



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Jose Peralta

## Statement regarding the passage of the SWEAT Act in the Assembly

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State Senator Jose Peralta applauded today the New York State Assembly for passing the SWEAT Act (Securing Wages Earned Against Theft). Senator Peralta is the sponsor of the bill in the Senate. He urged his colleagues in the Senate to mirror the Assembly and pass the bill in the upper chamber to tackle wage theft in New York State.

“Today, the New York State Assembly took the historic step of passing the SWEAT Act, which is carried in that chamber by Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal. As I am the sponsor of SWEAT in the Senate, I encourage my colleagues to step up to the plate and do the same in our chamber, in order to make this important policy a reality,” said Senator Jose Peralta (D-East Elmhurst).

“Passage of SWEAT will provide countless New Yorkers with the ability to receive their due wages from employers, for work they have already performed. No longer will employers be able to hide behind the facade of a limited liability company, in order to shield themselves from paying their workers. By providing employees with the power to place liens on their employer's assets, we build upon our State's existing Wage Theft Statute to take a step toward guaranteeing that all New Yorkers who conduct work are properly paid for their efforts.”