

**NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY**  
**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION**  
**submitted in accordance with Assembly Rule III, Sec 1(f)**

**BILL NUMBER:** A6050

**SPONSOR:** Schimminger (MS)

**TITLE OF BILL:** An act to amend chapter 413 of the laws of 2003 amending the labor law relating to the self-employment assistance program and other matters, in relation to extending the effectiveness of certain provisions thereof

**PURPOSE OF THE BILL:** Extends to December 7, 2011 certain provisions relating to the establishment and operation of the state's Self-Employment Assistance Program (SEAP).

**SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC PROVISIONS:**

§ 1- Amends § 10 of Chapter 413 of the Laws of 2003 amending the Labor Law relating to the establishment and operation of the Self-Employment Assistance Program (SEAP) to extend the provision until December 7, 2011.

§ 2- Effective date.

**JUSTIFICATION:** The Self-Employment Assistance Program has been extremely successful in helping individuals who are likely to exhaust their regular unemployment insurance benefits to develop and establish small businesses in New York. Qualified individuals participate in a rigorous program that consists of specific benchmarks they must comply with in order to stay in the program. A participant must complete a minimum of twenty hours of entrepreneurial training, meet a minimum of two times with a certified business counselor, create a business plan and send periodic reports to their Department of Labor coordinator. The success of this program is evident. Over 4,000 jobs have been created and \$16 million in state tax revenue has been generated at no cost to the state. In an ongoing effort to create and nourish job growth throughout the state, it is critical that the Self-Employment Assistance Program be extended to afford certain individuals collecting unemployment insurance benefits the opportunity to take advantage of this program.

**PRIOR LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:** Chapter 200 of the Laws of 2007 (2007-2008: A7209/S.4080); Chapter 101 of the Laws of 2006 (A3190/S.2785); Chapter 413 of the Laws of 2003 (A3429A/S.2620-A); Chapter 626 of the Laws of 1998 (A. 11079/S. 7096-A); Chapter 596 of the Laws of 1994 (A10868-A/S. 7904-A).

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** None.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act shall take effect immediately.

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LAWS OF NEW YORK, 2009

CHAPTER 106

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Became a law July 11, 2009, with the approval of the Governor. Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present in the Assembly and a majority being present in the Senate.

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

Section 1. Section 10 of chapter 413 of the laws of 2003 amending the labor law relating to the self-employment assistance program and other matters, as amended by chapter 200 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

§ 10. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that sections eight and nine of this act shall expire December 7, [~~2009~~] 2011 when upon such date the provisions of such sections shall be deemed repealed.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

The Legislature of the STATE OF NEW YORK ss:

Pursuant to the authority vested in us by section 70-b of the Public Officers Law, we hereby jointly certify that this slip copy of this session law was printed under our direction and, in accordance with such section, is entitled to be read into evidence.

MALCOLM A. SMITH  
Temporary President of the Senate

SHELDON SILVER  
Speaker of the Assembly

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