

Assembly Resolution No. 854

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ADOPTING special temporary procedures during a declared state or national state of emergency

WHEREAS, The Rules of the Assembly were adopted on January 9, 2019, and, as last amended on January 13, 2020, remain in full force and effect, except that the current declared state or national emergency require such Assembly, in the exercise of its constitutional power and prerogative, to implement special temporary procedures permitting the consideration of legislation in an expedited fashion to meet the urgent needs of the people of the State of New York while confronting rapidly changing circumstances and public health concerns and directives; be it hereby

RESOLVED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of Rule V of the Assembly Rules, during a period of declared state or national state of emergency, in the event a slow roll call is not requested, the yeas and nays on the final passage of a bill or any other question before the House shall be taken by a fast roll call and a member desiring to vote in the negative on such a roll call shall do so by entering a negative vote through the electronic voting system or in such other manner as may be prescribed by the Speaker. All other members shall be recorded in the affirmative. On such a roll call the Clerk of the Assembly shall call the names of the members who are recorded in the negative; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision b of section 6 of Rule V of the Assembly Rules, during a period of declared state or national state of emergency, no member shall speak more than once on any bill or amendment, without leave of the House and no member shall speak for more than fifteen minutes at a time; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That during a period of declared state or national state of emergency, the bar of the House may be extended, at the discretion of the Speaker, to allow for members to be in attendance in any proceeding of the House by remote means including teleconference or videoconference and such members shall be continuously recorded in attendance by the Clerk of the Assembly for the purposes of a quorum; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any member in attendance as permitted during a period of declared state or national state of emergency may submit

requests for recognition to the presiding officer by electronic means including the submission of questions for debate, which shall be presented as part of the debate within the respective member's allocated time; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That no technical failure on the part of an individual member or a group of members that breaks their remote connection to the proceedings shall invalidate any action taken by a majority of the Assembly.