

Andrew Avery, president of the New York County Highway Superintendents Association, described the pending 2023 Chapter Amendment to the 2022 Buy American Salt law as follows:

After months of discussions with the legislative sponsors, staff, other stakeholders and the Governor's office, the Governor will sign the bill but only with an agreement from the legislature that they will pass a chapter amendment next session that will replace the 25% provision with the following language:

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when soliciting a contract for the purchase of rock salt or sodium chloride, any department or agency of the state may award such contract to the responsible and reliable bidder offering to supply rock salt or sodium chloride that is mined or hand harvested in the United States and which offer is within ten percent of the lowest price or best value offer, rather than to the lowest responsible and reliable bidder.

This act shall take effect April 1, 2023 and shall apply only to contracts entered into after such date.