



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Joseph P. Addabbo Jr.

## Addabbo joins with Senate colleagues in approving legislation to help small businesses

SENATOR JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, JR. February 4, 2021

| ISSUE: **SMALL BUSINESS, CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC; COVID-19, RELIEF FOR WORKERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES, ADDABBO**

NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. joined his Senate colleagues in approving a package of bills designed to support small businesses that have suffered as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Small businesses are really struggling, and they need our help if they’re going to have any chance of surviving these unprecedented times. Implementing additional legal protections and resources will help businesses keep their doors open and recover,” said Addabbo. “This package of bills offers critical support to small businesses while also helping struggling workers.”

The package of bills providing immediate support to small businesses and workers include;

- S.471A: Establishes the COVID-19 Emergency Protect Our Small Business Act to protect small businesses with COVID-19 related financial hardships from eviction and foreclosure until May 1.
- S.1630A: Prohibits any third party food delivery platform from listing, selling or advertising products of any food service establishment without a written agreement with them.
- S.1554B: Creates a maximum limit for the total fee that can be charged to a food service establishment by a third-party food delivery service (such as Grubhub, Seamless, Postmates, Doordash, etc.).

- S.18A: Creates a requirement for the Department of Labor to increase their efforts to provide information to employers about shared work program eligibility and have information available on the Department's website. The shared work program can help reduce layoffs and is fully funded by the federal CARES Act during the pandemic.
- S.1197: Freezes New York State's unemployment insurance experience rating for one year for layoffs and closures that occurred due to COVID-19. This action will prevent significant increases in costs to employers who have experienced higher unemployment rates in 2020.
- S.1042A: Establishes a system of partial-unemployment. This would shift the current calculation that any day of work leads to a 25% reduction in benefits, and instead would reduce benefits by an amount proportional with the amount earned. This legislation will help incentivize part-time work by reducing the disincentive that a day of work will lead to a disproportionate reduction of benefits.

"I support these bills with my local businesses and their workers in mind, knowing that more needs to be done. The bills are intended to help employers, workers, and families move toward economic recovery. As businesses continue to face significant financial stress from the COVID pandemic, we will continue working to ensure they survive now so they can thrive later," said Addabbo.

After passing the Senate, the package of bills were delivered to the Assembly for consideration.

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#### RELATED LEGISLATION

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## **2021-S471A**

and Small Business, Coronavirus Pandemic; COVID-19; Small Business

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- Introduced

- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to eviction and foreclosure protections

December 31, 2020

Signed by Governor

Sponsored by [Anna M. Kaplan](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S1630A

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- Introduced
  - - In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate

- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ○ Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to third-party delivery services

January 14, 2021

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Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S1554B

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- Introduced
  - ○ In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate

- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to third-party food delivery service charges

January 13, 2021

In Senate Committee [Rules](#)

Sponsored by [Brian Kavanagh](#)

Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S18A

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor

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Requires the department of labor to provide information to employers about shared work program eligibility and benefits

December 17, 2020

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Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S1197

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- Introduced
  - - In Committee Assembly
    - In Committee Senate
  - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
    - On Floor Calendar Senate
  - - Passed Assembly
    - Passed Senate
  - Delivered to Governor
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Prohibits the inclusion of claims for unemployment insurance arising from the closure of an employer due to COVID-19 from being included in such employer's experience rating charges

January 08, 2021

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Do you support this bill?

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## 2021-S1042A

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- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
  - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
  - On Floor Calendar Senate
- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to the calculation of weekly unemployment insurance and the repeal of certain provisions relating thereto

January 06, 2021

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Do you support this bill?