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# ***SUPPORT***

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The New York State Public Employees Federation, representing 58,000 Professional, Scientific, and Technical workers of New York State, supports this legislation.

This bill would amend the workers' compensation law to allow treatment for exposure to anthrax in cases where the exposure occurred during the course of employment.

The threat of anthrax poses a real and serious danger to the citizens of New York State. Anthrax cases must be treated with antibiotics immediately as exposure to this bacteria can prove fatal. In cases where potential exposure to anthrax has been deemed, employees should have immediate access to all treatment and care that is ordinarily afforded for accidents and injuries which occur in the course of their employment. Present law does not authorize workers' compensation medical treatment upon the serious threat of exposure. This bill would amend the workers' compensation law to provide coverage by an employer's workers' compensation carrier should exposure to a substance which the employer, the state or local police, paramedics or any other official health or safety agency determines may be anthrax have occurred during the course of employment.

For these reasons, the Public Employees Federation urges you to support this legislation.

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