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(As Amended)

"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS COVID-19 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM."

1 Strike subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 1 and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(1) "Affected person" means an essential employee who died or was
4 unable to work as a result of contracting COVID-19, or due to symptoms
5 that were later diagnosed as COVID-19, at any time between March 10,
6 2020, and July 20, 2021, provided: (A) The contraction of COVID-19 by
7 such employee is confirmed by a positive laboratory test or, if a
8 laboratory test was not available for the employee, as diagnosed and
9 documented by the employee's licensed physician, licensed physician
10 assistant or licensed advanced practice registered nurse, based on the
11 employee's symptoms; (B) a copy of the positive laboratory test or the
12 written documentation of the physician's, physician assistant's or
13 advanced practice registered nurse's diagnosis is provided to the
14 administrator; and (C) such employee, during the fourteen consecutive

15 days immediately preceding the date the employee died or was unable
16 to work due to contracting COVID-19, (i) was not employed in a
17 capacity where the employee worked solely from home and did not
18 have physical interaction with other employees, or (ii) was the recipient
19 of a written offer or directive from such employee's employer to work
20 solely from home but otherwise chose to work at a work site of the
21 employer. "Affected person" includes a person employed at a business
22 that was forced to shut down by the state as a result of the public health
23 and civil preparedness emergencies declared by the Governor on March
24 10, 2020, and any extension of such emergency declarations. "Affected
25 person" does not include a federal employee who qualifies for benefits
26 under the COVID-19 workers' compensation presumption included in
27 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021;"

28 Strike subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 1 and insert the
29 following in lieu thereof:

30 "(2) "Affected employee" means an essential employee who, at any
31 time between July 21, 2021, and July 20, 2022, is unable to perform the
32 functions of such essential employee's job due to an eligible reason for
33 leave, provided an affected employee shall not include an essential
34 employee who (A) during the fourteen consecutive days immediately
35 preceding the eligible reason for leave, was employed in a capacity
36 where such affected employee worked solely from home and did not
37 have physical interaction with other employees, or (B) was the recipient
38 of a written offer or directive from such essential employee's employer
39 to work solely from home but otherwise chose to work at a work site of
40 the employer. "Affected employee" includes a person employed at a
41 business that was forced to shut down by the state as a result of the
42 public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared by the
43 Governor on March 10, 2020, and any extension of such emergency
44 declarations;"