the fees specified in paragraph (a) of subdivision 12
15 of section 104 of the alcoholic beverage control law, a wholesaler may
16 continue to charge any fee that such wholesaler was charging prior to
17 the day that this subpart became a law until such time as the state
18 liquor authority implements rules or regulations pertaining to such fee.
19 The state liquor authority shall ensure that any rule or regulation
20 implemented as a result of this subpart shall not go into effect until
21 at least 90 days after its final adoption by the authority.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
23 have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
24 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
25 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
26 on or before such effective date.

27 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
28 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of
29 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
30 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in
31 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section
32 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-
33 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of
34 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such
35 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

36 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that
37 the applicable effective date of Subparts A through C of this Part shall
38 be as specifically set forth in the last section of such Subparts.

39 PART P

40 Intentionally Omitted

41 PART Q

42 Intentionally Omitted

43 PART R

44 Intentionally Omitted

45 PART S

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Intentionally Omitted

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PART T

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Intentionally Omitted

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PART U

5 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 8 of section 94 of the execu-
6 tive law, as added by section 2 of part QQ of chapter 56 of the laws of
7 2022, is amended and a new paragraph (d-1) is added to read as follows:

8 (d) The commission shall develop and administer training courses for
9 lobbyists and clients of lobbyists and adopt regulations and procedures
10 related to such training courses including, but not limited to, estab-
11 lishing deadlines for training course completion.

12 (d-1) The commission may impose a fee upon lobbyists and clients of
13 lobbyists for late completion of the training course required by this
14 subdivision, as set forth in section one-d of the legislative law.

15 § 2. Subdivision (h) of section 1-d of the legislative law, as added
16 by section 7 of part A of chapter 399 of the laws of 2011, is amended
17 and a new subdivision (i) is added to read as follows:

18 (h) provide an online ethics training course for [individuals regis-
19 tered as] lobbyists and clients listed on a statement of registration
20 submitted pursuant to section one-e of this article. The curriculum for
21 the course shall include, but not be limited to, explanations and
22 discussions of the statutes and regulations of New York concerning
23 ethics in the public officers law, the election law, the legislative
24 law, summaries of advisory opinions, underlying purposes and principles
25 of the relevant laws, and examples of practical application of these
26 laws and principles. The commission shall prepare those methods and
27 materials necessary to implement the curriculum. [Each individual
28 registered as a] Through calendar year two thousand twenty-six, each
29 lobbyist [pursuant to section one-e of this article] and client shall
30 complete such training course at least once in any three-year period
31 during which [he or she is registered as a] the lobbyist or client is
32 listed on a statement of registration submitted pursuant to section
33 one-e of this article in accordance with procedures adopted by the
34 commission. Commencing with the two thousand twenty-seven--two thousand
35 twenty-eight biennial period and thereafter, each lobbyist and client
36 shall complete such training course at least once in each biennial peri-
37 od and at least once every two years during which the lobbyist or client
38 is listed on a statement of registration submitted pursuant to section
39 one-e of this article, in accordance with procedures adopted by the
40 commission.

41 (i) impose a fee for failure to complete the online ethics training
42 course in a timely manner as required by this section, not to exceed
43 twenty-five dollars for each day that the lobbyist or client is late, in
44 accordance with procedures adopted by the commission.

45 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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PART V

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Intentionally Omitted

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PART W

2 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 151 of the workers' compensation
3 law, as added by section 22 of part GG of chapter 57 of the laws of
4 2013, is amended to read as follows:

5 1. The annual expenses necessary for the board to administer the
6 provisions of this chapter, the volunteer ambulance workers' benefit
7 law, the volunteer firefighters' benefit law, the disability benefits
8 law, and the workmen's compensation act for civil defense volunteers
9 shall be borne by affected employers securing compensation for their
10 employees pursuant to section fifty of this chapter. The board shall
11 collect such annual expenses from affected employers through assessments
12 as provided by the provisions of this section, including for purposes of
13 this subdivision: (a) the aggregate assessment amount described in
14 subparagraph four of paragraph (h) of subdivision eight of section
15 fifteen of this chapter for the special disability fund in accordance
16 with each financing agreement described in such subparagraph, (b) the
17 aggregate assessment amount described in section fifty-c of this chapter
18 for the self-insurer offset fund in accordance with each financing
19 agreement described in such section, (c) the assessment amount described
20 in subdivision three of section twenty-five-a of this chapter for the
21 fund for reopened cases [and], (d) the assessment amount described in
22 section two hundred fourteen of this chapter for the special fund for
23 disability benefits and (e) a sum sufficient as determined by the chair
24 but no greater than 0.4% of the total estimated statewide premium to
25 cover the establishment and maintenance of dedicated workers' compen-
26 sation fraud units within New York state district attorneys' offices;
27 provided, that the foregoing and any other provision of this chapter to
28 the contrary notwithstanding, assessment receipts shall be applied first
29 to fully fund the amount described in subparagraph four of paragraph (h)
30 of subdivision eight of section fifteen of this chapter and then to
31 fully fund the amount described in section fifty-c of this chapter in
32 accordance with each then applicable financing agreement pursuant to
33 such provisions prior to application to any other purpose other than to
34 pay any actual costs of collecting such assessment that are not other-
35 wise funded. For purposes of this section, affected employer means all
36 employers required to obtain workers' compensation coverage pursuant to
37 this chapter.

38 § 2. Section 151 of the workers' compensation law is amended by adding
39 a new subdivision 15 to read as follows:

40 15. Beginning in two thousand twenty-eight, the board shall include
41 in its annual report made pursuant to section one hundred fifty-three of
42 this article a summary of the funds distributed for the purpose of
43 establishment and maintenance of dedicated workers' compensation fraud
44 units within New York state district attorneys' offices pursuant to
45 paragraph (e) of subdivision one of this section, which shall include
46 for each district attorneys' office:

47 (a) the amount of funds distributed;
48 (b) a description of each resulting conviction, including:
49 (i) the full name of the defendant;
50 (ii) the date of conviction;
51 (iii) a description of the offense;
52 (iv) the amount of money alleged to have been defrauded; and
53 (v) a description of any offenses other than workers' compensation
54 fraud for which the defendant was simultaneously convicted;



1 (c) the total number of and pertinent details contained in any charg-
2 ing instruments, which shall include only the amount of money alleged to
3 have been defrauded and the workers' compensation fraud charges alleged,
4 and shall not include any personally identifying information of the
5 charged individual or any other information that is not publicly avail-
6 able; and

7 (d) the number of new positions created and persons hired for posi-
8 tions within dedicated workers' compensation fraud units.

9 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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PART X

11 Section 1. Section 13-a of the workers' compensation law, as added by
12 chapter 258 of the laws of 1935, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 363
13 of the laws of 1989, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 113 of the laws
14 of 1946, subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 473 of the laws of 2000,
15 subdivisions 5 and 6 as amended by section 8 of part CC of chapter 55 of
16 the laws of 2019, and subdivision 7 as added by chapter 6 of the laws of
17 2007, is amended to read as follows:

18 § 13-a. Selection of authorized [physician] provider by employee. (1)
19 An injured employee may, when care is required, select to treat [him or
20 her] with any [physician] provider authorized by the chair to render
21 medical care or treatment, as hereafter provided. If for any reason
22 during the period when medical care or treatment [and care] is required,
23 the employee wishes to transfer [his or her] their medical care or
24 treatment [and care] to another authorized [physician] provider, [he or
25 she] they may do so, in accordance with rules prescribed by the chair.
26 In such instance the remuneration of the [physician] provider whose
27 services are being dispensed with shall be limited to the value of
28 treatment rendered at fees as established in the schedule for [his or
29 her] their location, unless payment in higher amounts has been approved
30 as authorized in [section thirteen, paragraph] subdivision a of section
31 thirteen of this article. If a claimant shall receive treatment in any
32 hospital or other institution operated in whole or in part by the state
33 of New York, the employer shall be liable for food, clothing and mainte-
34 nance furnished by the hospital or other institution to such employee.
35 If the employee is unable due to the nature of the injury to select such
36 authorized [physician] provider and the emergency nature of the injury
37 requires immediate medical treatment and care, or if [he or she does]
38 they do not desire to select a [physician] provider, and in writing so
39 advises the employer, the employer shall promptly provide [him or her]
40 the employee with the necessary medical care or treatment, provided
41 however, that nothing herein contained shall operate to prevent such
42 employee, when subsequently able to do so, from selecting for contin-
43 uance of any medical [treatment or] care or treatment required, any
44 [physician] provider authorized by the chair to render medical care or
45 treatment as hereinafter provided.

46 (2) The [chairman] chair shall prescribe the form of a notice inform-
47 ing employees of their privilege under this chapter, and such notice
48 shall be posted and maintained by the employer in a conspicuous place or
49 places in and about [his] their place or places of business.

50 (3) The employer shall have the right to transfer the care of an
51 injured employee from the attending physician, whether chosen originally
52 by the employee or by the employer, to another authorized physician (1)
53 if the interest of the injured employee necessitates the transfer or (2)
54 if the physician has not been authorized to treat injured employees

1 under this act or (3) if [he] the physician has not been authorized
2 under this act to treat the particular injury or condition as provided
3 by section thirteen-b (2). An authorized physician from whom the case
4 has been transferred shall have the right of appeal to an arbitration
5 committee as provided in subdivision two of section thirteen-g of this
6 article and if said arbitration committee finds that the transfer was
7 not authorized by this section, said employer shall pay to the physician
8 a sum equal to the total fee earned by the physician to whom the care of
9 the injured employee has been transferred, or such proportion of said
10 fee as the arbitration committee shall deem adequate.

11 (4) (a) No claim for medical or surgical treatment shall be valid and
12 enforceable, as against such employer, or employee, unless within
13 forty-eight hours following the first treatment the [physician] provider
14 giving such treatment furnishes to the employer and directly to the
15 chair a preliminary notice of such injury and treatment, within fifteen
16 days thereafter a more complete report and subsequent thereto progress
17 reports if requested in writing by the chair, board, employer or insur-
18 ance carrier at intervals of not less than three weeks apart or at less
19 frequent intervals if requested on forms prescribed by the chair. The
20 board may excuse failure to give such notices within the designated
21 periods when it finds it to be in the interest of justice to do so. A
22 provider's reports or records shall be considered as evidence in support
23 of a claim notwithstanding the provider's compliance with the foregoing
24 time frames.

25 (b) Upon receipt of the notice provided for by paragraph (a) of this
26 subdivision, the employer, the carrier, and the claimant each shall be
27 entitled to have the claimant examined by a [physician] provider author-
28 ized by the chair to perform independent medical examinations in accord-
29 ance with sections thirteen-b and one hundred thirty-seven of this chap-
30 ter, at a medical facility convenient to the claimant and in the
31 presence of the claimant's [physician] provider, and refusal by the
32 claimant to submit to such independent medical examination at such time
33 or times as may reasonably be necessary in the opinion of the board,
34 shall bar the claimant from recovering compensation for any period
35 during which [he or she has] they have refused to submit to such exam-
36 ination. No hospital shall be required to produce the records of any
37 claimant without receiving its customary fees or charges for repro-
38 duction of such records.

39 (c) Where it would place an unreasonable burden upon the employer or
40 carrier to arrange for, or for the claimant to attend, an independent
41 medical examination by an authorized [physician] provider, the employer
42 or carrier shall arrange for such examination to be performed by a qual-
43 ified [physician] provider in a medical facility convenient to the
44 claimant.

45 (d) The independent medical examiner shall provide such reports and
46 shall submit to investigation as required by the chair.

47 (e) In order to qualify as admissible medical evidence, for purposes
48 of adjudicating any claim under this chapter, any report submitted to
49 the board by an independent medical examiner licensed by the state of
50 New York shall include the following:

51 (i) a signed statement certifying that the report is a full and truth-
52 ful representation of the independent medical examiner's professional
53 opinion with respect to the claimant's condition:

54 (ii) such examiner's board issued authorization number;

55 (iii) the name of the individual or entity requesting the examination;

1 (iv) if applicable, the registration number as required by section
2 thirteen-n of this article; and

3 (v) such other information as the chair may require by regulation.

4 Any report by an independent medical examiner who is not authorized,
5 and who performs an independent medical examination in accordance with
6 paragraph (c) of this subdivision, which is to be used as medical
7 evidence under this chapter, shall include in the report such informa-
8 tion as the chair may require by regulation.

9 (5) No claim for specialist consultations, surgical operations,
10 physiotherapeutic or occupational therapy procedures, x-ray examinations
11 or special diagnostic laboratory tests costing more than one thousand
12 five hundred dollars shall be valid and enforceable, as against such
13 employer, unless such special services shall have been authorized by the
14 employer or by the board, or unless such authorization has been unrea-
15 sonably withheld, or withheld for a period of more than thirty calendar
16 days from receipt of a request for authorization, or unless such special
17 services are required in an emergency, provided, however, that the basis
18 for a denial of such authorization by the employer must be based on a
19 conflicting second opinion rendered by a physician authorized by the
20 board. The board, with the approval of the superintendent of financial
21 services, shall issue and maintain a list of pre-authorized procedures
22 under this section. Such list of pre-authorized procedures shall be
23 issued and maintained for the purpose of expediting authorization of
24 treatment of injured workers. Such list of pre-authorized procedures
25 shall not prohibit varied treatment when the treating provider demon-
26 strates the appropriateness and medical necessity of such treatment.

27 (6) (a) Any interference by any person with the selection by an
28 injured employee of an authorized [physician] provider to treat [him]
29 such employee, except when the selection is made pursuant to article
30 ten-A of this chapter, and the improper influencing or attempt by any
31 person improperly to influence the medical opinion of any [physician]
32 provider who has treated or examined an injured employee, shall be a
33 misdemeanor; provided, however, that it shall not constitute interfer-
34 ence or improper influence if, in the presence of such injured employ-
35 ee's [physician] provider, an employer, [his] carrier or agent should
36 recommend or provide information concerning rehabilitation services or
37 the availability thereof to an injured employee or [his] the employee's
38 family. It shall not be presumed that a claimant's attorney or repre-
39 sentative's communication with the injured employee's treating provider
40 was an attempt to improperly influence the treating provider. The mere
41 fact that a claimant's attorney or representative and their treating
42 provider have communicated shall not support a finding of improper
43 influence. The board may diminish or preclude the opinion of a treating
44 provider based on improper influence only upon a determination that, due
45 to the interference, the opinion will not help the board understand the
46 evidence or determine a fact in issue.

47 (b) Except as otherwise permitted by law, an employer, carrier, or
48 third-party administrator shall not interfere or attempt to interfere
49 with the selection by an injured employee of, or treatment by, an
50 authorized [medical] provider, including by directing or attempting to
51 direct that the injured employee seek treatment from a specific provider
52 or type of provider selected by the employer, carrier, or third-party
53 administrator. It shall not constitute improper interference under this
54 paragraph if the direction or attempt to direct the injured employee to
55 receive treatment from a specific provider or type of provider origi-

1 nates from the employee's authorized [medical] provider while in the
2 course of providing treatment to the injured employee.

3 (i) Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter, the chair
4 shall by regulation establish a performance standard concerning the
5 subject of any penalty imposed under this paragraph against an employer,
6 carrier or third-party administrator. The performance standard estab-
7 lished by the chair shall be used to measure compliance with this para-
8 graph by employers, carriers and third-party administrators. The chair
9 shall apply the performance standard based on multiple factors, includ-
10 ing but not limited to, findings of improper interference submitted as
11 complaints to the board's monitoring unit, unreasonable objections to
12 medical care or treatment, unwarranted objections to variances, medical
13 billing disputes, case delays brought about by employers, carriers and
14 third-party administrators, and the unreasonable denial of medical care
15 or treatment.

16 (ii) Upon validating an allegation that the employer, carrier or
17 third-party administrator has failed to meet the promulgated performance
18 standard, a penalty shall be assessed by the board upon notice to the
19 employer, carrier or third-party administrator. The board shall impose
20 such penalty against the carrier, employer or third-party administrator
21 in the amount of fifty dollars per violation identified in subparagraph
22 (i) of this paragraph. The penalties for violations identified in
23 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, may be aggregated into a single
24 penalty upon a finding that an employer, carrier or third-party adminis-
25 trator has interfered with an injured employee's necessary medical care
26 or treatment [and care]. Such aggregate penalty or assessment shall be
27 based upon the number of violations as multiplied against the applicable
28 penalty or assessment, but may be negotiated by the chair's designee in
29 full satisfaction of the penalty or assessment. Any aggregate penalty or
30 assessment issued under this paragraph shall be issued administratively,
31 and the chair shall, by regulation, specify the method of review or
32 redetermination, and the presentment of evidence and objections shall
33 occur solely upon the documentation. Any final determination shall be
34 subject to review under section twenty-three of this article but penal-
35 ties may not be subject to a stay. A final determination that an employ-
36 er, carrier or third-party administrator has engaged in a pattern of
37 interference with an injured worker's access to medically necessary
38 medical care or treatment shall result in the imposition of an aggregate
39 penalty and publication of notice of such finding on the board's web
40 page.

41 (7) (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the
42 contrary, any insurance carrier authorized to transact the business of
43 workers' compensation insurance in this state, self-insurer or the state
44 insurance fund may contract with a network or networks, legally and
45 properly organized, to perform diagnostic tests, x-ray examinations,
46 magnetic resonance imaging, or other radiological examinations or tests
47 of claimants and may require claimant to obtain or undergo such diagnos-
48 tic test, x-ray examinations, magnetic resonance imaging or other radio-
49 logical examinations or tests with a provider or at a facility that is
50 affiliated with the network or networks with which the carrier
51 contracts, except if a medical emergency occurs requiring an immediate
52 diagnostic test, x-ray examination, magnetic resonance imaging or other
53 radiological examination or test or if the network with which the insur-
54 ance carrier, self-insurer or the state insurance fund contracts does
55 not have a provider or facility able to perform the examination or test

1 within a reasonable distance from the claimant's residence or place of
2 employment, as defined by regulation of the board.

3 (b) Any insurance carrier, self-insurer or the state insurance fund
4 which requires claimants to obtain or undergo diagnostic tests, x-ray
5 examinations, magnetic resonance imaging or other radiological examina-
6 tions or tests with a provider or at a facility affiliated with a
7 network or networks with which it contracts, must notify the claimant of
8 the name and contact information for the network or networks at the same
9 time the written statement of the claimant's rights as required by
10 subdivision two of section one hundred ten of this chapter or immediate-
11 ly after imposing such requirement if the time period within which the
12 written statement of the claimant's rights as required by subdivision
13 two of section one hundred ten of this chapter has expired.

14 (c) At the time a request for authorization for special diagnostic
15 tests, x-ray examinations, magnetic resonance imaging or other radiolog-
16 ical examinations or tests costing more than one thousand five hundred
17 dollars as required by subdivision five of this section is approved, the
18 insurance carrier, self-insurer or state insurance fund, or if so deleg-
19 ated the network with which the insurance carrier, self-insurer or state
20 insurance fund has contracted, shall notify the [physician] provider
21 requesting authorization of the requirement that the claimant obtain or
22 undergo the special diagnostic test, x-ray examination, magnetic reso-
23 nance imaging or other radiological examination or test with a provider
24 or at a facility affiliated with the network or networks with which it
25 has contracted, the contact information for the network and a list of
26 the providers and facilities within the claimant's geographic location,
27 as defined by regulation of the board. The claimant, in consultation
28 with the provider who requested the special diagnostic test, x-ray exam-
29 ination, magnetic resonance imaging or other radiological test or exam,
30 will determine the provider or facility from within the network which
31 will perform such diagnostic test, x-ray examination, magnetic resonance
32 imaging or other radiological examination or test.

33 (d) The results of the special diagnostic test, x-ray examination,
34 magnetic resonance imaging or other radiological test or exam must be
35 sent to the [physician] provider who requested the test or exam imme-
36 diately upon completion of the report detailing the results.

37 § 2. Section 13-b of the workers' compensation law, as amended by
38 section 1 of part CC of chapter 55 of the laws of 2019, paragraphs (p)
39 and (q) of subdivision 1 and paragraph (b-1) of subdivision 2 as added
40 by chapter 335 of the laws of 2024, and paragraph (b-2) of subdivision 2
41 as added by section 1 of part AA of chapter 55 of the laws of 2025, is
42 amended to read as follows:

43 § 13-b. Authorization of providers, medical bureaus and laboratories
44 by the chair. 1. [No person shall render medical care or conduct inde-
45 pendent medical examinations under this chapter without such authori-
46 zation by the chair.] Any provider as defined in paragraph (m) of this
47 subdivision shall be authorized to render medical care or treatment
48 under this chapter. Independent medical examinations may only be
49 performed by a physician, podiatrist, chiropractor, or psychologist
50 authorized to perform such examinations by the chair, or as specified in
51 regulations. No provider may conduct independent medical examinations
52 unless performed in accordance with paragraph (b) of subdivision four
53 of section thirteen-a and section one hundred thirty-seven of this chap-
54 ter. As used in this [title] chapter, the following definitions shall
55 have the following meanings unless their context requires otherwise:

1 (a) "Acupuncturist" shall mean licensed as having completed a formal
2 course of study and having passed an examination in accordance with the
3 education law, the regulations of the commissioner of education, and the
4 requirements of the board of regents. Acupuncturists are required by the
5 education law to advise, in writing, each patient of the importance of
6 consulting with a physician for the condition or conditions necessitat-
7 ing acupuncture care, as prescribed by the education law.

8 (b) "Chair" of the board shall mean either the chair or the chair's
9 designee.

10 (c) "Chiropractor" shall mean licensed and having completed two years
11 of preprofessional college study and a four-year resident program in
12 chiropractic in accordance with the education law, and consistent with
13 the licensing requirements of the commissioner of education.

14 (d) "Dentist" shall mean licensed and having completed a four-year
15 course of study leading to a D.D.S. or D.D.M. degree, or an equivalent
16 degree, in accordance with the education law and the licensing require-
17 ments of the commissioner of education.

18 (e) "Employer" shall mean a self-insured employer or, if insured, the
19 insurance carrier.

20 (f) "Independent medical examination" shall mean an examination
21 performed by a physician, podiatrist, chiropractor or psychologist,
22 authorized under this section to perform such examination, for the
23 purpose of examining or evaluating injury or illness [pursuant to] in
24 accordance with paragraph (b) of subdivision four of section thirteen-a
25 and section one hundred thirty-seven of this chapter and as more fully
26 set forth in regulation.

27 (g) "Nurse practitioner" shall mean a licensed registered professional
28 nurse certified pursuant to section sixty-nine hundred ten of the educa-
29 tion law acting within their lawful scope of practice.

30 (h) "Occupational therapist" shall mean licensed as having at least a
31 bachelor's or master's degree in occupational therapy from a registered
32 program with the education department or receipt of a diploma or degree
33 resulting from completion of not less than four years of postsecondary
34 study, which includes the professional study of occupational therapy in
35 accordance with the education law and the regulations of the commis-
36 sioner of education.

37 (i) "Physical therapist" shall mean licensed in accordance with the
38 education law and the licensing requirements of the commissioner of
39 education.

40 (j) "Physician" shall mean licensed with a degree of doctor of medi-
41 cine, M.D., or doctor of osteopathic medicine, D.O., or an equivalent
42 degree in accordance with the education law and the licensing require-
43 ments of the state board of medicine and the regulations of the commis-
44 sioner of education.

45 (k) "Physician assistant" shall mean a licensed provider who is
46 licensed as a physician assistant pursuant to section sixty-five hundred
47 forty-one of the education law.

48 (l) "Podiatrist" shall mean a doctor of podiatric medicine licensed as
49 having received a doctoral degree in podiatric medicine in accordance
50 with the regulations of the commissioner of education and the education
51 law, and must satisfactorily meet all other requirements of the state
52 board for podiatric medicine.

53 (m) ["Provider"] "Authorized provider" or "provider" shall mean a duly
54 licensed acupuncturist, chiropractor, nurse practitioner, occupational
55 therapist, physical therapist, physician, physician assistant, podia-
56 trist, psychologist, or social worker [authorized by the chair] as

1 defined in this section who is not currently on the exclusion list
2 pursuant to section thirteen-d of this article.

3 (n) "Psychologist" shall mean licensed as having received a doctoral
4 degree in psychology from a program of psychology registered with the
5 state education department or the substantial equivalent thereof in
6 accordance with the education law, the requirements of the state board
7 for psychology, and the regulations of the commissioner of education.

8 (o) "Social worker" shall mean a licensed clinical social worker. A
9 licensed clinical social worker has completed a master's degree of
10 social work that includes completion of a core curriculum of at least
11 twelve credit hours of clinical courses or the equivalent post-graduate
12 clinical coursework, in accordance with the education law and the regu-
13 lations of the commissioner of education.

14 (p) "Physical therapist assistant" shall mean licensed in accordance
15 with the education law and the licensing requirements of the commission-
16 er of education.

17 (q) "Occupational therapy assistant" shall mean licensed in accordance
18 with the education law and the licensing requirements of the commission-
19 er of education.

20 (r) "Exclusion list" shall mean the list published and maintained by
21 the chair in accordance with section thirteen-d of this article
22 listing providers who are currently disqualified from rendering care
23 or from performing independent medical examinations under this chapter.

24 2. Any provider [licensed pursuant to the education law to provide
25 medical care and treatment in the state of New York may render emergency
26 care and treatment in an emergency hospital or urgent care setting
27 providing emergency treatment under this chapter without authorization
28 by the chair under this section;] rendering medical care or treatment
29 under this chapter must comply with all applicable laws, regulations and
30 guidance, including any applicable New York Medical Treatment Guidelines
31 and the Official New York Medical Fee Schedule(s).

32 (a) Such [licensed] provider as identified in this subdivision who is
33 on staff at any hospital or urgent care center providing emergency
34 treatment may continue such medical care or treatment under this chapter
35 while an injured employee remains a patient in such hospital or urgent
36 care setting[; and].

37 (b) Under the direct supervision of an authorized provider, medical
38 care may be rendered by a registered nurse or other person trained in
39 laboratory or diagnostic techniques within the scope of such person's
40 specialized training and qualifications. This supervision shall be
41 evidenced by signed records of instructions for treatment and signed
42 records of the patient's condition and progress. Reports of such treat-
43 ment and supervision shall be made by such provider to the chair in the
44 format prescribed by the chair at such times as the chair may require.

45 (b-1) Under the direction and supervision of an authorized occupa-
46 tional therapist, occupational therapy services may be rendered by an
47 occupational therapy assistant. Under the direction and supervision of
48 an authorized physical therapist, physical therapy services may be
49 rendered by a physical therapist assistant. Where any such care or
50 treatment is rendered, records of the patient's condition and progress,
51 together with records of instruction for treatment, if any, shall be
52 maintained by the physical therapist or occupational therapist and by
53 the referring physician, physician assistant, podiatrist, or nurse prac-
54 titioner. Said records shall be submitted to the chair on forms and at
55 such times as the chair may require.

1 (b-2) Under the supervision of any authorized provider, any resident
2 or fellow who may practice medicine as an exempt person as provided for
3 in title eight of the education law, may render medical care or treat-
4 ment under this chapter so long as the supervisory requirements of the
5 education law are met and neither the supervising provider nor resident
6 or fellow have been prohibited from treating workers' compensation
7 claimants pursuant to section thirteen-d of this article.

8 (c) Where it would place an unreasonable burden upon the employer or
9 carrier to arrange for, or for the claimant to attend, an independent
10 medical examination by [an authorized] a provider[,] authorized to
11 perform independent medical examinations in accordance with paragraph
12 (b) of subdivision four of section thirteen-a of this article and
13 section one hundred thirty-seven of this chapter, the employer or carri-
14 er shall arrange for such examination to be performed by a qualified
15 provider in a medical facility convenient to the claimant.

16 (d) Upon the prescription or referral of [an authorized] a physician,
17 physician assistant, podiatrist, or nurse practitioner who is not
18 currently on the exclusion list pursuant to section thirteen-d of this
19 article acting within the scope of [his or her] their practice, medical
20 care or treatment may be rendered to an injured employee by [an author-
21 ized] a physical therapist, occupational therapist or acupuncturist who
22 is not currently on the exclusion list pursuant to section thirteen-d of
23 this article provided the conditions and the treatment performed are
24 among the conditions that the physical therapist, occupational therapist
25 or acupuncturist is authorized to treat pursuant to the education law or
26 the regulations of the commissioner of education. Where any such medical
27 care or treatment is rendered, records of the patient's condition and
28 progress, together with records of instruction for treatment, if any,
29 shall be maintained by the physical therapist, occupational therapist or
30 acupuncturist rendering treatment and by the referring physician, physi-
31 cian assistant, podiatrist, or nurse practitioner. Said records shall be
32 submitted to the chair on forms and at such times as the chair may
33 require.

34 (e) A record, report or opinion of a physical therapist, occupational
35 therapist, acupuncturist or physician assistant shall not be considered
36 as evidence of the causal relationship of any condition to a work
37 related accident or occupational disease under this chapter. Nor may a
38 record, report or opinion of a physical therapist, occupational thera-
39 pist or acupuncturist be considered evidence of disability. Nor may a
40 record, report or opinion of a physician assistant be considered
41 evidence of the presence of a permanent or initial disability or the
42 degree thereof.

43 (f) An independent medical examination performed in accordance with
44 section one hundred thirty-seven of this chapter, may only be performed
45 by a physician, podiatrist, chiropractor or psychologist authorized to
46 perform such examinations by the chair, or as specified in regulation,
47 when qualified by the board.

48 3. [A provider] In order to perform independent medical examinations
49 in accordance with paragraph (b) of subdivision four of section thir-
50 teen-a and section one hundred thirty-seven of this chapter, a physi-
51 cian, podiatrist, chiropractor, or psychologist properly licensed or
52 certified pursuant to the regulations of the commissioner of education
53 and the requirements of the education law [desirous of being authorized
54 to render medical care under this chapter and/or to conduct independent
55 medical examinations in accordance with paragraph (b) of subdivision
56 four of section thirteen-a and section one hundred thirty-seven of this

1 chapter] shall file an application for authorization under this chapter
2 with the chair or chair's designee in the format prescribed by the
3 chair. [Prior to receiving authorization, a physician must, together
4 with submission of an application to the chair, submit such application
5 to the medical society of the county in which the physician's office is
6 located or of a board designated by such county society or of a board
7 representing duly licensed physicians of any other school of medical
8 practice in such county, and such medical society shall submit the
9 recommendation to the board. In the event such county society or board
10 fails to take action upon a physician's completed and signed application
11 within forty-five days, the chair may complete review of the application
12 without such approval. Upon approval of the application by the chair or
13 the chair's designee, the applicant shall further agree to refrain from
14 subsequently treating for remuneration, as a private patient, any person
15 seeking medical treatment, or submitting to an independent medical exam-
16 ination, in connection with, or as a result of, any injury compensable
17 under this chapter, if he or she has been removed from the list of
18 providers authorized to render medical care or to conduct independent
19 medical examinations under this chapter, or if the person seeking such
20 treatment, or submitting to an independent medical examination, has been
21 transferred from his or her care in accordance with the provisions of
22 this chapter. This agreement shall run to the benefit of the injured
23 person so treated or examined, and shall be available to him or her as a
24 defense in any action by such provider for payment for treatment
25 rendered by a provider after he or she has been removed from the list of
26 providers authorized to render medical care or to conduct independent
27 medical examinations under this chapter, or after the injured person was
28 transferred from his or her care in accordance with the provisions of
29 this chapter.]

30 4. Laboratories and bureaus engaged in x-ray diagnosis or treatment or
31 in physiotherapy or other therapeutic procedures and which participate
32 in the diagnosis or treatment of injured workers under this chapter
33 shall be operated or supervised by providers authorized under this chap-
34 ter and shall be subject to the provisions of section thirteen-c of this
35 article. The person in charge of diagnostic clinical laboratories duly
36 authorized under this chapter shall possess the qualifications estab-
37 lished by the public health and health planning council for approval by
38 the state commissioner of health or, in the city of New York, the quali-
39 fications approved by the board of health of said city and shall main-
40 tain the standards of work required for such approval.

41 § 3. Section 13-d of the workers' compensation law, as amended by
42 section 2 of part CC of chapter 55 of the laws of 2019, is amended to
43 read as follows:

44 § 13-d. [Removal of providers from lists of those authorized to render
45 medical care or to conduct independent medical examinations] Placement
46 of providers on the exclusion list. 1. [The medical society of the coun-
47 ty in which the physician's office is located at the time or a board
48 designated by such county society or a board representing duly licensed
49 physicians of any other school of medical practice in such county shall
50 investigate, hear and make findings with respect to all charges as to
51 professional or other misconduct of any authorized physician as herein
52 provided under rules and procedure to be prescribed by the medical
53 appeals unit, and shall report evidence of such misconduct, with their
54 findings and recommendation with respect thereto, to the chair. Failure
55 to commence such investigation within sixty days from the date the
56 charges are referred to the society by the chair or submit findings and

1 recommendations relating to the charges within one hundred eighty days
2 from the date the charges are referred shall empower the chair to
3 appoint, as a hearing officer, a member of the board, employee, or other
4 qualified hearing officer to hear and report on the charges to the
5 chair. A qualified hearing officer, who is neither a member of the
6 board, or employee thereof shall be paid at a reasonable per diem rate
7 to be fixed by the chair.

8 Such investigation, hearing, findings, recommendation and report may
9 be made by the society or board of an adjoining county upon the request
10 of the medical society of the county in which the alleged misconduct or
11 infraction of this chapter occurred, subject to the time limit and
12 conditions set forth herein. The medical appeals unit shall review the
13 findings and recommendation of such medical society or board, or hearing
14 officer appointed by the chair upon application of the accused physician
15 and may reopen the matter and receive further evidence. The findings,
16 decision and recommendation of such society, board or hearing officer
17 appointed by the chair or medical appeals unit shall be advisory to the
18 chair only, and shall not be binding or conclusive upon him or her.] In
19 accordance with this section, the chair shall publish and maintain an
20 exclusion list of providers currently disqualified from rendering
21 medical care or treatment under this chapter or disqualified from
22 conducting independent medical examinations in accordance with paragraph
23 (b) of subdivision four of section thirteen-a and section one hundred
24 thirty-seven of this chapter.

25 2. [The chair shall remove from the list of providers authorized to
26 render medical care under this chapter, or to conduct independent
27 medical examinations in accordance with paragraph (b) of subdivision
28 four of section thirteen-a of this article,] The exclusion list shall
29 include the name of any provider who [he or she shall find] is found
30 after reasonable investigation [is] to be disqualified because such
31 provider:

32 (a) has been guilty of professional or other misconduct or incompeten-
33 cy in connection with rendering medical services under the law; or

34 (b) has exceeded the limits of [his or her] their professional compe-
35 tence in rendering medical care or treatment or in conducting independ-
36 ent medical examinations under the law, or has, as applicable, made
37 materially false statements regarding [his or her] their qualifications
38 in [his or her] their application [for the recommendation of the medical
39 society or board as provided in section thirteen-b of this article]; or

40 (c) has failed to transmit copies of medical reports to claimant's
41 attorney or licensed representative as provided in subdivision (f) of
42 section thirteen of this article; or has failed to submit full and
43 truthful medical reports of all [his or her] their findings to the
44 employer, and directly to the chair or the board within the time limits
45 provided in subdivision four of section thirteen-a of this article with
46 the exception of injuries which do not require (1) more than ordinary
47 first aid or more than two treatments by a provider or person rendering
48 first aid, or (2) loss of time from regular duties of one day beyond the
49 working day or shift; or

50 (d) knowingly made a false statement or representation as to a materi-
51 al fact in any medical report, or in any submission to the board, made
52 pursuant to this chapter or in testifying or otherwise providing infor-
53 mation for the purposes of this chapter; or

54 (e) has solicited, or has employed another to solicit for [himself or
55 herself] either the provider's own benefit themselves or for another,

1 professional treatment, examination or care of an injured employee in
2 connection with any claim under this chapter; or

3 (f) has refused to appear before, to testify, to submit to a deposi-
4 tion, or to answer upon request of, the chair, board, [medical appeals
5 unit] or any duly authorized officer of the state, any legal question,
6 or to produce any relevant book or paper concerning [his or her] their
7 conduct [under any authorization granted to him or her] in rendering
8 medical care or treatment or in the performance of an independent
9 medical examination under this chapter, including when a provider has
10 accepted payments from both the health insurer and employer or carrier
11 and failed to reimburse the health insurer after they are given notice;
12 or

13 (g) has directly or indirectly requested, received or participated in
14 the division, transference, assignment, rebating, splitting or refunding
15 of a fee for, or has directly or indirectly requested, received or prof-
16 ited by means of a credit or other valuable consideration as a commis-
17 sion, discount or gratuity in connection with the furnishing of medical
18 or surgical care, an independent medical examination, diagnosis or
19 treatment or service, including X-ray examination and treatment, or for
20 or in connection with the sale, rental, supplying or furnishing of clin-
21 ical laboratory services or supplies, X-ray laboratory services or
22 supplies, inhalation therapy service or equipment, ambulance service,
23 hospital or medical supplies, physiotherapy or other therapeutic service
24 or equipment, artificial limbs, teeth or eyes, orthopedic or surgical
25 appliances or supplies, optical appliances, supplies or equipment,
26 devices for aid of hearing, drugs, medication or medical supplies, or
27 any other goods, services or supplies prescribed for medical diagnosis,
28 care or treatment, under this chapter; except that reasonable payment,
29 not exceeding the technical component fee permitted in the medical fee
30 schedule, established under this chapter for X-ray examinations, diagno-
31 sis or treatment, may be made by a provider duly authorized as a roent-
32 genologist to any hospital furnishing facilities and equipment for such
33 examination, diagnosis or treatment, provided such hospital does not
34 also submit a charge for the same services. Nothing contained in this
35 paragraph shall prohibit such providers who practice as partners, in
36 groups or as a professional corporation or as a university faculty prac-
37 tice corporation from pooling fees and moneys received, either by the
38 partnership, professional corporation, university faculty practice
39 corporation or group by the individual members thereof, for professional
40 services furnished by any individual professional member, or employee of
41 such partnership, corporation or group, nor shall the professionals
42 constituting the partnerships, corporations, or groups be prohibited
43 from sharing, dividing or apportioning the fees and moneys received by
44 them or by the partnership, corporation or group in accordance with a
45 partnership or other agreement[.]; or

46 (h) has demonstrated a repeated failure to follow the laws of this
47 chapter and applicable laws, regulations, and guidance, including any
48 applicable New York medical treatment guidelines and the official New
49 York medical fee schedule(s); or

50 (i) has misrepresented their credentials; or

51 (j) has failed to timely complete any trainings required by the chair;
52 or

53 (k) had previously lost the privilege to treat injured workers by
54 being suspended, removed, denied authorization, or by voluntarily
55 resigning their authorization under this chapter prior to January first,

1 two thousand twenty-eight, and whose authorization had not been restored
2 prior to January first, two thousand twenty-eight.

3 3. Any person who violates or attempts to violate, and any person who
4 aids another to violate or attempts to induce [him or her] them to
5 violate the provisions of paragraph (g) of subdivision two of this
6 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

7 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting in any
8 respect the power or duty of the chair to investigate instances of
9 misconduct, either before or after investigation by a medical society or
10 board as herein provided, or to [temporarily suspend the authorization
11 of] add any provider to the exclusion list that [he or she] the chair or
12 the chair's designee may believe to be guilty of such misconduct.

13 5. Whenever the department of health or the department of education
14 shall conduct an investigation with respect to charges of professional
15 or other misconduct by a provider which results in a report, determi-
16 nation or consent order that includes a finding of professional or other
17 misconduct or incompetency by such provider, the chair shall have full
18 power and authority to [temporarily suspend, revoke or otherwise limit
19 the authorization under this chapter of] add any provider to the exclu-
20 sion list upon such finding by the department of health or the depart-
21 ment of education that the provider has been guilty of professional or
22 other misconduct. The recommendations of the department of health or the
23 department of education shall be advisory to the chair only and shall
24 not be binding or conclusive upon the chair.

25 6. The chair may promulgate regulations to effectuate the publication
26 and maintenance of the exclusion list. Providers on the exclusion list
27 may petition the board to be taken off the exclusion list in a format
28 prescribed by the chair.

29 § 4. Section 13-f of the workers' compensation law, as amended by
30 chapter 113 of the laws of 1946, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 353
31 of the laws of 1990, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 539 of the laws
32 of 1964, is amended to read as follows:

33 § 13-f. Payment of medical fees. (1) Fees for medical services shall
34 be payable only to a [physician or other qualified person] provider
35 permitted by [sections] section thirteen-b[, thirteen-k, thirteen-l and
36 thirteen-m] of this [chapter] article or other authorized provider of
37 health care under the education law or the public health law permitted
38 to render medical care or treatment under this chapter, or to the agent,
39 executor or administrator of the estate of such [physician] provider or
40 such other qualified person. Except as provided in section thirteen-d
41 of this [chapter] article, no provider of health care rendering medical
42 care or treatment to a compensation claimant, shall collect or receive a
43 fee from such claimant within this state, but shall have recourse for
44 payment of services rendered only to the employer under the provisions
45 of this chapter. Any compensation claimant who pays a fee to a provider
46 of health care for medical care or treatment under this chapter shall
47 have a cause of action against such provider of health care for the
48 recovery of the money paid, which cause of action may be assigned to the
49 chair in trust for the assigning claimant. All such assignments shall
50 run to the chair. The chair may sue the physician, or other authorized
51 provider of health care as herein described on the assigned cause of
52 action with the benefits and subject to the provisions of existing law
53 applying to such actions by the claimant [himself or herself]. Hospi-
54 tals shall not be entitled to receive the remuneration paid to [physi-
55 cians] providers on their staff for medical and surgical services.

1 (2) Whenever [his] their attendance at a hearing is required, the
2 [physician] provider of the injured employee shall be entitled to
3 receive a fee from the employer, or carrier, in an amount to be fixed by
4 the board in addition to any fee payable under section eight thousand
5 one of the civil practice law and rules.

6 § 5. Section 13-k of the workers' compensation law is REPEALED.

7 § 6. Section 13-l of the workers' compensation law is REPEALED.

8 § 7. Section 13-m of the workers' compensation law is REPEALED.

9 § 8. Subdivision 1 of section 13-n of the workers' compensation law,
10 as added by chapter 473 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 1. Any entity which derives income from independent medical examina-
13 tions performed in accordance with subdivision four of section thir-
14 teen-a[, subdivision three of section thirteen-k, subdivision three of
15 section thirteen-1 and subdivision four of section thirteen-m] of this
16 article and section one hundred thirty-seven of this chapter, whether by
17 employing or contracting with independent examiners to conduct such
18 independent medical examinations or by acting as a referral service or
19 otherwise facilitating such examinations, shall register with the chair
20 by filing a statement of registration containing such information
21 prescribed by the chair in regulation. A fee may be imposed in accord-
22 ance with regulations promulgated by the chair. Any such fees collected
23 shall be used for the purpose of administering this section.

24 § 9. Section 141 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by chap-
25 ter 6 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

26 § 141. General powers and duties of the chair. The chair shall be the
27 administrative head of the workers' compensation board and shall exer-
28 cise the powers and perform the duties in relation to the administration
29 of this chapter heretofore vested in the commissioner of labor by chap-
30 ter fifty of the laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one, and acts amendato-
31 ry thereof, and by this chapter excepting article six thereof, and
32 except in so far as such powers and duties are vested by this chapter in
33 the workers' compensation board. The chair shall preside at all meetings
34 of the board and shall appoint all committees and panels of the board;
35 shall designate the times and places for the hearing of claims under
36 this chapter and shall perform all administrative functions of the board
37 as in this chapter set forth. The chair, in the name of the board, shall
38 enforce all the provisions of this chapter, and may make administrative
39 regulations and orders providing for the receipt, indexing and examining
40 of all notices, claims and reports, for the giving of notice of hearings
41 and of decisions, for certifying of records, for the fixing of the times
42 and places for the hearing of claims, and for providing for the conduct
43 of hearings and establishing of calendar practice to the extent not
44 inconsistent with the rules of the board. The chair shall issue and may
45 revoke certificates of authorization of physicians, chiropractors [and],
46 podiatrists [as provided in sections thirteen-a, thirteen-k and thir-
47 teen-1 of this chapter, and licenses for medical bureaus and x-ray and
48 other laboratories under the provisions of section thirteen-c of this
49 chapter], and psychologists to perform independent medical examinations
50 in accordance with paragraph (b) of subdivision four of section thir-
51 teen-a and section one hundred thirty-seven of this chapter, and
52 licenses for medical bureaus and x-ray and other laboratories under the
53 provisions of section thirteen-c of this chapter, shall publish and
54 maintain an exclusion list, in accordance with section thirteen-d of
55 this chapter, for providers as defined in section thirteen-b of this
56 chapter currently disqualified from providing medical care or from

1 performing independent medical examinations in accordance with paragraph
2 (b) of subdivision four of section thirteen-a and section one hundred
3 thirty-seven of this chapter, shall develop and require trainings for
4 providers as defined in section thirteen-b of this chapter, which shall
5 include, but not be limited to, the role of medical evidence in the
6 board's determination of claims, the contents of medical reports, the
7 process for seeking authorization for special services, diagnostic test
8 networks, and permanency guidelines, issue stop work orders as provided
9 in section one hundred forty-one-a of this article, and shall have and
10 exercise all powers not otherwise provided for herein in relation to the
11 administration of this chapter heretofore expressly conferred upon the
12 commissioner of labor by any of the provisions of this chapter, or of
13 the labor law. The chair, on behalf of the workers' compensation board,
14 shall enter into the agreement provided for in section one hundred
15 seventy-one-h of the tax law, and shall take such other actions as may
16 be necessary to carry out the agreement provided for in such section for
17 matching beneficiary records of workers' compensation with information
18 provided by employers to the state directory of new hires for the
19 purposes of verifying eligibility for such benefits and for administer-
20 ing workers' compensation. The chair shall promulgate regulations to
21 (1) require that the employer or its carrier or special fund shall pay
22 the costs associated with any deposition of a claimant's provider, and
23 (2) allow workers' compensation law judges to deny cross-examination of
24 a provider where appropriate. The chair may promulgate further regu-
25 lations designed to prevent the consequences of a treating provider's
26 failure to comply with statutory or regulatory provisions, including
27 failure to appear for a deposition, from unduly harming the injured
28 worker's receipt of compensation or medical treatment.

29 § 10. Subdivision 5 of section 220 of the workers' compensation law,
30 as amended by section 18 of part SS of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016,
31 is amended to read as follows:

32 5. In addition to other penalties herein provided, the chair or desig-
33 nee shall [remove from the list of physicians authorized to render
34 medical care under the provisions of articles one to eight, inclusive,
35 of this chapter and from the list of podiatrists authorized to render
36 podiatric care under section thirteen-k of this chapter, and from the
37 list of chiropractors authorized to render chiropractic care under
38 section thirteen-l of this chapter] place on the exclusion list pursuant
39 to section thirteen-d of this chapter the name of any physician or
40 podiatrist or chiropractor whom the chair or designee, pursuant to
41 section two hundred twenty-one of this article, shall find, after
42 reasonable investigation, has submitted to the employer or carrier or
43 chair in connection with any claim for disability benefits under this
44 article, a statement of disability that is not truthful and complete.

45 § 11. Section 232 of the workers' compensation law, as amended by
46 section 27 of part SS of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, is amended to
47 read as follows:

48 § 232. Fees for testimony of physicians, podiatrists, chiropractors,
49 dentists, psychologists and health care providers. Whenever [his or her]
50 their attendance at a hearing, deposition or arbitration before the
51 board or the chair's designee, pursuant to section two hundred twenty-
52 one of this article, is required, the attending physician or attending
53 podiatrist or attending chiropractor or attending dentist or attending
54 psychologist or attending certified nurse midwife of the disabled
55 employee, [except such physicians as are disqualified from testifying
56 pursuant to subdivision one of section thirteen-b, or section nineteen-a

1 of this chapter, and except such podiatrists as are disqualified from
2 testifying under the provisions of section thirteen-k, and except such
3 chiropractors as are disqualified from testifying under the provisions
4 of section thirteen-l, and except such psychologists as are disqualified
5 from testifying under the provisions of section thirteen-m,] or health
6 care provider shall be entitled to receive a fee in accordance with
7 regulations of the chair.

8 § 12. Section 153 of the workers' compensation law, as added by chap-
9 ter 74 of the laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows:

10 § 153. Annual report. The board shall on or before the first day of
11 February in each year make an annual report in writing to the governor,
12 the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, and
13 the chairs of the senate and assembly standing committees on labor,
14 stating in detail the work it has done in hearing and deciding cases and
15 otherwise. Such reports shall include the number of providers who
16 rendered medical care or treatment under this chapter in the prior
17 calendar year, the completion rate for provider training required by the
18 board pursuant to section one hundred forty-one of this article, and an
19 analysis of the degree to which new providers are successfully complying
20 with this chapter and implementing regulations.

21 § 13. This act shall take effect January 1, 2028 and shall apply to
22 medical care or treatment occurring on or after such effective date.

23

PART Y

24 Section 1. Subdivision 6 of section 163 of the state finance law, as
25 amended by chapter 110 of the laws of 2024, paragraph (d) as amended by
26 section 1 of part MM of chapter 58 of the laws of 2025, is amended to
27 read as follows:

28 6. Discretionary buying thresholds. Pursuant to guidelines established
29 by the state procurement council:

30 (a) the commissioner may purchase services and commodities for the
31 office of general services or its customer agencies serviced by the
32 office of general services business services center in an amount not
33 exceeding [eighty-five] one hundred fifty thousand dollars without a
34 formal competitive process;

35 (b) state agencies may purchase services and commodities in an amount
36 not exceeding [fifty] one hundred fifty thousand dollars without a
37 formal competitive process;

38 (c) state agencies may purchase commodities or services from small
39 business concerns, or commodities or technology that are recycled or
40 remanufactured in an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars
41 without a formal competitive process;

42 (d) state agencies may purchase commodities or services from those
43 certified pursuant to article fifteen-A of the executive law and article
44 three of the veterans' services law in an amount not exceeding one
45 million five hundred thousand dollars without a formal competitive proc-
46 ess; and

47 (e) state agencies may purchase commodities that are food, including
48 milk and milk products, or animal or plant fiber products, grown,
49 produced, harvested, or processed in New York state or textile products
50 manufactured from animal or plant fiber grown or produced predominantly
51 in New York state in an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand
52 dollars without a formal competitive process.

1 § 2. Subdivision 6-a of section 163 of the state finance law, as
2 amended by chapter 257 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 6-a. Discretionary purchases. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdi-
5 vision two of section one hundred twelve of this chapter relating to the
6 dollar threshold requiring the state comptroller's approval of
7 contracts, the commissioner of general services may make purchases or
8 enter into contracts for the acquisition of commodities and services for
9 the office of general services or its customer agencies serviced by the
10 office of general services business services center having a value not
11 exceeding [eighty-five] one hundred fifty thousand dollars without prior
12 approval by any other state officer or agency in accordance with proce-
13 dures and requirements set forth in this article.

14 § 3. Subdivision 6-c of section 163 of the state finance law, as
15 amended by chapter 572 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as
16 follows:

17 6-c. Pursuant to the authority provided in subdivision six of this
18 section, for the purchase of commodities that are food, including milk
19 and milk products, or animal or plant fiber products, grown, produced,
20 harvested, or processed in New York state or textile products manufac-
21 tured from animal or plant fiber grown or produced predominantly in New
22 York state, where such commodities exceed [fifty] one hundred fifty
23 thousand dollars in value, state agencies must advertise the discretion-
24 ary purchase on the state agency website for a reasonable period of time
25 and make the discretionary purchase based on the lowest price that meets
26 the state agency's form, function and utility.

27 § 4. Subdivision 8 of section 163 of the state finance law, as amended
28 by section 12 of part L of chapter 55 of the laws of 2012, is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 8. Public notice. All procurements by state agencies, including, with-
31 out limitation, the state university of New York and the city university
32 of New York, in excess of [fifty] one hundred fifty thousand dollars
33 shall be advertised in the state's procurement opportunities newsletter
34 in accordance with article four-C of the economic development law.

35 § 5. Subdivision 3 of section 141 of the economic development law, as
36 amended by section 14 of part L of chapter 55 of the laws of 2012, is
37 amended to read as follows:

38 3. "Procurement contract" shall mean any written agreement entered
39 into by an agency for the acquisition of goods, services, or
40 construction of any kind in the actual or estimated amount of [fifty]
41 one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more. The term does not include an
42 agreement for employment in the civil service.

43 § 6. Section 146 of the economic development law, as amended by chap-
44 ter 173 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

45 § 146. Approval of comptroller. The comptroller shall not approve or
46 file any procurement contract for the acquisition of goods or services
47 in the amount of [fifty] one hundred fifty thousand dollars or more
48 unless notice as provided in section one hundred forty-two of this arti-
49 cle shall first have been published in the procurement opportunities
50 newsletter at least fifteen business days prior to the date on which a
51 bid or proposal was due. Provided, however, such requirement of publica-
52 tion of advance notice shall not apply to contracts exempt from such
53 requirement under section one hundred forty-four of this article;
54 provided further, that the comptroller shall not be required to disap-
55 prove a contract if [he or she] such comptroller determines that there
56 has been substantial compliance with the requirements of section one

1 hundred forty-two and section one hundred forty-three of this article.
2 The foregoing provisions of this section shall not be construed to
3 limit, in any manner, the right of the comptroller to demand evidence of
4 adequate competition or such other proofs as [he or she] such comp-
5 troller may require in the discharge of [his or her] such comptroller's
6 responsibilities pursuant to section one hundred twelve of the state
7 finance law or any other provision of law.

8 § 7. The opening paragraph of subdivision 8 of section 376 of the
9 education law, as amended by section 3 of subpart A of part D of chapter
10 58 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

11 All contracts which are to be awarded pursuant to this subdivision
12 shall be awarded by public letting in accordance with the following
13 provisions, notwithstanding any contrary provision of section one
14 hundred thirty-five, one hundred thirty-six, one hundred thirty-nine or
15 one hundred forty of the state finance law or any other law, provided,
16 however, that where the estimated expense of any contract which may be
17 awarded pursuant to this subdivision is less than two hundred fifty
18 thousand dollars, a performance bond and a bond for the payment of labor
19 and material may, in the discretion of the fund, not be required, and
20 except that in the discretion of the fund, a contract may be entered
21 into for such purposes without public letting where the estimated
22 expense thereof is less than [twenty thousand] one hundred fifty thou-
23 sand dollars, or where in the judgment of the fund an emergency condi-
24 tion exists as a result of damage to an existing academic building,
25 dormitory or other facility which has been caused by an act of God, fire
26 or other casualty, or any other unanticipated, sudden and unexpected
27 occurrence, that has resulted in damage to or a malfunction in an exist-
28 ing academic building, dormitory or other facility and involves a press-
29 ing necessity for immediate repair, reconstruction or maintenance in
30 order to permit the safe continuation of the use or function of such
31 facility, or to protect the facility or the life, health or safety of
32 any person, and the nature of the work is such that in the judgment of
33 the fund it would be impractical and against the public interest to have
34 public letting; provided, however, that the fund, prior to awarding a
35 contract hereunder because of an emergency condition notify the comp-
36 troller of its intent to award such a contract:

37 § 8. Paragraph a of subdivision 8 of section 376 of the education law,
38 as amended by chapter 877 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as
39 follows:

40 a. If contracts are to be publicly let, the letting agency shall
41 advertise the invitation to bid in a newspaper published in the city of
42 Albany and in such other newspapers as will be most likely in its opin-
43 ion to give adequate notice to contractors of the work required and of
44 the invitation to bid provided, however, that where the estimated
45 expense of any contract which may be awarded pursuant to this subdivi-
46 sion is less than [fifty] one hundred fifty thousand dollars, the
47 letting agency may advertise the invitation to bid solely through the
48 procurement opportunities newsletter published pursuant to section one
49 hundred forty-two of the economic development law. The invitation to bid
50 shall contain such information as the letting agency shall deem appro-
51 priate and a statement of the time and place where all bids received
52 pursuant to such notice will be publicly opened and read.

53 § 9. Paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of subdivision a of section 6218
54 of the education law, as amended by chapter 17 of the laws of 2023, is
55 amended to read as follows:

1 (i) purchase materials; proprietary electronic information resources,
2 including, but not limited to, academic, professional and industry jour-
3 nals, reference handbooks and manuals, research tracking tools, indexes
4 and abstracts; and equipment and supplies, including computer equipment
5 and motor vehicles, where the amount for a single purchase does not
6 exceed [seventy-five thousand dollars] one hundred fifty thousand
7 dollars, (ii) execute contracts for services and construction contracts
8 to an amount not exceeding [seventy-five thousand dollars] one hundred
9 fifty thousand dollars, and (iii) contract for printing to an amount not
10 exceeding [seventy-five thousand dollars] one hundred fifty thousand
11 dollars, without prior approval by any other state officer or agency,
12 but subject to rules and regulations of the state comptroller not other-
13 wise inconsistent with the provisions of this section and in accordance
14 with the guidelines promulgated by the city university board of trustees
15 after consultation with the state comptroller. In addition, the trustees
16 are authorized to annually negotiate with the state comptroller
17 increases in the aforementioned dollar limits and the exemption of any
18 articles, categories of articles, services, or commodities from these
19 limits. Guidelines promulgated by the city university board of trustees
20 shall, to the extent practicable, require that competitive proposals be
21 solicited for purchases, and shall include requirements that purchases
22 and contracts authorized under this section be at the lowest available
23 price.

24 § 10. Subdivision 9 of section 6275 of the education law, as amended
25 by chapter 17 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

26 (9) to make and execute contracts, leases, subleases and all other
27 instruments or agreements necessary or convenient for the exercise of
28 its corporate powers and purposes to an amount not exceeding [seventy-
29 five thousand dollars] one hundred fifty thousand dollars without prior
30 approval by any other state officer or agency; notwithstanding the fore-
31 going, all contracts, leases, subleases, and all other instruments or
32 agreements exceeding [seventy-five thousand dollars] one hundred fifty
33 thousand dollars in amount shall be subject to section one hundred
34 twelve of the state finance law;

35 § 11. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
36 the amendments to section 163 of the state finance law made by sections
37 one, two, three and four of this act shall not affect the repeal of such
38 section and shall be deemed repealed therewith; and provided, further,
39 however, that the amendments to the opening paragraph of subdivision 8
40 of section 376 of the education law made by section seven of this act
41 shall not affect the expiration of such paragraph and shall be deemed to
42 expire therewith.

43

PART Z

44 Section 1. Subdivision (e) of section 1-e of the legislative law, as
45 amended by section 1 of part S of chapter 62 of the laws of 2003, is
46 amended to read as follows:

47 (e) (i) The first statement of registration filed annually by each
48 lobbyist for calendar years through two thousand three shall be accompa-
49 nied by a registration fee of fifty dollars except that no registration
50 fee shall be required of a public corporation. A fee of fifty dollars
51 shall be required for any subsequent statement of registration filed by
52 a lobbyist during the same calendar year; (ii) The first statement of
53 registration filed annually by each lobbyist for calendar year two thou-
54 sand four shall be accompanied by a registration fee of one hundred

1 dollars except that no registration fee shall be required from any
2 lobbyist who in any year does not expend, incur or receive an amount in
3 excess of five thousand dollars of reportable compensation and expenses,
4 as provided in paragraph five of subdivision (b) of section one-h of
5 this article, for the purposes of lobbying or of a public corporation. A
6 fee of one hundred dollars shall be required for any subsequent state-
7 ment of registration filed by a lobbyist during the same calendar year;
8 (iii) The first statement of registration filed biennially by each
9 lobbyist for the first biennial registration requirements for calendar
10 years two thousand five and two thousand six [and thereafter,] through
11 the thirty-first day of March two thousand twenty-six shall be accompa-
12 nied by a registration fee of two hundred dollars except that no regis-
13 tration fee shall be required from any lobbyist who in any year does not
14 expend, incur or receive an amount in excess of five thousand dollars of
15 reportable compensation and expenses, as provided in paragraph five of
16 subdivision (b) of section one-h of this article, for the purposes of
17 lobbying or of a public corporation. A fee of two hundred dollars shall
18 be required for any subsequent statement of registration filed by a
19 lobbyist during the same biennial period through the thirty-first day of
20 March two thousand twenty-six; (iv) The statement of registration filed
21 after the due date of a biennial registration for calendar years two
22 thousand five and two thousand six through the thirty-first day of March
23 two thousand twenty-six shall be accompanied by a registration fee that
24 is prorated to one hundred dollars for any such registration filed after
25 January first of the second calendar year covered by the biennial
26 reporting requirement[.]; (v) Beginning with the first statement of
27 registration filed by each lobbyist on or after the first day of April
28 two thousand twenty-six and thereafter, there shall be an annual regis-
29 tration fee of two hundred and fifty dollars for each calendar year in
30 which such registration remains in effect, except that no registration
31 fee shall be required from any lobbyist who in any year does not expend,
32 incur or receive an amount in excess of five thousand dollars of report-
33 able compensation and expenses, as provided in paragraph five of subdi-
34 vision (b) of section one-h of this article, for the purposes of lobby-
35 ing or of a public corporation. An annual registration fee of two
36 hundred fifty dollars shall be required for any subsequent statement of
37 registration filed by a lobbyist during the same biennial period and for
38 each calendar year in which such registration remains in effect; (vi) In
39 addition to the fees authorized by this section, the commission may
40 impose a fee for late filing of a registration statement required by
41 this section not to exceed twenty-five dollars for each day that the
42 statement required to be filed is late, except that if the lobbyist
43 making a late filing has not previously been required by statute to file
44 such a statement, the fee for late filing shall not exceed ten dollars
45 for each day that the statement required to be filed is late.

46 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

47

PART AA

48 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 214-j
49 to read as follows:

50 § 214-j. Critical incident policy. 1. As used in this section, the
51 following terms shall have the following meanings:

52 (a) "Critical incident" shall mean the following actions when
53 performed by a member or experienced by a member in the course of offi-
54 cial duties: (i) an action that directly causes serious physical injury

1 or death to another person or member; (ii) a discharge of a firearm by a
2 member directed at another person; (iii) a traffic accident or incident
3 involving a division vehicle, aircraft, or vessel that results in seri-
4 ous physical injury or death; or (iv) any other incident deemed appro-
5 priate by the superintendent or their designee.

6 (b) "Serious physical injury" shall mean an injury that, based on the
7 facts and circumstances reasonably known at the time of the incident,
8 appears to involve a substantial risk of death or an obvious and severe
9 impairment of a major bodily function, such that a reasonable person
10 would conclude the injury is life-threatening or significantly life-al-
11 tering, without regard to later medical findings, prognosis, or outcome.
12 The determination of a "serious physical injury" shall be made by the
13 superintendent or their designee based on the observable conditions and
14 available information at the time the supervisor arrives at the scene of
15 the critical incident, and shall not be affected by subsequent medical
16 evaluation or recovery. "Serious physical injury" shall include, but not
17 be limited to, suspected spinal cord injury or paralysis, severe pene-
18 trating head injury, massive blood loss, or loss of limb.

19 (c) "Directly involved" shall mean any member who was physically pres-
20 ent within the immediate proximity of a critical incident at the time it
21 occurred and whose direct exposure to the incident placed the member
22 within the immediate zone of operational engagement, regardless of
23 whether the member discharged a weapon or otherwise used force.

24 (d) "Primary member" means any directly involved member who justifi-
25 ably used deadly physical force during the critical incident, or whose
26 actions during the critical incident appear to be the most immediate and
27 substantial cause of death or serious physical injury to a person.

28 2. The superintendent shall develop, maintain, and disseminate to all
29 members of the division of state police a critical incident paid leave
30 policy that provides for paid critical incident leave in accordance with
31 this section.

32 3. Such critical incident paid leave policy shall guarantee: (a) paid
33 critical incident leave of at least twenty calendar days for any primary
34 member whose official actions were the direct and proximate cause of the
35 death of another person; (b) paid critical incident leave of at least
36 ten calendar days for any other member directly involved in the critical
37 incident; and (c) paid critical incident leave under such other circum-
38 stances the superintendent or their designee determines appropriate.
39 Such leave shall constitute a separate category of leave and shall not
40 count against vacation, sick, or personal leave accruals. Such leave,
41 where appropriate, shall be designated as family and medical leave act
42 and/or count against a member's workers' compensation leave entitlement.

43 4. Critical incident paid leave shall begin as soon as possible after
44 the critical incident, provided that initial supervisory inquiries of
45 the involved members shall occur before leave commences. Critical inci-
46 dent leave may only be delayed to ensure minimum necessary staffing
47 levels or protect community safety. Delays shall only be as long as
48 necessary to address such concerns. Upon agreement of the member and the
49 superintendent or their designee, the member shall be allowed to return
50 to duty prior to the completion of the period of critical incident
51 leave.

52 5. In any case where critical incident paid leave has been made to a
53 member, and it is thereafter determined that a critical incident did not
54 occur or that the member's actions that resulted in the serious physical
55 injury or death of another person were not justified, the superintendent
56 or their designee may order the deduction of equivalent vacation or

1 personal leave days and/or the withholding of future paid leave to such
2 member, provided that the amount of days deducted and/or withheld shall
3 not be more than the critical incident paid leave days that were
4 originally provided.

5 6. The superintendent shall be prohibited from taking any punitive
6 administrative action against any member granted critical incident leave
7 under this section solely on the basis of the provision of such leave
8 unless the leave was provided, at least in part, based upon the member's
9 fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

10 7. The superintendent is authorized to promulgate rules and regu-
11 lations to implement, administer, and enforce the provisions of this
12 section.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
14 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
15 ment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implemen-
16 tation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and
17 completed on or before such effective date.

18

PART BB

19 Section 1. Section 16 of chapter 1 of the laws of 2005 amending the
20 state finance law relating to restricting contacts in the procurement
21 process and the recording of contacts relating thereto, as amended by
22 section 1 of part SS of chapter 55 of the laws of 2021, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 § 16. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
25 sections one, six, eight, nine, ten, eleven and fifteen of this act
26 shall take effect January 1, 2006; and provided, however, the amendments
27 to paragraph f of subdivision 9 of section 163 of the state finance law
28 made by section fifteen of this act shall not affect the repeal of such
29 section and shall be deemed repealed therewith; provided, further, that
30 the amendments to article 1-A of the legislative law, made by this act,
31 shall not affect the repeal of such article pursuant to chapter 2 of the
32 laws of 1999, as amended, and shall be deemed repealed therewith;
33 provided, further, that sections thirteen and fourteen of this act shall
34 take effect January 1, 2006 and shall be deemed repealed July 31, [2026]
35 2028; provided, further, that effective immediately, the advisory coun-
36 cil on procurement lobbying created pursuant to section twelve of this
37 act shall be constituted no later than sixty days following the effec-
38 tive date of this act, provided that effective sixty days following the
39 effective date of this act, the advisory council on procurement lobbying
40 shall be authorized to establish model guidelines and to add, amend
41 and/or repeal any rules or regulations necessary for the implementation
42 of its duties under sections twelve and thirteen of this act, and the
43 advisory council authorized to make and complete such model guidelines
44 on or before the effective date of section thirteen of this act;
45 provided, further, that procurement contracts for which bid solicita-
46 tions have been issued prior to the effective date of this act shall be
47 awarded pursuant to the provisions of law in effect at the time of issu-
48 ance.

49 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

50

PART CC

51 Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 362 of chapter 83 of the laws of
52 1995 amending the state finance law and other laws relating to bonds,



1 notes and revenues, as amended by section 1 of part RR of chapter 55 of
2 the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

3 5. Sections thirty-one through forty-two of this act shall take effect
4 on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law and shall be
5 deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 1995;
6 provided that section 163 of the state finance law, as added by section
7 thirty-three of this act shall remain in full force and effect until
8 June 30, [2026] 2031 at which time it shall expire and be deemed
9 repealed. Contracts executed prior to the expiration of such section 163
10 shall remain in full force and effect until the expiration of any such
11 contract notwithstanding the expiration of certain provisions of this
12 act.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

14 PART DD

15 Intentionally Omitted

16 PART EE

17 Intentionally Omitted

18 PART FF

19 Intentionally Omitted

20 PART GG

21 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 230.21 of the criminal procedure
22 law is REPEALED.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
24 manner as chapter 587 of the laws of 2025, takes effect.

25 PART HH

26 Section 1. Subdivision c of section 3 of chapter 729 of the laws of
27 2023, constituting the New York State community commission on repara-
28 tions remedies, as amended by section 1 of part JJ of chapter 55 of the
29 laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

30 c. Report to the legislature. The commission shall submit a written
31 report of its findings and recommendations to the temporary president of
32 the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leaders of the
33 senate and the assembly and the governor not later than [thirty] fifty-
34 four months after the date of the first meeting of the commission held
35 pursuant to subdivision c of section four of this act.

36 § 2. Sections 6 and 7 of chapter 729 of the laws of 2023, constituting
37 the New York State community commission on reparations remedies, are
38 amended to read as follows:

39 § 6. Members shall not be considered "officers" for the purposes of
40 sections seventy-three and seventy-four of the public officers law. The
41 provisions of section seventeen of the public officers law shall apply
42 to members, officers, and employees of the commission in connection with
43 any civil action or proceeding in any state or federal court arising out

1 of any alleged act or omission which occurred or is alleged in the
2 complaint to have occurred while the member, officer, or employee was
3 acting within the scope of their public employment or duties pursuant to
4 the terms of this title. As used in this section the terms "member",
5 "officer", and "employee" shall include a former member, officer, or
6 employee, and the estate or judicially appointed personal representative
7 of the former member, officer, or employee.

8 § 7. Termination. The commission shall terminate 90 days after the
9 date on which the commission submits its report to the temporary presi-
10 dent of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leaders of
11 the senate and the assembly and the governor as provided in subdivision
12 c of section three of this act.

13 § [7.] 8. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and
14 be deemed repealed 90 days after the New York State community commission
15 to study reparations remedies submits its report to the temporary presi-
16 dent of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leaders of
17 the senate and the assembly and the governor as provided in subdivision
18 c of section three of this act; provided that, the chair of the New York
19 State community commission to study reparations remedies shall notify
20 the legislative bill drafting commission upon the submission of its
21 report as provided in subdivision c of section three of this act in
22 order that the commission may maintain an accurate and timely effective
23 data base of the official text of the laws of the State of New York in
24 furtherance of effecting the provisions of section 44 of the legislative
25 law and section 70-b of the public officers law.

26 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
27 the amendments to chapter 729 of the laws of 2023 made by sections one
28 and two of this act shall not affect the expiration of such chapter and
29 shall expire and be deemed repealed therewith.

30

PART II

31 Section 1. Section 2350 of the insurance law, as added by chapter 136
32 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

33 § 2350. Flexible rating for nonbusiness automobile insurance policies.
34 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, overall aver-
35 age (for all coverages combined) rate level [increases or] decreases of
36 five percent [above or] below the insurer's rates in effect may take
37 effect without prior approval with respect to rates for policies cover-
38 ing losses or liabilities arising out of the ownership of a motor vehi-
39 cle predominantly used for nonbusiness purposes, including classifica-
40 tion plans predominantly consisting of vehicles used for nonbusiness
41 purposes, when a natural person is the named insured under a policy of
42 automobile insurance.

43 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this article, for any
44 policies governed by this section, filings that produce rate level
45 changes within the limitation specified in subsection (a) of this
46 section shall become effective without prior approval pursuant to
47 subsection (a) of section two thousand three hundred five of this arti-
48 cle[, provided however (1) that no more than two rate increases the
49 total of which shall not exceed the limitation specified in subsection
50 (a) of this section may be implemented during any twelve month period;
51 and (2) no rate increase within the limitation specified in subsection
52 (a) of this section may be implemented until the onset of the new policy
53 period and unless the insurer, at least thirty but not more than sixty
54 days in advance of the end of the policy period, mails or delivers to

1 the named insured, at the address shown in the policy, a written notice
2 of its intention to change the rate. The specific reason or reasons for
3 the rate change shall be stated in or shall accompany the notice].

4 (c) The superintendent shall promulgate rules and regulations imple-
5 menting the provisions of this section.

6 (d) The superintendent shall monitor the degree and continued exist-
7 ence of competition and the effectiveness of flexible rating in this
8 state on an on-going basis. In doing so, the superintendent shall
9 utilize the following standards or factors:

10 (1) the standards contained in section two thousand three hundred
11 eight of this article;

12 (2) existing relevant information, analytical systems and other sourc-
13 es, or rely on some combination thereof;

14 (3) the number of insurers or group of affiliated insurers actively
15 engaged in providing coverage, taking into account the specialization
16 traditionally required for insurance in the particular rating territory;

17 (4) measures of market concentration and changes of market concen-
18 tration over time, which may include the use of Herfindahl-Hirschman
19 Index (HHI) and the United States Department of Justice merge guidelines
20 for an unconcentrated market ease of entry, and the existence of finan-
21 cial or economical barriers that could prevent new firms from entering
22 the market;

23 (5) the extent to which any insurer or group of affiliated insurers
24 controls all or a dominant portion of the market has actively sought to
25 prevent competition;

26 (6) whether the total number of companies writing the line of insur-
27 ance in this state is sufficient to provide multiple options;

28 (7) the availability of insurance coverage to consumers;

29 (8) the opportunities available to consumers in the market to acquire
30 pricing and other consumer information; and

31 (9) any other factious relevant to inquiry.

32 Such activities may be conducted internally within the department, in
33 cooperation with other state insurance departments, through outside
34 contractors and/or in any other appropriate manner.

35 § 2. Section 2350 of the insurance law is REPEALED.

36 § 3. This act shall take effect six months after it shall have become
37 a law; provided, however, section two of this act shall take effect four
38 years after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addi-
39 tion, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for
40 the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to
41 be made and completed on or before such effective date.

42

PART JJ

43 Section 1. The insurance law is amended by adding a new section 2341
44 to read as follows:

45 § 2341. Prohibition against the use of employment, education, homeown-
46 ership, and zip code for private passenger motor vehicle insurance
47 rates. (a) An insurer shall not use the following factors as the sole
48 basis for initial tier placement, tier movement, or the establishment of
49 rates for motor vehicle insurance subject to section three thousand four
50 hundred twenty-five of this chapter:

51 (1) occupational status or type of occupation;

52 (2) education level attained;

53 (3) homeownership; and

1 (4) the zip code in which the motor vehicle is principally garaged,
2 provided, however, that an insurer may use a group of contiguous zip
3 codes in accordance with section two thousand three hundred seven of
4 this article.

5 (b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit:

6 (1) consideration of occupational status or type of occupation to
7 determine whether a motor vehicle is used for a business or commuting
8 purpose; or

9 (2) consideration of occupation to the extent strictly necessary to
10 offer policies pursuant to a mass merchandising plan; or

11 (3) any actuarially justified discounts approved by the superinten-
12 dent.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
14 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amend-
15 ment, and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the imple-
16 mentation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made
17 and completed on or before such effective date.

18 PART KK

19 Section 1. Section 13 of chapter 141 of the laws of 1994, amending the
20 legislative law and the state finance law relating to the operation and
21 administration of the legislature, as amended by section 1 of part AAA
22 of chapter 55 of the laws of 2025, is amended to read as follows:

23 § 13. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
24 have been in full force and effect as of April 1, 1994, provided that,
25 the provisions of section 5-a of the legislative law as amended by
26 sections two and two-a of this act shall take effect on January 1, 1995,
27 and provided further that, the provisions of article 5-A of the legisla-
28 tive law as added by section eight of this act shall expire June 30,
29 [2026] 2027 when upon such date the provisions of such article shall be
30 deemed repealed; and provided further that section twelve of this act
31 shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April
32 10, 1994.

33 § 2. This act shall not supersede the findings and determinations made
34 by the compensation committee as authorized pursuant to part HHH of
35 chapter 59 of the laws of 2018 unless a court of competent jurisdiction
36 determines that such findings and determinations are invalid or other-
37 wise not applicable or in force.

38 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided, however, if
39 this act shall take effect on or after June 30, 2026, this act shall be
40 deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after June 30, 2026.

41 PART LL

42 Section 1. This act enacts into law components of legislation neces-
43 sary to protect the rights of New Yorkers with respect to civil immi-
44 gration enforcement by the federal government. Each component is wholly
45 contained within a Subpart identified as Subparts A through H. The
46 effective date for each particular provision contained within such
47 Subpart is set forth in the last section of such Subpart. Any provision
48 in any section contained within a Subpart, including the effective date
49 of the Subpart, which makes a reference to a section "of this act", when
50 used in connection with that particular component, shall be deemed to
51 mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Subpart in which it

1 is found. Section three of this act sets forth the general effective
2 date of this act.

3

SUBPART A

4 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Local
5 Cops, Local Crimes Act".

6 § 2. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 170-k to
7 read as follows:

8 § 170-k. Local cops, local crimes act. 1. For purposes of this
9 section, the following definitions shall apply:

10 (a) "Law enforcement agency" means the New York state police and any
11 law enforcement agency or department of any municipality, any police
12 district, or any agency, department, commission, authority or public
13 benefit corporation of the state of New York employing a police officer
14 as that term is defined in subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of
15 the criminal procedure law or peace officer as that term is defined in
16 section 2.10 of the criminal procedure law, except for the port authori-
17 ty of New York and New Jersey.

18 (b) "Local government" means any municipal corporation and governing
19 board in the state of New York.

20 (c) "Municipal corporation" has the same meaning as such term is
21 defined in section two of the general municipal law.

22 (d) "Governing board" has the same meaning as such term is defined in
23 section two of the general municipal law.

24 (e) "Correctional facility" has the same meaning as such term is
25 defined in subdivision four of section two of the correction law.

26 (f) "Local correctional facility" has the same meaning as such term is
27 defined in subdivision sixteen of section two of the correction law.

28 (g) "Immigration detention facility" means any building, facility, or
29 structure used, in whole or in part, to house or detain individuals for
30 any violation of a civil provision of the federal Immigration and
31 Nationality Act relating to an individual's immigration status.

32 (h) "Juvenile detention facility" means a specialized secure, secure,
33 or nonsecure detention facility certified by the office of children and
34 family services pursuant to section five hundred three of this chapter.

35 (i) "Facility for youth placed with or committed to the office of
36 children and family services" means a facility operated pursuant to
37 section five hundred four of this chapter.

38 (j) "Immigration authority" has the same meaning as such term is
39 defined in section three hundred nineteen of this chapter.

40 (k) "Immigration enforcement" has the same meaning as such term is
41 defined in section three hundred nineteen of this chapter.

42 (l) "Immigration law" means any civil provision of the federal Immi-
43 gration and Nationality Act and any provision of law that penalizes a
44 person's presence in, entry into, or reentry into the United States.

45 2. (a) No local government, law enforcement agency, correctional
46 facility, local correctional facility, juvenile detention facility, or
47 facility for youth placed with or committed to the office of children
48 and family services, or agent thereof may, enter into, modify, renew,
49 remain in, or extend:

50 (i) any agreement pursuant to section 287(g) of the Immigration and
51 Nationality Act codified at 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g), including, but not
52 limited to, any formal or informal agreement under which an officer or
53 employee may engage in or assist immigration enforcement, or otherwise
54 may perform a function of an immigration officer; or

1 (ii) any contract, intergovernmental service agreement, or any other
2 formal or informal agreement to house or detain individuals for federal
3 civil immigration violations, including, but not limited to, agreements
4 entered into pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1103(a) or § 1231(g).

5 (b) Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to preclude
6 contracts or agreements by:

7 (i) any hospital or other health care facility as defined by section
8 twenty-eight hundred one of the public health law, including any health
9 care facility operated by a public benefit corporation pursuant to title
10 two of article ten-C of the public authorities law, or any mental health
11 facility or hospital as defined by section 1.03 of the mental hygiene
12 law to provide health care services;

13 (ii) any authorized agency as defined by subdivision ten of section
14 three hundred seventy-one of the social services law, to provide care or
15 placement to children in the custody of the United States Office of
16 Refugee Resettlement; or

17 (iii) any federal law enforcement agency for the provision of
18 detention space for individuals subject to pending federal criminal
19 charges; provided, however, that no such agreement may provide for
20 detention space to house or detain individuals solely for federal civil
21 immigration violations.

22 3. No local government, law enforcement agency, correctional facility,
23 local correctional facility, juvenile detention facility, or facility
24 for youth placed with or committed to the office of children and family
25 services or agent thereof shall:

26 (a) pay, reimburse, subsidize, give any financial incentive or benefit
27 or defray in any way costs related to the sale, purchase, construction,
28 development, ownership, management, or operation of an immigration
29 detention facility that is or will be owned, managed, or operated, in
30 whole or in part by a private entity; or

31 (b) otherwise give any financial incentive or benefit in connection
32 with the sale, purchase, construction, development, ownership, manage-
33 ment, or operation of an immigration detention facility.

34 4. Notwithstanding any provision of state or local law to the contra-
35 ry relating to the time in which a decision shall be rendered on an
36 application for or an appeal relating to a permit, certificate, or vari-
37 ance, no local government shall approve a zoning variance or issue a
38 permit or certificate for the construction or the reuse of existing
39 buildings or structures by any private entity for use as an immigration
40 detention facility unless the local government, at a minimum, and in
41 addition to any other requirements:

42 (a) provides notice to the public of the proposed zoning variance,
43 permit, or certificate action at least one hundred eighty days before
44 authorizing the variance or issuing the permit or certificate; and

45 (b) solicits and hears public comments on the proposed zoning vari-
46 ance, permit, or certificate action in at least two separate meetings
47 open to the public.

48 5. Nothing in subdivisions three and four of this section shall
49 restrict any local government from adopting or applying additional
50 zoning variance, permitting, or certificate requirements, or extending
51 the length of the one hundred eighty day notice requirement, or increas-
52 ing the number of meetings open to the public to discuss the zoning
53 variance, permit, certificate, or reuse of existing buildings or struc-
54 tures, notwithstanding any provision of state or local law to the
55 contrary relating to the time in which a decision shall be rendered on

1 an application for or an appeal relating to a permit, certificate, or
2 variance.

3 6. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a local
4 government, law enforcement agency, correctional facility, or local
5 correctional facility from complying with any state or federal court
6 order or judicial warrant, or any other action as required by law.

7 7. (a) Any agreement described in subdivision two of this section
8 shall be deemed not consistent with state law and any such agreement
9 existing upon the effective date of this section shall be void and unen-
10 forceable, and any law enforcement agency, correctional facility, local
11 correctional facility, juvenile detention facility, or facility for
12 youth placed with or committed to the office of children and family
13 services, or agent thereof shall exercise any applicable termination
14 provision contained in such agreement.

15 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subdivision, any law
16 enforcement agency, correctional facility, local correctional facility,
17 juvenile detention facility, or facility for youth placed with or
18 committed to the office of children and family services, or agent there-
19 of shall exercise any applicable termination provision contained in any
20 agreement described in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision
21 two of this section within three months after the effective date of this
22 section, after which time any such agreement shall be deemed not
23 consistent with state law, void, and unenforceable.

24 8. The provisions of this section shall apply notwithstanding any
25 other provisions of state or local law, charter, code, ordinance, resol-
26 ution, rule, or regulation to the contrary. Provided, however, that
27 nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent or restrict
28 the state government from adopting, enacting, or enforcing state poli-
29 cies or a local government from adopting, enacting, or enforcing local
30 policies, laws, resolutions, ordinances, or regulations which comply
31 with at least the applicable standards or requirements of this section,
32 or which exceed the provisions of this section, or which further
33 restrict the ability of state government or local government personnel
34 to participate in immigration enforcement beyond the requirements set
35 forth in the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-six that added
36 this section.

37 § 3. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part
38 of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to
39 be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the
40 remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause,
41 sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part thereof directly
42 involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been
43 rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature that
44 this act would have been enacted even if such invalid provisions had not
45 been included herein.

46 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
47 subdivision 7 of section 170-k of the executive law, as added by section
48 two of this act, shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
49 have become a law.

50 SUBPART B

51 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
52 the "New York state Bivens act".

53 § 2. Legislative intent. 1. The people of the state of New York must
54 be guaranteed meaningful remedies, including, but not limited to, those

1 provided through the courts, when their constitutional rights are
2 violated by government officials. Federal civil rights law, 42 U.S.C. §
3 1983, provides a private right of action to recover damages and seek
4 injunctive relief against state and/or local officials when they violate
5 an individual's constitutional rights while acting under color of law.
6 The Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), as amended by the Westfall Act,
7 provides the exclusive avenue for many common law damages actions
8 against federal officers acting within the scope of their employment.

9 2. a. The Westfall Act explicitly carves out from the FTCA's exclusive
10 purview "a civil action against an employee of the government which is
11 brought for a violation of the constitution of the United States." 28
12 U.S.C. § 2679(b)(2)(a). The plain text of this provision contains no
13 limitation on the scope of constitutional violations carved out from the
14 FTCA's exclusive purview, recognizing the well-established principle
15 that government agents act outside of the scope of their offices when
16 they violate the federal constitution.

17 b. Accordingly, the legislature finds it necessary to provide a state
18 avenue to bring a civil action for damages against any government offi-
19 cial, who, acting under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regu-
20 lation, custom, or usage, deprives a person of rights secured by the
21 United States Constitution. The legislature intends for this statute to
22 fall squarely within the provision of the Westfall Act that carves out
23 FTCA claims against federal officials for violations of constitutional
24 rights.

25 c. This article does not, nor is intended to, usurp federal authority,
26 nor does it discriminate against federal officials. This statute under-
27 scores the supremacy of the federal constitution by ensuring that its
28 guarantees remain enforceable for all New Yorkers against all persons
29 acting under color of any law. From the founding era through the nine-
30 teenth century, courts regularly adjudicated state lawsuits against
31 federal officers who exceeded lawful authority. Nothing in the constitu-
32 tion, federal statutes, or United States Supreme Court precedent fore-
33 closes such actions today. The legislature thus finds that New York
34 state may properly act to safeguard its residents' constitutional
35 rights.

36 3. The intent of this statute is to restore a meaningful avenue of
37 accountability consistent with federal supremacy, sovereignty, and the
38 longstanding principle that rights must be paired with remedies.

39 § 3. The civil rights law is amended by adding a new article 8-A to
40 read as follows:

41 ARTICLE 8-A

42 NEW YORK STATE BIVENS ACT

43 Section 85. Action for deprivation of constitutional rights by govern-
44 ment officials acting under color of law.

45 86. Severability.

46 § 85. Action for deprivation of constitutional rights by government
47 officials acting under color of law. 1. Liability. Any person who, under
48 color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage of
49 the United States and of any state or territory or the District of
50 Columbia, subjects, or causes to be subjected, any citizen of the United
51 States or other person within the jurisdiction thereof to the depri-
52 vation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the constitu-
53 tion of the United States, shall be liable to the party injured in an
54 action at law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress,
55 except that in any action brought against a judicial officer for an act
56 or omission taken in such officer's judicial capacity, injunctive relief



1 shall not be granted unless a declaratory decree was violated or declar-
2 atory relief was unavailable.

3 2. Remedies. In any action brought under this section, the court may
4 award:

5 a. Compensatory damages, including damages for emotional distress,
6 pain and suffering, and other non-economic damages;

7 b. Punitive damages where the violation is found to be malicious,
8 wanton, willful, or in reckless disregard of the plaintiff's rights;

9 c. Injunctive and declaratory relief;

10 d. Nominal damages; and

11 e. Reasonable attorneys' fees and costs to a prevailing plaintiff,
12 except that in any action brought against a judicial officer for an act
13 or omission taken in such officer's judicial capacity such officer shall
14 not be held liable for any costs, including attorneys' fees, unless such
15 action was clearly in excess of such officer's jurisdiction.

16 3. This section shall apply retroactively to January first, two thou-
17 sand twenty-five, provided that for any claim for a violation of the
18 United States Constitution that occurred between January first, two
19 thousand twenty-five, and the effective date of this section, the only
20 monetary damages that shall be available pursuant to this section for
21 such constitutional violation are nominal and compensatory damages.

22 § 86. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or
23 part of this article shall be adjudged by any court of competent juris-
24 isdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or inval-
25 idate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to
26 the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part thereof
27 directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have
28 been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature
29 that this article would have been enacted even if such invalid
30 provisions had not been included herein.

31 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

32 SUBPART C

33 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new article 15-AA
34 to read as follows:

35 ARTICLE 15-AA

36 RESTRICTIONS ON IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT BY STATE EMPLOYEES

37 Section 319. Definitions.

38 319-a. Restrictions on immigration enforcement by state employ-
39 ees.

40 § 319. Definitions. For the purposes of this article, the following
41 terms shall have the following meanings:

42 1. "State entity" means any agency under the executive authority of
43 the governor; any agency for which the governor appoints the commission-
44 er or highest ranking employee; any public benefit corporation, public
45 authority, board, or commission for which the governor appoints the
46 chief executive or a majority of the board members, except for the port
47 authority of New York and New Jersey; any division, department, or
48 office regulated under this chapter; the state education department; any
49 college, university, or postsecondary educational institution within the
50 state university of New York, city university of New York, and its
51 affiliate senior and community colleges; all offices defined in article
52 one of the public officers law; the department of civil service or any
53 of its civil divisions as defined in article one of the civil service



1 law; and any contractor or subcontractor while performing services on
2 behalf of the state.

3 2. "State employee" means any individual employed by any agency under
4 the executive authority of the governor; any agency for which the gover-
5 nor appoints the commissioner or highest ranking employee; any public
6 benefit corporation, public authority, board, or commission for which
7 the governor appoints the chief executive or a majority of the board
8 members, except for the port authority of New York and New Jersey; any
9 division, department, or office regulated under this chapter; the state
10 education department; any college, university, or postsecondary educa-
11 tional institution within the state university of New York, city
12 university of New York, and its affiliate senior and community colleges;
13 all offices defined in article one of the public officers law; the
14 department of civil service or any of its civil divisions as defined in
15 article one of the civil service law; or any contractor or subcontractor
16 while performing services on behalf of the state; provided, however,
17 this definition shall not include:

18 (a) any individual employed as a police officer as that term is
19 defined in subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal
20 procedure law;

21 (b) any individual employed as a peace officer as that term is defined
22 in section 2.10 of the criminal procedure law; or

23 (c) any civilian employee of a state law enforcement agency.

24 3. "Immigration authority" means an agency that primarily enforces
25 immigration law including, but not limited to, United States Immigration
26 and Customs Enforcement or United States Customs and Border Protection,
27 and any successor agencies having similar duties; or a federal agency
28 making a request or taking an enforcement action pursuant to the civil
29 enforcement provisions of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act.

30 4. "Immigration enforcement" means the enforcement of any civil
31 provision of the federal Immigration and Nationality Act for the purpose
32 of determining a person's lawful presence or status in the United
33 States, or for the purpose of apprehending, detaining, transferring, or
34 removing a person solely for civil immigration purposes because of such
35 person's immigration status.

36 5. "Immigration detainer" means any document, form, or other communi-
37 cation requesting or directing that a state entity or state employee
38 detain or maintain custody of an individual, for any period of time, for
39 pickup by or transfer to immigration authorities.

40 6. "Civil immigration warrant" means any warrant for a violation of
41 civil immigration law that is not issued by a judge appointed pursuant
42 to Article III of the United States Constitution or a federal magistrate
43 judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631.

44 7. "State law enforcement agency" means the New York state police, the
45 department of corrections and community supervision, and the department
46 of law.

47 8. "Civilian employee of a state law enforcement agency" means any
48 person, other than a police officer or peace officer, employed by a
49 state law enforcement agency, whose official duties require such person
50 to collect, analyze, share, or present evidence and/or intelligence, or
51 to supervise such activities or persons.

52 § 319-a. Restrictions on immigration enforcement by state employees.

53 1. No state employee shall use state resources, including, but not
54 limited to, time spent while on duty or any property or facilities owned
55 or operated by or under the control of the state entity, for immigration
56 enforcement purposes.

1 2. No state employee shall disclose to an immigration authority or any
2 employee thereof an individual's personally identifiable information,
3 including, but not limited to, a person's name, social security number,
4 physical description, any associated addresses, telephone number, finan-
5 cial information, medical information, or place of employment or educa-
6 tion except as provided in subdivision nine of this section.

7 3. No state employee shall question, investigate, or interrogate an
8 individual solely on the basis of an immigration detainer, a civil immi-
9 gration warrant, or for the sole purpose of immigration enforcement.

10 4. No state employee shall inquire about a person's citizenship, immi-
11 gration status, nationality, or country of origin, except as provided in
12 subdivision nine of this section or as necessary to administer a public
13 program or benefit sought by such person; or when registering an indi-
14 vidual to vote and other election related matters.

15 5. No state employee shall collect information about a person's citi-
16 zenship, immigration status, nationality, or country of origin, except
17 as provided in subdivision nine of this section or as necessary to
18 administer a public program or benefit sought by such person; or when
19 registering an individual to vote and other election related matters.

20 6. (a) (i) No state employee shall grant permission to access or
21 facilitate access to non-public areas of property or facilities owned or
22 operated by or under the control of the state entity to an immigration
23 authority or any employee thereof engaging in immigration enforcement
24 except as provided in subdivision nine of this section.

25 (ii) Provided, however, that no state entity or state government
26 employee shall grant permission to access or facilitate access to a
27 polling location to an immigration authority or any employee thereof
28 engaging in immigration enforcement where doing so would violate 18 §§
29 U.S.C. 592, 595, 52 U.S.C. § 10307(b), the Fourteenth Amendment of the
30 United States Constitution, or the Fifteenth Amendment of the United
31 States Constitution, except as provided in subdivision nine of this
32 section.

33 (b) Each state entity shall implement policies and/or procedures for
34 all relevant employees in the event that a judicial warrant or court
35 order is presented for access to non-public areas, including the proto-
36 col to verify the sufficiency of any judicial warrant or court order to
37 ensure such judicial warrant or court order complies with the provisions
38 of this section prior to permitting access to any non-public areas. Such
39 policies and/or procedures shall include a designated contact for such
40 inquiries. Nothing in this paragraph shall abrogate or otherwise change
41 any legal privileges, including, but not limited to, the attorney client
42 privilege, that may apply to such inquires.

43 7. No state employee shall use an immigration authority or any employ-
44 ee thereof as an interpreter or translator for law enforcement matters
45 relating to individuals that such entities or employees interact with as
46 part of their employment duties.

47 8. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit
48 or restrict state entities or state employees from sending to or receiv-
49 ing from the United States department of homeland security or any other
50 federal, state, or local governmental entity information regarding the
51 citizenship or immigration status of an individual pursuant to 8 U.S.C.
52 § 1373.

53 9. The provisions of this article shall not prohibit state employees
54 from complying with court orders issued by a judge appointed pursuant to
55 Article III of the United States Constitution or a federal magistrate
56 judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631, or judicial warrants issued

1 by a judge appointed pursuant to Article III of the United States
2 Constitution or federal magistrate judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
3 § 631, or complying with requirements under existing law.

4 10. The provisions of this article shall apply notwithstanding any
5 other provisions of state or local law and shall not be construed to in
6 any way to expand the authority of state employees to participate in
7 immigration enforcement.

8 11. Nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent state enti-
9 ties from adopting policies which exceed the provisions of this article
10 or further restrict state entities or state employees from participation
11 in immigration enforcement beyond the requirements set forth in this
12 article.

13 12. For any databases operated by a state entity, including databases
14 maintained for a state entity by private vendors, the attorney general
15 shall, by the first of January following the effective date of this
16 article, in consultation with appropriate stakeholders, publish guidance
17 and training recommendations aimed at ensuring that such databases are
18 governed in a manner that limits the availability of information
19 contained therein, to the fullest extent practicable and consistent with
20 federal and state law including, but not limited to, 8 U.S.C. § 1373, to
21 anyone or any entity for the purpose of immigration enforcement. All
22 state entities may adopt necessary changes to database governance poli-
23 cies consistent with such guidance.

24 13. The office of employee relations shall develop training covering
25 the requirements of this article no later than one hundred twenty days
26 after its effective date and shall ensure that such training is made
27 available to state entities as defined in section three hundred nineteen
28 of this article so that state employees shall receive training relevant
29 to their required role in implementing this article. Such training shall
30 be conducted during the employee's regular working hours and employees
31 shall receive compensation at their regular rate of pay for any time
32 spent participating in such training. Subsequent training for required
33 employees shall be provided within sixty days of hire, and annually
34 thereafter.

35 § 2. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new article 19-D
36 to read as follows:

37 ARTICLE 19-D

38 DUTIES OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES PERTAINING
39 TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

40 Section 996. Definitions.

41 996-a. Restriction on use of municipal government resources
42 for immigration enforcement.

43 § 996. Definitions. For purposes of this article, the following terms
44 shall have the following meanings:

45 1. "Immigration authority" has the same meaning as such term is
46 defined in section three hundred nineteen of the executive law.

47 2. "Immigration enforcement" has the same meaning as such term is
48 defined in section three hundred nineteen of the executive law.

49 3. "Immigration detainer" means any document, form, or other communi-
50 cation requesting or directing that a municipal government or municipal
51 government employee detain or maintain custody of an individual, for
52 any period of time, for pickup by or transfer to immigration authori-
53 ties.

54 4. "Civil immigration warrant" means any warrant for a violation of
55 civil immigration law that is not issued by a judge appointed pursuant

1 to Article III of the United States Constitution or a federal magistrate
2 judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631.

3 5. "Municipal government" means a municipal corporation, or a govern-
4 ing board as defined in section two of this chapter, except that this
5 definition shall not include a local correctional facility as that term
6 is defined in subdivision sixteen of section two of the correction law.

7 6. "Municipal government employee" means any individual employed by a
8 municipal government; or any contractor or subcontractor while perform-
9 ing services on behalf of a municipal government except that this defi-
10 nition shall not include:

11 (a) any individual employed as a police officer as that term is
12 defined in subdivision thirty-four of section 1.20 of the criminal
13 procedure law;

14 (b) any individual employed as a peace officer as that term is defined
15 in section 2.10 of the criminal procedure law; or

16 (c) any civilian employee of a local law enforcement agency.

17 7. "Local law enforcement agency" means any authorized police depart-
18 ment, probation department, district attorney's office, local correc-
19 tional department, or county sheriff's office.

20 8. "Civilian employee of a local law enforcement agency" means any
21 person, other than a police officer or peace officer, employed by a
22 local law enforcement agency, whose official duties require such person
23 to collect, analyze, share, or present evidence and/or intelligence, or
24 to supervise such activities or persons.

25 § 996-a. Restriction on use of municipal government resources for
26 immigration enforcement. 1. No municipal government employee shall use
27 the resources of such municipal government including, but not limited
28 to, time spent while on duty or any property or facilities owned or
29 operated by or under the control of the municipal government for immi-
30 gration enforcement purposes.

31 2. No municipal government employee shall disclose to an immigration
32 authority or any employee thereof an individual's personally identifi-
33 able information, including, but not limited to, such person's name,
34 social security number, physical description, any associated addresses,
35 telephone number, financial information, medical information, or place
36 of employment or education except as provided in subdivision nine of
37 this section or unless necessary to administer a public program or bene-
38 fit sought by such person; or when registering an individual to vote and
39 other election related matters.

40 3. No municipal government employee shall question, investigate, or
41 interrogate an individual solely on the basis of an immigration detain-
42 er, a civil immigration warrant, or for the sole purpose of immigration
43 enforcement.

44 4. No municipal government employee shall inquire about a person's
45 citizenship, immigration status, nationality, or country of origin,
46 except as provided in subdivision nine of this section; or as necessary
47 to administer a public program or benefit sought by such person or when
48 registering an individual to vote and other election related matters.

49 5. No municipal government employee shall collect information about a
50 person's citizenship, immigration status, nationality, or country of
51 origin, except as provided in subdivision nine of this section; or as
52 necessary to administer a public program or benefit sought by such
53 person.

54 6. (a) (i) No municipal government employee shall grant permission to
55 access or facilitate access to non-public areas of property or facili-
56 ties owned or operated by or under the control of such municipal govern-

1 ment to an immigration authority or any employee thereof engaging in
2 immigration enforcement except as provided in subdivision nine of this
3 section.

4 (ii) Provided, however, that no municipal government or municipal
5 government employee shall grant permission to access or facilitate
6 access to a polling location to an immigration authority or any employee
7 thereof engaging in immigration enforcement where doing so would violate
8 18 §§ U.S.C. 592, 595, 52 U.S.C. § 10307(b), the Fourteenth Amendment of
9 the United States Constitution, or the Fifteenth Amendment of the United
10 States Constitution, except as provided in subdivision nine of this
11 section.

12 (b) Each municipal government shall implement policies and/or proce-
13 dures for all relevant employees in the event that a judicial warrant or
14 court order is presented for access to non-public areas, including the
15 protocol to verify the sufficiency of any judicial warrant or court
16 order to ensure such judicial warrant or court order complies with the
17 provisions of this section for permitting access to any non-public
18 areas. Such policies and/or procedures shall include a designated
19 contact for such inquiries. Nothing in this paragraph shall abrogate or
20 otherwise change any legal privileges, including, but not limited to,
21 the attorney client privilege, that may apply to such inquiries.

22 7. No municipal government employee shall use an immigration authority
23 or any employee thereof as an interpreter or a translator for law
24 enforcement matters relating to individuals that such government or
25 employees interact with as part of their employment duties.

26 8. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit
27 or restrict municipal governments or municipal governments employees
28 from sending to or receiving from the United States department of home-
29 land security or any other federal, state, or local governmental entity
30 information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of an indi-
31 vidual pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373.

32 9. The provisions of this article shall not prohibit municipal govern-
33 ments or municipal government employees from complying with court orders
34 issued by a judge appointed pursuant to Article III of the United States
35 Constitution or a federal magistrate judge appointed pursuant to 28
36 U.S.C. § 631, or judicial warrants issued by a judge appointed pursuant
37 to Article III of the United States Constitution or federal magistrate
38 judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631, or as otherwise required by
39 law.

40 10. The provisions of this article shall apply notwithstanding any
41 other provisions of state or local law, charter, code, ordinance, resol-
42 ution, rule, or regulation to the contrary and shall not be construed to
43 in any way expand the authority of municipal government employees to
44 participate in immigration enforcement. Provided, however, that nothing
45 in this article shall be construed to prevent or restrict a municipal
46 government from adopting, enacting, or enforcing local policies, laws,
47 resolutions, ordinances, or regulations which comply with at least the
48 applicable standards or requirements of this article, or which exceed
49 the provisions of this article, or which further restrict municipal
50 governments or municipal government employees from participation in
51 immigration enforcement beyond the requirements set forth in the chapter
52 of the laws of two thousand twenty-six that added this article.

53 11. For any databases operated by a municipal government including
54 databases maintained for a municipal government by private vendors, the
55 attorney general shall, by the first of January next succeeding the
56 effective date of this section, in consultation with appropriate stake-

1 holders, publish guidance and training recommendations aimed at ensuring
2 that such databases are governed in a manner that limits the availabili-
3 ty of information contained therein, to the fullest extent practicable
4 and consistent with federal and state law including, but not limited to,
5 8 U.S.C. § 1373, to anyone or any entity for the purpose of immigration
6 enforcement. All municipal governments may adopt necessary changes to
7 database governance policies consistent with such guidance.

8 § 3. Section 8 of the executive law is REPEALED.

9 § 4. Paragraphs g and h of subdivision 3 of section 34 of the munici-
10 pal home rule law, paragraph g as amended and paragraph h as added by
11 chapter 741 of the laws of 2023, are amended and a new paragraph i is
12 added to read as follows:

13 g. In this chapter or in the civil service law, eminent domain proce-
14 dure law, environmental conservation law, election law, executive law,
15 judiciary law, labor law, local finance law, multiple dwelling law,
16 multiple residence law, public authorities law, public housing law,
17 public service law, railroad law, retirement and social security law,
18 state finance law, volunteer firefighters' benefit law, volunteer ambu-
19 lance workers' benefit law, or workers' compensation law; [and]

20 h. Insofar as it relates to requirements for counties, other than
21 counties in the city of New York, to hold elections in even-numbered
22 years for any position of a county elected official, other than the
23 office of sheriff, county clerk, district attorney, family court judge,
24 county court judge, surrogate court judge, or any county offices with a
25 three-year term prior to January first, two thousand twenty-five[.]; and

26 i. Insofar as it conflicts with, or fails to meet or exceed any
27 provisions, requirements, or prohibitions pertaining to immigration
28 enforcement as set forth in subparts A through H of the chapter of the
29 laws of two thousand twenty-six that added this paragraph.

30 § 5. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision,
31 section, or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent
32 jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or
33 invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation
34 to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part there-
35 of directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall
36 have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legis-
37 lature that this act would have been enacted even if such invalid
38 provisions had not been included herein.

39 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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SUBPART D

41 Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3201-b
42 to read as follows:

43 § 3201-b. Denial of a free public education prohibited; additional
44 prohibited practices. 1. For purposes of this section, the following
45 terms shall have the following meanings:

46 (a) "School" includes a school district, public school, charter
47 school, board of cooperative educational services, special act school
48 district as defined in section four thousand one of this chapter, or
49 state-operated school. For the purposes of subdivisions three through
50 eleven of this section, school also includes universal pre-kindergarten
51 programs authorized under this chapter that are operated by schools on
52 school property.

53 (b) "School property" means: in or within any building, structure,
54 athletic playing field, playground, parking lot, or land contained with-



1 in the real property boundary line of a school; or in or on a school
2 bus, as defined in section one hundred forty-two of the vehicle and
3 traffic law.

4 (c) "School function" means a school sponsored event or activity,
5 including if such event or activity occurs outside of school property.

6 (d) "Immigration authority" has the same meaning as such term is
7 defined in section three hundred nineteen of the executive law.

8 (e) "Immigration enforcement" has the same meaning as such term is
9 defined in section three hundred nineteen of the executive law.

10 (f) "Child" means a person entitled to attend the public schools of
11 this state under section three thousand two hundred two of this part.

12 (g) "School personnel" means any employee, agent, officer, or school
13 resource officer of a school or any volunteer or employee of any firm,
14 corporation, institution, or governmental agency who works on school
15 property.

16 (h) "School resource officer" means a school resource officer, school
17 safety officer, school security official, or any other substantially
18 similar position or office whose purpose is to provide improved public
19 safety and/or security on school property.

20 (i) "Immigration detainer" means any document, form, or other communi-
21 cation requesting or directing that a school or school personnel detain
22 or maintain custody of an individual, for any period of time, for pickup
23 by or transfer to immigration authorities.

24 (j) "Civil immigration warrant" means any warrant for a violation of
25 civil immigration law that is not issued by a judge appointed pursuant
26 to Article III of the United States Constitution or a federal magistrate
27 judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631.

28 (k) "Municipal government" means a municipal corporation or a govern-
29 ing board as defined in section two of the general municipal law.

30 2. (a) No child shall be denied a free public education. Notwith-
31 standing any general, special or local law, rule or regulation of the
32 education department to the contrary, no child shall be refused admis-
33 sion into, be deterred from participation in, have their admission
34 delayed to, or be excluded from any school in the state of New York on
35 account of such child's perceived or actual citizenship or immigration
36 status or the perceived or actual citizenship or immigration status of a
37 person in a parental relationship to such child.

38 (b) No school or school personnel shall undertake any action or use
39 any policies that have the intent or effect of deterring a student from
40 participation in or denying a student the benefits of any program or
41 activity on account of such student's perceived or actual citizenship or
42 immigration status or the perceived or actual citizenship or immigration
43 status of a person in a parental relationship to such student.

44 (c) No school or school personnel shall use policies or procedures or
45 engage in practices that have the intent or effect of excluding partic-
46 ipation of a person in a parental relationship to a student from
47 parental engagement activities or programs on account of their perceived
48 or actual citizenship or immigration status.

49 3. No school or school personnel shall:

50 (a) use school resources, including, but not limited to, time spent
51 while on duty on school property or at a school function for immigration
52 enforcement purposes;

53 (b) disclose any information, including actual records, about the
54 actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status of a student or a
55 person in a parental relationship to such student to any other person or
56 entity, including an immigration authority or any employee thereof,

1 except to comply with a court order issued by a judge appointed pursuant
2 to Article III of the United States Constitution or a federal magistrate
3 judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631, or a judicial warrant
4 issued by a judge appointed pursuant to Article III of the United States
5 Constitution or federal magistrate judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
6 § 631;

7 (c) threaten to disclose any information, including actual records,
8 about the actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status of a
9 student or a person associated with such student to any other person or
10 entity, including an immigration authority or any employee thereof;

11 (d) disclose to an immigration authority or any employee thereof the
12 personally identifiable information of a student or a person in a
13 parental relationship to such student, including, but not limited to,
14 name, social security number, physical description, associated
15 addresses, telephone number, financial information, medical information,
16 or place of employment or education except to comply with a court order
17 issued by a judge appointed pursuant to Article III of the United States
18 Constitution or a federal magistrate judge appointed pursuant to 28
19 U.S.C. § 631, or a judicial warrant issued by a judge appointed pursuant
20 to Article III of the United States Constitution or federal magistrate
21 judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631 or unless otherwise required
22 by law;

23 (e) inquire about a student or a person in a parental relationship to
24 such student about such person's citizenship, immigration status,
25 nationality, or country of origin, except to comply with a court order
26 issued by a judge appointed pursuant to Article III of the United States
27 Constitution or a federal magistrate judge appointed pursuant to 28
28 U.S.C. § 631, or a judicial warrant issued by a judge appointed pursuant
29 to Article III of the United States Constitution or federal magistrate
30 judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631; or as necessary to adminis-
31 ter a public program or benefit sought by such person; or when register-
32 ing an individual to vote and other election related matters; or as
33 otherwise required by law;

34 (f) collect information from a student or a person in a parental
35 relationship to such student about such student's or person's citizen-
36 ship, immigration status, nationality, or national origin except to
37 comply with a court order issued by a judge appointed pursuant to Arti-
38 cle III of the United States Constitution or a federal magistrate judge
39 appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631, or a judicial warrant issued by a
40 judge appointed pursuant to Article III of the United States Constitu-
41 tion or federal magistrate judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631;
42 or as necessary to administer a public program or benefit sought by such
43 person; or when registering an individual to vote and other election
44 related matters; or as otherwise required by law;

45 (g) designate immigration status, citizenship, nationality, or
46 national origin as directory information; or

47 (h) employ registration and enrollment requirements or procedures that
48 have the intent or effect of disproportionately delaying or denying the
49 enrollment of non-citizen students.

50 4. (a) No school or school personnel shall grant permission to access
51 or facilitate access to non-public areas of school property or facili-
52 ties owned or operated by or under the control of a school to any immi-
53 gration authority engaging in immigration enforcement unless presented
54 with a judicial warrant signed by a judge appointed pursuant to Article
55 III of the United States Constitution or federal magistrate judge
56 appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631, authorizing a search or seeking

1 the arrest of an individual present at the time the judicial warrant is
2 presented, or as otherwise required by law.

3 (b) Civil immigration warrants, immigration detainers, notices to
4 appear, or other non-judicial documents shall not constitute sufficient
5 authority to authorize an immigration authority or any employee thereof
6 to access non-public areas of school property or facilities owned or
7 operated by or under the control of a school for the purpose of engaging
8 in immigration enforcement.

9 5. (a) No school or school personnel shall grant permission for or
10 facilitate the release, transfer, surrender, escort of, or otherwise
11 deliver, a student into the custody of an immigration authority or any
12 employee thereof solely on the basis that a person in a parental
13 relationship to such student has been arrested, detained, or taken into
14 federal custody, unless there is a judicial warrant or court order,
15 issued by a federal or state court of competent jurisdiction, specif-
16 ically authorizing the removal, detention, or assumption of custody of
17 the student by an immigration authority or any employee thereof.

18 (b) Civil immigration warrants, immigration detainers, notices to
19 appear, or other non-judicial documents shall not constitute sufficient
20 authority to release, transfer, surrender, escort, or otherwise deliver
21 a student into the custody of an immigration authority or any employee
22 thereof.

23 (c) (i) No school or school personnel shall assist immigration author-
24 ities in locating, questioning, or detaining a student unless presented
25 with court orders issued by a judge appointed pursuant to Article III of
26 the United States Constitution or a federal magistrate judge appointed
27 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631, or judicial warrants issued by a judge
28 appointed pursuant to Article III of the United States Constitution or
29 federal magistrate judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631, or to
30 comply with requirements under existing law.

31 (ii) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit, restrict, or
32 impair the authority of state or local law enforcement to apprehend,
33 detain, or take into custody any individual, including a minor, pursuant
34 to a judicial warrant, court order, or lawful criminal investigation
35 conducted in accordance with applicable New York state criminal law and
36 procedure.

37 6. No school personnel shall use an immigration authority or any
38 employee thereof as interpreters or translators for law enforcement
39 matters relating to individuals that schools or such school personnel
40 interact with as part of their employment duties.

41 7. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit
42 or restrict a school or school personnel from sending to or receiving
43 from the United States department of homeland security or any other
44 federal, state, or local governmental entity information regarding the
45 citizenship or immigration status of an individual under 8 U.S.C. § 1373
46 and 8 U.S.C. § 1644.

47 8. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit school or school
48 personnel from complying with court orders or judicial warrants issued
49 by a judge appointed pursuant to Article III of the United States
50 Constitution or federal magistrate judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
51 § 631.

52 9. The provisions of this section shall apply notwithstanding any
53 other provisions of state or local law, charter, code, ordinance, resol-
54 ution, rule, or regulation to the contrary and shall not be construed to
55 in any way expand the authority of schools or school personnel to
56 participate in immigration enforcement. Provided, however, that nothing

1 in this article shall be construed to prevent or restrict a municipal
2 government or school from adopting, enacting, or enforcing local poli-
3 cies, laws, resolutions, ordinances, or regulations which comply with at
4 least the applicable standards or requirements of this section, or which
5 exceed the provisions of this section, or which further restrict the
6 ability of schools or school personnel to participate in immigration
7 enforcement beyond the requirements set forth in the chapter of the laws
8 of two thousand twenty-six that added this section.

9 10. Within forty-five days of the effective date of this section, the
10 department shall develop and publish on the department's website model
11 procedures that shall comply with the requirements of this section.

12 11. Within sixty days of the date the model procedures are published
13 on the department's website pursuant to subdivision ten of this section,
14 each school shall verify to the commissioner that they have developed
15 and implemented procedures that comply with the department's model
16 procedures and the requirements of this section, which shall include,
17 but not be limited to, procedures for reviewing and authorizing requests
18 from immigration authorities to enter school property or to take custody
19 of a student, including designating an individual who is responsible for
20 reviewing such requests, and procedures for notifying parents and
21 persons in a parental relationship about the rights of and protections
22 for students, parents, and persons in a parental relationship provided
23 by this section. Such procedures shall identify the actions the school
24 will take if the school or school personnel become aware that a person
25 in a parental relationship to a student will be unavailable to retrieve
26 the student from school or a school function because a person in a
27 parental relationship to the student has been detained by immigration
28 authorities or the student is not picked up as scheduled, and such
29 student is in need of an alternate plan for pickup. Such procedures
30 shall include, at a minimum, that the school shall not contact the
31 statewide central register for child abuse and maltreatment unless the
32 school has made reasonable efforts to contact all known individuals
33 authorized to retrieve the student and that the school will retain the
34 student on the premises until the student is picked up by an individual
35 authorized by the person in a parental relationship to such student or
36 by law.

37 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
38 sion, section, or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of
39 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
40 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in
41 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section,
42 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-
43 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of
44 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such
45 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

46 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

47 SUBPART E

48 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
49 the "sensitive location protection act".

50 § 2. The civil rights law is amended by adding a new section 29 to
51 read as follows:

52 § 29. Sensitive locations. 1. Definitions. For purposes of this
53 section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

54 (a) "Sensitive location" means a privately owned or operated:

1 (i) location of any program licensed, regulated, certified, funded, or
2 approved by the office of children and family services that provides
3 services to children, youth, or young adults, any legally exempt child-
4 care provider, a childcare program for which a permit to operate such
5 program has been issued by the New York city department of health and
6 mental hygiene pursuant to the health code of the city of New York;

7 (ii) health care facility, including a doctor's office, hospital, or
8 any location providing health or behavioral health services;

9 (iii) house of worship, which means any building or structure that a
10 reasonable person would know that religious adherents collectively
11 recognize as a place to regularly gather for or to hold religious
12 worship activities or provide religious education or instruction, such
13 as a church, synagogue, temple, or mosque;

14 (iv) housing accommodation;

15 (v) non-public school;

16 (vi) private school established under chapter eight hundred fifty-
17 three of the laws of nineteen hundred seventy-six, or state-supported
18 school established in accordance with article eighty-five of the educa-
19 tion law;

20 (vii) not-for-profit or for-profit higher education institution;

21 (viii) nursery school;

22 (ix) summer camp;

23 (x) senior center;

24 (xi) park, playground, athletic field, or recreation center; or

25 (xii) location being utilized as a polling place in connection with
26 the conduct of an election for an elected position in any government.

27 (b) "Deny access" means declining to grant permission to enter and
28 declining to facilitate the entry of an individual to a sensitive
29 location.

30 (c) "Housing accommodation" means any building, structure, or portion
31 thereof which is used or occupied or is intended, arranged, or designed
32 to be used or occupied, as the home, residence, or sleeping place of one
33 or more human beings.

34 (d) "Immigration enforcement" has the same meaning as such term is
35 defined in section three hundred nineteen of the executive law.

36 2. Sensitive locations for immigration enforcement. (a) A sensitive
37 location is empowered to adopt policies and/or procedures, to the maxi-
38 imum extent allowable under law, to deny access to any portion of the
39 sensitive location that is not accessible to the general public to any
40 individual seeking access for the purposes of immigration enforcement.
41 Any such policy or procedure shall not overcome any circumstance in
42 which the individual seeking access for the purposes of immigration
43 enforcement presents a court order issued by a judge appointed pursuant
44 to Article III of the United States Constitution or a federal magistrate
45 judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631, or a judicial warrant
46 issued by a judge appointed pursuant to Article III of the United States
47 Constitution or a federal magistrate judge appointed pursuant to 28
48 U.S.C. § 631 authorizing them to take into custody the person who is the
49 subject of such warrant or judicial order.

50 (b) A sensitive location shall not be liable under state law if it
51 adopts any policy or practice of denying, or chooses to deny, access to
52 any portion of a sensitive location that is not accessible to the gener-
53 al public to any individual seeking access for the purposes of civil
54 immigration enforcement without presenting a court order issued by a
55 judge appointed pursuant to Article III of the United States Constitu-
56 tion or a federal magistrate judge appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §

1 631, or a judicial warrant issued by a judge appointed pursuant to Arti-
2 cle III of the United States Constitution or a federal magistrate judge
3 appointed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 631 authorizing them to take into
4 custody the person who is the subject of such warrant or judicial order.

5 3. Enforcement. The attorney general, the office of immigrant trust in
6 the department of law, an individual, or the owner or operator of the
7 sensitive location, including a local or state governmental entity that
8 operates out of a sensitive location, may apply for an order to the
9 supreme court of the state of New York to obtain appropriate injunctive
10 and declaratory relief with respect to any violation of this section.

11 4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt entities
12 covered by this article from the requirements of article fifteen-AA of
13 the executive law, section thirty-two hundred one-b of the education
14 law, and article nineteen-D of the general municipal law, if otherwise
15 applicable.

16 5. The provisions of this section shall apply notwithstanding any
17 other provisions of state or local law, charter, code, ordinance, resol-
18 ution, rule, or regulation to the contrary. Provided, however, that
19 nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent or restrict the
20 state government from adopting, enacting, or enforcing state policies or
21 a local government from adopting, enacting, or enforcing local policies,
22 laws, resolutions, ordinances, or regulations which comply with at least
23 the applicable standards or requirements of this section, or which
24 exceed the provisions of this section, or which further restrict the
25 ability of state government or local government personnel to partic-
26 ipate in immigration enforcement beyond the requirements set forth in
27 the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-six that added this
28 section.

29 § 3. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision,
30 section, or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent
31 jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or
32 invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation
33 to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part there-
34 of directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall
35 have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legis-
36 lature that this act would have been enacted even if such invalid
37 provisions had not been included herein.

38 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

39 SUBPART F

40 Section 1. Article 10 and sections 100 and 101 of the civil rights
41 law, as renumbered by chapter 263 of the laws of 2019, are renumbered
42 article 15 and sections 150 and 151, and a new article 10 is added to
43 read as follows:

44 ARTICLE 10

45 LAW ENFORCEMENT FACE COVERINGS

46 Section 100. Definitions.

47 101. Face coverings prohibited.

48 102. Identification required.

49 § 100. Definitions. For purposes of this article:

50 1. The term "face covering" means any item that is used to conceal,
51 disguise, or obscure the facial identity, including any opaque mask,
52 garment, helmet, headgear, balaclava, ski mask, neck gaiter, or tactical
53 mask. The term "face covering" shall not include:

54 (a) a transparent face shield;

1 (b) a medical grade surgical mask or N95 respirator worn to prevent
2 the transmission of diseases or illnesses;

3 (c) a mask or apparatus worn to protect against imminent exposure to
4 any toxins, gas, smoke, or other hazardous or harmful environmental
5 condition;

6 (d) a mask, helmet, self-contained breathing apparatus, or other
7 device necessary when worn to perform duties related to a water rescue
8 operation;

9 (e) a motorcycle helmet when worn by an individual using a motorcycle
10 or other vehicle that requires a helmet for safe operations;

11 (f) necessary protective eyewear;

12 (g) ballistic gear worn for the purposes of physical safety;

13 (h) camouflage gear worn for the purposes of blending in to a physical
14 environment;

15 (i) a mask or disguise worn for the purposes of active undercover
16 operations;

17 (j) a garment worn for religious purposes;

18 (k) sunglasses;

19 (l) facial hair; or

20 (m) any other item worn to follow applicable laws on occupational
21 health and safety, reasonable workplace accommodations, or to protect
22 the skin from frostbite during conditions that the law enforcement offi-
23 cer reasonably thinks could cause frostbite.

24 2. The term "law enforcement officer" means:

25 (a) any police officer, as defined in section 1.20 of the criminal
26 procedure law;

27 (b) any peace officer, as defined in section 2.10 of the criminal
28 procedure law; or

29 (c) any federal law enforcement officer, as defined in section 2.15 of
30 the criminal procedure law.

31 § 101. Face coverings prohibited. 1. A law enforcement officer shall
32 not wear any face covering that conceals, disguises, or obscures their
33 facial identity while interacting with the public in the performance of
34 their duties, except as authorized by this article.

35 2. Any person who willfully violates this section shall for a first
36 offense be guilty of a violation and each subsequent offense shall be
37 guilty of a misdemeanor.

38 § 102. Identification required. 1. Any uniformed law enforcement offi-
39 cer while interacting with the public in the performance of their duties
40 shall visibly display:

41 (a) the name of the agency or department employing such officer; and

42 (b) at least one form of identification of the officer, such as the
43 officer's name, badge number, or shield number.

44 2. Law enforcement officers who are not uniformed while interacting
45 with the public in the performance of their duties shall wear at least
46 one visibly identifying agency-issued or department-issued logo, patch,
47 emblem, insignia, or other external identifier clearly identifying such
48 officer as a law enforcement officer within such agency or department
49 acting under color of law.

50 3. The requirements of this section shall not apply to:

51 (a) officers engaged in active undercover operations, covert surveil-
52 lance, other investigative activities where identification would compro-
53 mise such investigation, or protective detail assignments for a desig-
54 nated person or location where visible identification would materially
55 increase a security risk to the officer or the protected individual; or

1 (b) officers using personal protective equipment required for medical
2 or emergency response purposes, where such equipment temporarily
3 prevents visible display of identification.

4 4. For the purposes of this section: (a) "visibly display" means to
5 wear externally on the uniform in a size and location that is reasonably
6 visible to members of the public with whom the officer interacts; and
7 (b) compliance with 10 U.S.C. § 723, in circumstances where that statute
8 applies, satisfies all obligations that this section imposes upon the
9 officer.

10 5. Any person who willfully violates this section shall for a first
11 offense be guilty of a violation and each subsequent offense shall be
12 guilty of a misdemeanor.

13 6. The provisions of this section shall apply notwithstanding any
14 other provisions of state or local law, charter, code, ordinance, resol-
15 ution, rule, or regulation to the contrary. Provided, however, that
16 nothing in this article shall be construed to prevent or restrict the
17 state government from adopting, enacting, or enforcing state policies or
18 a local government from adopting, enacting, or enforcing local policies,
19 laws, resolutions, ordinances, or regulations which comply with at least
20 the applicable standards or requirements of this section, or which
21 exceed the provisions of this section beyond the requirements set forth
22 in the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-six that added this
23 section.

24 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
25 sion, section, or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of
26 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
27 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in
28 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section,
29 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-
30 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of
31 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such
32 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

33 § 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
34 have become a law.

35

SUBPART G

36 Section 1. The executive law is amended by adding a new section 63-e
37 to read as follows:

38 § 63-e. Office of immigrant trust. 1. (a) There is hereby established
39 an immigrant trust office in the department of law. The head of the unit
40 shall be appointed by the attorney general.

41 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule, or regulation to
42 the contrary, the attorney general shall establish, through executive
43 order, processes and procedures for screening such unit head and the
44 entire unit from records, communication, and information related to the
45 civil defense of state officials and employees, and persons involved in
46 the civil defense of state officials and employees from records, commu-
47 nication, and information relating to an investigation or investigations
48 by such unit relating to potential violation of this law. The executive
49 order establishing screens shall be sufficient to satisfy the rules of
50 professional conduct regarding conflicts and to protect the rights of
51 state officials and employees who are the subject of an investigation or
52 civil action under this section by ensuring that the individuals
53 conducting or otherwise involved in such investigation or civil action



1 do not have access to any non-public records or information obtained in
2 the course of the office's civil defense of state employees.

3 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the immigrant trust
4 office shall establish and maintain a process to solicit and receive
5 complaints from the public alleging knowing, intentional, or willful
6 violations of article fifteen-AA of this chapter, section one hundred
7 seventy-k of this chapter, article nineteen-D of the general municipal
8 law, and section thirty-two hundred one-b of the education law, by state
9 and local entities, officers, or employees, or their contractors,
10 including the improper or unlawful use of state or local resources for
11 immigration enforcement and the improper or unlawful sharing of informa-
12 tion by state or local entities, officers, or employees, or their
13 contractors, with federal immigration authorities.

14 3. (a) The immigrant trust office shall have the power to investigate
15 complaints or violations of article fifteen-AA of this chapter, section
16 one hundred seventy-k of this chapter, article nineteen-D of the general
17 municipal law, and section thirty-two hundred one-b of the education
18 law. Such power shall also include the ability to:

19 (i) take proof and issue subpoenas in accordance with the civil prac-
20 tice law and rules;

21 (ii) subpoena and enforce the attendance of witnesses;

22 (iii) administer oaths or affirmations and examine witnesses under
23 oath;

24 (iv) notwithstanding any laws to the contrary, examine and copy or
25 remove documents or records of any kind prepared, maintained, or held by
26 any employer or agency;

27 (v) visit and inspect all local correctional facilities, and speak
28 with people detained therein for the purposes of investigating potential
29 violations and ensuring compliance with this section; and

30 (vi) perform any other functions that are necessary or appropriate to
31 fulfill the duties and responsibilities of office.

32 (b) The attorney general shall have the powers enumerated under para-
33 graph (a) of this subdivision with respect to any entity covered by
34 article fifteen-AA of this chapter, section one hundred seventy-k of
35 this chapter, article nineteen-D of the general municipal law, and
36 section thirty-two hundred one-b of the education law, and its employees
37 and agents as outlined in this section, except:

38 (i) agencies under the executive authority of the governor;

39 (ii) entities that are statutorily entitled to representation by the
40 department of law;

41 (iii) entities whose officers and employees are statutorily entitled
42 to representation by the department of law; and

43 (iv) entities that are subject to the jurisdiction of the New York
44 court of claims.

45 (c) Upon referral by the governor, the attorney general shall have the
46 powers enumerated under paragraph (a) of this subdivision with regard to
47 employees and agents of:

48 (i) agencies under the executive authority of the governor;

49 (ii) entities that are statutorily entitled to representation by the
50 department of law pursuant to section seventeen of the public officers
51 law;

52 (iii) entities whose officers and employees are statutorily entitled
53 to representation by the department of law; and

54 (iv) entities that are subject to the jurisdiction of the New York
55 court of claims.

1 (d) Nothing in this section shall in any way limit rights or remedies
2 which are otherwise available under law to the attorney general or any
3 other person.

4 4. Upon receipt and review of a complaint, deemed credible, of a
5 violation of article fifteen-AA of this chapter, or section one hundred
6 seventy-k of this chapter, or upon its own initiative when the office
7 learns through the regular course of its duties of a suspected violation
8 of article fifteen-AA of this chapter, or section one hundred seventy-k
9 of this chapter, the office shall, where the alleged violation involves
10 a state agency or a state employee, transmit a request for a referral
11 regarding such credible complaint to the governor. The governor shall
12 review such request and make a determination on whether to refer the
13 matter to the office for investigation, and upon such referral back to
14 the office, the office shall investigate the alleged violation and, if
15 warranted, may commence a civil action for appropriate injunctive or
16 declaratory relief, enter into assurances of discontinuance, or seek the
17 imposition of a period of monitoring of the state entity by the office.

18 5. Upon receipt of a complaint deemed credible of a violation of arti-
19 cle nineteen-D of the general municipal law, or section one hundred
20 seventy-k of this chapter, or upon its own initiative when the office
21 learns through the regular course of its duties of a suspected violation
22 of article nineteen-D of the general municipal law, or section one
23 hundred seventy-k of this chapter that involves a county, locality, or
24 municipal corporation entity or employee, the office shall, notwith-
25 standing any other provision of law, investigate the matter and, if
26 warranted, may commence a civil action for appropriate injunctive or
27 declaratory relief, enter into assurances of discontinuance, or seek the
28 imposition of a period of monitoring of the municipal government entity
29 by the office.

30 6. Upon receipt of a complaint deemed credible of a violation of
31 section thirty-two hundred one-b of the education law or upon its own
32 initiative when the office learns through the regular course of its
33 duties of a suspected violation of such section, the office shall,
34 notwithstanding any other provision of law, investigate the matter and,
35 if warranted, may commence a civil action for appropriate injunctive or
36 declaratory relief, enter into assurances of discontinuance, or seek the
37 imposition of a period of monitoring of the school by the office.

38 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
39 sion, section, or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of
40 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
41 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in
42 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section,
43 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-
44 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of
45 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such
46 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

47 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

48 SUBPART H

49 Section 1. Subdivision 13 of section 390 of the social services law,
50 as amended by chapter 160 of the laws of 2003, is amended and a new
51 subdivision 15 is added to read as follows:

52 13. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, this section, except
53 for [paragraph (a-1) of subdivision two-a] subdivision fifteen of this

1 section, shall not apply to child day care centers in the city of New
2 York.

3 15. (a) Each child day care provider, enrolled legally-exempt provid-
4 er, enrolled legally-exempt group provider, and child care program
5 permitted under the New York City health code shall establish written
6 procedures that identify the actions the provider or program shall take
7 if the provider or program becomes aware that the parent or guardian
8 shall be unavailable to retrieve the child at the conclusion of the
9 child care program hours or the child is not picked up as scheduled, and
10 such child is in need of an alternate plan for pickup for any reason,
11 including that the parent or guardian has been detained by federal immi-
12 gration authorities.

13 (b) Such procedures shall be established and implemented no later than
14 ninety days after the effective date of this subdivision, and shall be
15 provided to families upon implementation, admission, and revision.

16 (c) Such procedures shall include, at a minimum, that the provider
17 shall not contact the statewide central register for child abuse and
18 maltreatment unless the provider has made reasonable efforts to contact
19 all known individuals authorized by the parent or guardian to retrieve
20 the child, and that the provider shall retain the child on the premises
21 until such child is picked up by an individual authorized by the parent
22 or guardian or by law.

23 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

24 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
25 sion, section, part, or subpart of this act shall be adjudged by any
26 court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not
27 affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be
28 confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
29 sion, section, part, or subpart thereof directly involved in the contro-
30 versy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby
31 declared to be the intent of the legislature that this act would have
32 been enacted even if such invalid provisions had not been included here-
33 in.

34 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
35 the applicable effective date of Subparts A through H of this act shall
36 be as specifically set forth in the last section of such Subparts.

37

PART MM

38 Section 1. Subdivision 5 of section 912 of the general municipal law,
39 as added by section 1 of part III of chapter 58 of the laws of 2023, is
40 renumbered subdivision 8.

41 § 2. Section 912 of the general municipal law, as amended by section 1
42 of part III of chapter 58 of the laws of 2023 and subdivision 8 as
43 renumbered by section one of this act, is renumbered section 912-b and
44 amended to read as follows:

45 § 912-b. Orange county industrial development agency. 1. For the bene-
46 fit of the county of Orange and the inhabitants thereof, an industrial
47 development agency, to be known as the ORANGE COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOP-
48 MENT AGENCY, is hereby established for the accomplishment of any or all
49 of the purposes specified in title one of this article. It shall consti-
50 tute a body corporate and politic, and be perpetual in duration. It
51 shall have the powers and duties now or hereafter conferred by title one
52 of this article upon industrial development agencies. It shall be organ-
53 ized in a manner prescribed by and be subject to the provisions of title
54 one of this article. Its members shall be appointed by the governing

1 body of the county of Orange. The agency, its members, officers and
2 employees and its operations and activities shall in all respects be
3 governed by the provisions of title one of this article.

4 2. For purposes of this section[,]:

5 (a) "financial assistance" shall mean any financial assistance offered
6 by the Orange county industrial development agency for any project,
7 including but not limited to, a payment in lieu of taxes agreement, an
8 agreement to waive sales tax, or an agreement to waive mortgage record-
9 ing taxes.

10 (b) "monitor" shall mean the independent monitor appointed by the
11 state inspector general under paragraph (a) of subdivision three of this
12 section.

13 (c) "funding corporation" shall mean the Orange County Funding Corpo-
14 ration, a local development corporation established pursuant to section
15 fourteen hundred eleven of the not-for-profit corporation law.

16 3. (a) In accordance with the powers of the office of the state
17 inspector general established by subdivision eight of section fifty-four
18 of the executive law, the state inspector general shall appoint an inde-
19 pendent monitor to carry out the provisions of this section including
20 but not limited to providing guidance and technical assistance related
21 to the policies, practices, programs and decisions of the Orange county
22 industrial development agency and the funding corporation, including but
23 not limited to decisions, actions and policies related to contracts and
24 financial assistance agreements. The state inspector general shall
25 appoint such monitor within ninety days of the effective date of this
26 subdivision or as soon thereafter as is practicable. After such appoint-
27 ment, the inspector general may only remove the monitor for violations
28 of law.

29 (b) The reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the monitor
30 while performing [his or her] their official duties shall be paid by the
31 industrial development agency and the funding corporation, in such
32 proportions as the state inspector general shall verify and determine
33 are attributable to each entity's matters. The state inspector general
34 shall determine and verify: (i) the reasonable and necessary expenses
35 incurred by the monitor in the performance of duties under this section;
36 (ii) any reasonable and necessary expenses and costs, including but not
37 limited to attorneys' fees and litigation costs, incurred by the monitor
38 or the office of the state inspector general in connection with the
39 appointment, retention, administration, oversight, defense, indemnifica-
40 tion, representation, enforcement or continuation of the monitor; and
41 (iii) the proportion of such expenses and costs attributable to the
42 industrial development agency and the funding corporation. The obli-
43 gation to pay pursuant to this paragraph shall apply to all such
44 expenses and costs incurred on and after the date the monitor was first
45 appointed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, whether or not
46 previously invoiced, noticed or demanded. Not later than thirty days
47 after the effective date of the chapter amending the laws of two thou-
48 sand twenty-six that amended this paragraph, each such entity shall pay
49 all unpaid amounts determined and verified by the state inspector gener-
50 al pursuant to this paragraph; provided, however, that if the state
51 inspector general provides written notice of any additional amount due
52 after such date, such amount shall be paid within thirty days after
53 receipt of such notice. For each state fiscal year thereafter, each such
54 entity shall pay any amount determined and verified by the state inspec-
55 tor general pursuant to this paragraph not later than thirty days after
56 receipt of written notice from the state inspector general of the amount



1 due. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, if the
2 industrial development agency or the funding corporation fails to pay
3 any amount required to be paid pursuant to this paragraph by the appli-
4 cable date required by this paragraph, any contract or financial assist-
5 ance entered into or proposed to be entered into on or after such appli-
6 cable date by such industrial development agency or funding corporation
7 shall not be legally binding or effective and may not be reconsidered
8 until the state inspector general certifies in writing that all amounts
9 required to be paid by such agency or corporation pursuant to this
10 paragraph, including all unpaid amounts incurred before the effective
11 date of the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty-six that amended
12 this paragraph, have been paid in full; provided, however, that nothing
13 in this sentence shall affect the validity of any contract or financial
14 assistance entered into before such applicable date. Notice of any
15 suspension of the industrial development agency or funding corporation's
16 ability to enter contracts or provide financial assistance pursuant to
17 this section shall be publicly posted both on the website of the state
18 inspector general, and on the website or websites of the industrial
19 development agency or funding corporation. Any action taken in violation
20 of this paragraph shall be void and shall not be legally binding or
21 effective. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, while acting
22 within the scope of [his or her] their authority, the monitor shall not
23 be subject to any liability resulting from carrying out any of the
24 powers expressly given in this section, and the monitor shall be enti-
25 tled to defense and indemnification by the industrial development agency
26 and the funding corporation.

27 (c) The monitor shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the indus-
28 trial development agency and the funding corporation, including execu-
29 tive sessions; provided however, such monitor shall not be considered
30 for purposes of establishing a quorum of the board, provided further
31 that the monitor may be excused from executive sessions when proposed,
32 pending or current litigation involving the monitor or the office of the
33 state inspector general are being discussed. The industrial development
34 agency shall cooperate with any monitor with access, within forty-eight
35 hours of such request from the monitor, to any necessary documents and
36 records of the industrial development agency including but not limited
37 to databases and planning documents, financial assistance agreements,
38 and contracts consistent with all applicable state and federal statutes.
39 The monitor shall provide a copy of such request for any document or
40 record to the industrial development agency board.

41 (d) The board shall provide the monitor with copies of any meeting
42 agendas and all resolutions and motions on such agenda for each board
43 meeting no later than seventy-two hours prior to such board meeting. If
44 a proposed resolution or motion is for the purpose of approving a
45 contract or any financial assistance for a project, the board clerk
46 shall provide the monitor with copies of the proposed contract or finan-
47 cial assistance language at least seven days prior to such meeting.

48 (e) In the event the monitor is not provided with copies of proposed
49 resolutions or motions seventy-two hours prior to a board meeting or in
50 the case of a proposed motion or resolution for the purpose of approving
51 a contract or financial assistance, seven days prior to the next board
52 meeting, the monitor may, at their discretion, remove an item including
53 board resolutions or motions, from consideration by the board at such
54 meeting. Upon failure of the board to provide proposed resolutions or
55 motions as required by this section, the monitor shall provide notice of

1 failure to the board. An item removed from consideration by the monitor
2 may not be reconsidered by the board until the next board meeting.

3 (f) The monitor shall have the power to review any modification to the
4 industrial development agency's uniform tax exemption policy required by
5 section eight hundred seventy-four of this article, contract or finan-
6 cial assistance proposed for consideration by the industrial development
7 agency proposed by the board on or after the effective date of this
8 subdivision; provided however, that all such proposed modifications to
9 the industrial development agency's uniform tax exemption policy
10 required by section eight hundred seventy-four of this article,
11 contracts or agreements shall be provided by the industrial development
12 agency board to the monitor at least seven days prior to adoption.

13 (i) At least seventy-two hours prior to adoption by the board, the
14 monitor shall advise the board or employees of the industrial develop-
15 ment agency, in writing, of the existence of violations of the indus-
16 trial development agency's uniform tax exemption policy required by
17 section eight hundred seventy-four of this article, actual or potential
18 conflicts of interest, or violations of law arising from a proposed
19 contract or financial assistance agreement that the industrial develop-
20 ment agency shall consider before entering into any such contract or
21 agreement.

22 (ii) The board shall document for its own records the existence and
23 resolution of any actual or potential conflict of interest or other
24 violation identified by the monitor.

25 (iii) No such contract or agreement may be [approved or entered into
26 by the industrial development agency unless such actual or potential
27 conflict of interest or violation has been resolved to the satisfaction
28 of the monitor.] voted on, approved or entered into by the industrial
29 development agency unless such actual or potential conflict of interest
30 or violation has been resolved to the satisfaction of the monitor, and
31 unless the monitor has advised the board or employees, in writing, of
32 their approval.

33 (iv) At least seventy-two hours prior to adoption by the board, the
34 monitor shall advise the board or employees, in writing, of [its] their
35 disapproval of any changes to the industrial development agency's
36 uniform tax exemption policy; provided additionally, that within thirty
37 days after their appointment, the monitor shall advise such board or
38 employees, in writing, of [its] their disapproval of any changes to the
39 industrial development agency's uniform tax exemption policy made by the
40 board that were made on or after the effective date of this subdivision
41 until such monitor's appointment. Any such change to the uniform tax
42 exemption policy disapproved by the monitor shall not be effective, and
43 [may] shall not be reconsidered by the board for at least ten days or
44 until the next board meeting; provided, however, that any change to the
45 uniform tax exemption policy that was made by the board on or after the
46 effective date of this subdivision until such monitor's appointment that
47 is disapproved by the monitor shall not affect the validity of any prior
48 agreement entered into prior to the monitor's appointment.

49 (v) At least seventy-two hours prior to adoption by the board, the
50 monitor shall advise the board or employees, in writing, of [its] their
51 disapproval of any proposed contract or agreement with a project apply-
52 ing for financial assistance that would permit a deviation from the
53 industrial development agency's uniform tax exemption policy required by
54 section eight hundred seventy-four of this article. Any such proposed
55 contract or financial assistance agreement that would permit a deviation

1 from such policy shall not be effective, and may not be reconsidered by
2 the board for at least ten days or until the next board meeting.

3 (vi) The monitor shall have seventy-two hours after any contract or
4 financial assistance is approved to review such financial assistance or
5 contract, and if a violation of policy related to the industrial devel-
6 opment agency's uniform tax exemption policy required by section eight
7 hundred seventy-four of this article, a conflict of interest, or a
8 violation of law is identified during such time period, the monitor
9 shall notify the industrial development agency in writing. Any such
10 contract or financial assistance so identified by the monitor shall not
11 be legally binding or effective, and may not be reconsidered by the
12 board for at least ten days or until the next board meeting.

13 (g) The board, in consultation with the monitor, shall adopt a
14 conflict of interest policy, or revise an existing conflict of interest
15 policy, that complies with all existing applicable laws, rules and regu-
16 lations, including article eighteen of this chapter. The conflict of
17 interest policy shall include, but not be limited to:

18 (i) a definition of the circumstances that constitute a conflict of
19 interest;

20 (ii) procedures for identifying, disclosing and resolving a conflict
21 of interest to the board;

22 (iii) a requirement that the person with the conflict of interest not
23 be present at or participate in board deliberations or votes on the
24 matter giving rise to such conflict, provided that nothing in this para-
25 graph shall prohibit the board from requesting that the person with the
26 conflict of interest present information as background or answer ques-
27 tions at a board meeting prior to the commencement of deliberations or
28 voting thereto;

29 (iv) a prohibition against any attempt by the person with the conflict
30 to influence improperly the deliberation or voting on the matter giving
31 rise to such conflict;

32 (v) compliance with all applicable state laws and regulations; and

33 (vi) a requirement that the existence and resolution of the conflict
34 be documented in the board's records, including in the minutes of any
35 meeting at which the conflict was discussed or voted upon.

36 (h) The monitor may advise the board and any industrial development
37 agency officers, employees or agents to undergo any training as deemed
38 necessary.

39 (i) (i) The funding corporation shall provide the monitor with copies
40 of any meeting agendas and all proposed resolutions and motions to be
41 considered by the board of directors no later than seventy-two hours
42 prior to such meeting. If a proposed resolution or motion is for the
43 purpose of authorizing or approving a contract, agreement, financing,
44 issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations, property transaction, or
45 project, the funding corporation shall provide the monitor with copies
46 of the proposed transactional documents and material supporting documen-
47 tation at least seven days prior to such meeting.

48 (ii) In the event the monitor is not provided with materials within
49 the time periods required by this paragraph, the monitor may, in their
50 discretion, remove an item from consideration by the board of directors
51 at such meeting. An item removed from consideration by the monitor may
52 not be reconsidered by the board of directors until the next meeting.

53 (iii) At least seventy-two hours prior to consideration by the board
54 of directors, the monitor shall advise the funding corporation, in writ-
55 ing, of the existence of: (A) any actual or potential conflicts of
56 interest; (B) any violations of the funding corporation's conflict of

1 interest policy; (C) any violations of section seven hundred fifteen or
2 section seven hundred fifteen-a of the not-for-profit corporation law;
3 (D) any failure to comply with the funding corporation's certificate of
4 incorporation; or (E) any other violations of law arising from a
5 proposed transaction or project.

6 (iv) The board of directors shall document for its own records the
7 existence and resolution of any actual or potential conflict of interest
8 or other violation identified by the monitor.

9 (v) No such contract, agreement, financing, issuance, property trans-
10 action, or project may be voted on, approved, authorized, or entered
11 into by the funding corporation unless such actual or potential conflict
12 of interest or violation has been resolved to the satisfaction of the
13 monitor and the monitor has advised the funding corporation, in writing,
14 of the monitor's approval.

15 (vi) In determining whether to approve a proposed project or financ-
16 ing, the monitor may require the funding corporation to demonstrate that
17 there is a commitment of funds sufficient to finance the acquisition and
18 construction of the project, taking into consideration commitments of
19 funds, projections of fees or other revenues, and security.

20 4. The monitor shall undertake an enhanced review of the budget deci-
21 sions and financial assistance agreements of the industrial development
22 agency.

23 (a) The board shall annually submit the industrial development agen-
24 cy's proposed budget for the next succeeding fiscal year to the monitor
25 no later than forty-five days prior to its adoption. The monitor shall
26 review the budget to ensure that it, to the greatest extent possible, is
27 consistent with purposes and necessary activities of the Orange county
28 industrial development agency, and that it does not substantially
29 conflict with the long term economic interests of Orange county and its
30 constituents.

31 (b) The board shall provide quarterly reports to the monitor and annu-
32 al reports to the state inspector general on the operational status of
33 the industrial development agency. In addition, the monitor shall
34 provide semi-annual reports to the state inspector general, the gover-
35 nor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the
36 assembly on the fiscal and operational status of the industrial develop-
37 ment agency. Such semi-annual report shall include a summary of all the
38 contracts that the board entered into throughout the year. All reports
39 shall be subject to review by the comptroller.

40 (c) The monitor shall advise the board in the development and revision
41 of the industrial development agency's goals, implementation of its
42 priorities and budgetary recommendations.

43 (d) The monitor may recommend, and the board may consider by vote of a
44 resolution at the next scheduled meeting of the board, cost saving meas-
45 ures including, but not limited to, shared service agreements.

46 (e) Upon receiving a recommendation, in writing, from the monitor, the
47 board shall consider such recommendation and, within forty-five days of
48 receiving such recommendation, hold a vote on accepting such recommenda-
49 tion. Such recommendation shall only be rejected upon at least five
50 members of the board voting to reject such recommendation. Such recom-
51 mendations requiring such a vote shall include, but not be limited to,
52 recommendations relating to contracts, budget decisions, and financial
53 assistance agreements.

54 5. The monitor shall, at their discretion, direct the board to recoup
55 financial assistance, in full or in part, where the recipient of finan-
56 cial assistance failed to execute and complete the terms of a contract,

1 agreement or understanding including, but not limited to, job creation
2 goals and the development of promised facilities or operations.

3 6. The Orange county funding corporation, established by Orange county
4 resolution number one hundred twenty-five of the year two thousand ten
5 is a local development corporation established pursuant to section four-
6 teen hundred eleven of the not-for-profit corporation law. The funding
7 corporation shall comply with the applicable provisions of subdivision
8 three of this section, and the monitor shall have the powers set forth
9 in paragraph (i) of subdivision three of this section with respect to
10 the funding corporation.

11 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
12 monitor may commence an action or special proceeding in any court of
13 competent jurisdiction to enjoin unlawful acts or practices by the
14 industrial development agency or the funding corporation and to compel
15 compliance with this section, including the recovery of amounts due to
16 the monitor for reasonable and necessary expenses and costs, including
17 but not limited to attorneys' fees and litigation costs, authorized by
18 this section.

19 8. Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate the duties
20 and responsibilities of the board consistent with applicable state law
21 and regulations.

22 § 3. Subdivision 8 of section 54 of the executive law, as added by
23 section 2 of part III of chapter 58 of the laws of 2023, is amended to
24 read as follows:

25 8. Appoint an independent monitor to provide guidance and technical
26 assistance related to the policies, practices, programs and decisions of
27 the Orange county industrial development agency and the funding corpo-
28 ration, as authorized in subdivisions two, three, four [and], five, six,
29 seven and eight of section nine hundred [twelve] twelve-b of the general
30 municipal law.

31 § 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in a
32 county with a population of at least 390,000 and no greater than 415,000
33 according to the latest federal decennial census, any privately-owned
34 project receiving benefits under section 485-b of the real property tax
35 law or a payment in lieu of taxes agreement from an industrial develop-
36 ment agency shall be subject to the payment of no less than prevailing
37 wages for all employees of any contractors and subcontractors utilized
38 for such project, consistent with article 8 of the labor law; provided
39 however, that any such privately-owned project which utilizes a project
40 labor agreement and receives either an exemption pursuant to section
41 485-b of the real property tax law or a payment in lieu of taxes agree-
42 ment from an industrial development agency shall not be subject to arti-
43 cle 8 of the labor law.

44 § 5. Section 3 of part III of chapter 58 of the laws of 2023, amending
45 the general municipal law and the executive law relating to directing
46 the state inspector general to appoint an independent monitor for the
47 Orange county industrial development agency, is amended to read as
48 follows:

49 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however, that
50 subdivisions two, three, four and five of section 912 of the general
51 municipal law, as added by section one of this act, and subdivision 8 of
52 section 54 of the executive law, as added by section two of this act,
53 shall expire and be deemed repealed [three] six years after such effec-
54 tive date.

55 § 6. Subparagraph 5 of paragraph (d) of section 1411 of the not-for-
56 profit corporation law is amended to read as follows:

1 (5) A local development corporation, incorporated or reincorporated
 2 under this section, which purchases or leases real property from a coun-
 3 ty, city, town or village, shall not, without the written approval of
 4 the county, city, town or village, use such real property for any
 5 purpose except the purposes set forth in the certificate of incorpo-
 6 ration or reincorporation of said local development corporation. In the
 7 event such real property is used in violation of the restrictions of
 8 this paragraph, the attorney-general may bring an action or special
 9 proceeding to enjoin the unauthorized use. With respect to the Orange
 10 County Funding Corporation, the independent monitor appointed pursuant
 11 to paragraph (a) of subdivision three of section nine hundred twelve-b
 12 of the general municipal law may also bring an action or special
 13 proceeding to enjoin the unauthorized use of any real property purchased
 14 or leased by such corporation in violation of the restrictions of this
 15 paragraph.

16 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
 17 the amendments to subdivisions 2, 3, 4 and 8 of section 912-b of the
 18 general municipal law made by section two of this act and the amendments
 19 to subdivision 8 of section 54 of the executive law made by section
 20 three of this act shall not affect the repeal of such subdivisions and
 21 shall be deemed to expire therewith; and provided further, however, that
 22 subdivisions 5, 6 and 7 of section 912-b of the general municipal law as
 23 added by section two of this act and section four of this act and the
 24 amendments to subparagraph 5 of paragraph (d) of section 1411 of the
 25 not-for-profit corporation law made by section six of this act shall
 26 expire and be deemed repealed on the same date and in the same manner as
 27 part III of chapter 58 of the laws of 2023, takes effect.

28 PART NN

29 Section 1. Paragraph a of section 11.00 of the local finance law is
 30 amended by adding a new subdivision 27-b to read as follows:

31 27-b. Police emergency response vehicles. Notwithstanding the
 32 provisions of subdivision seventy-seven of this paragraph, the purchase
 33 of a motor vehicle that is specially designed for use for law enforce-
 34 ment purposes, including but not limited to responding to 911 calls or
 35 transporting persons under arrest or in police custody, and that is
 36 equipped with emergency vehicle lights and a police siren, five years.

37 § 2. Subdivision 29 of paragraph a of section 11.00 of the local
 38 finance law, as amended by section 5 of subpart A of part B of chapter
 39 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

40 29. Motor vehicles. The purchase of a motor vehicle, five years. The
 41 term "motor vehicle," as used in this subdivision, shall mean a vehicle
 42 propelled by any power other than muscular power, except

- 43 (a) a passenger vehicle, other than a school bus, having a seating
- 44 capacity of less than ten persons,
- 45 (b) a vehicle used for fighting fires,
- 46 (c) a motor cycle, traction engine, and electric truck with small
- 47 wheels used in warehouses and railroad stations and a vehicle which runs
- 48 only upon rails or tracks,
- 49 (d) machinery or apparatus for which a period of probable usefulness
- 50 has been determined by subdivision twenty-eight of this paragraph, [and]
- 51 (e) a vehicle which is specially designed for use for the treatment,
- 52 care or transport of sick or injured persons, [and]
- 53 (f) a zero-emission school bus as defined in section three thousand
- 54 six hundred thirty-eight of the education law, and

1 (g) a vehicle that is specially designed for use for law enforcement
2 purposes and that is equipped with emergency vehicle lights and a police
3 siren.

4 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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PART 00

6 Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 36 of the municipal home rule law,
7 as amended by chapter 592 of the laws of 1964, is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 4. (a) A charter commission to draft a new or revised city charter may
10 also be created by the mayor of any city. Such commission shall consist
11 of not less than nine nor more than fifteen members, all of whom shall
12 be residents of the city. Original appointments to such a commission
13 shall be made by the mayor by a certificate of appointment which shall
14 specify the number of, and names of, the members to constitute the
15 commission, which certificate shall be filed forthwith with the city
16 clerk. The [chairman, vice-chairman] chair, vice-chair, and secretary
17 shall be appointed by the mayor from among the members of the commis-
18 sion. Any vacancy in the membership of such a commission or of its offi-
19 cers shall be filled by the mayor.

20 (b) When a certificate of appointment is filed within sixty days
21 before or after the date of a general election at which a mayor is
22 elected, but before January first in the year following such election,
23 the continued existence of the charter commission and appointments to
24 the commission shall be dependent on confirmation by the mayor in office
25 on the first day of January of the following year within one hundred
26 eighty days of the start of the calendar year. Failure to obtain such
27 confirmation within the one hundred and eighty day period shall cause
28 the charter commission to expire and nullify all appointments to such
29 commission as well as any proposed revisions to the city charter or any
30 new proposed charter.

31 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
32 have been in full force and effect on and after November 4, 2025, and
33 shall apply to any charter commission created for which a certificate of
34 appointment was filed after November 4, 2025.

35 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
36 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of
37 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
38 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in
39 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section
40 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-
41 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of
42 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such
43 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

44 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that
45 the applicable effective date of Parts A through 00 of this act shall be
46 as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.