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I N S E N A T E

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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to authorizing the city of
White Plains to impose an additional one-quarter of one percent rate
of sales and compensating use tax

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Clause 3 of subparagraph (ii) of the opening paragraph of
2 section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 37 of the laws of
3 2009, is amended to read as follows:
4 (3) the city of White Plains is hereby further authorized and
5 empowered to adopt and amend local laws, ordinances or resolutions
6 imposing such taxes at a rate which is: (i) one-half of one percent
7 additional to the three percent rate authorized above in this paragraph
8 for such city for the period beginning September first, nineteen hundred
9 ninety-three and ending August thirty-first, two thousand eleven; and
10 (ii) an additional one-quarter of one percent in addition to the other
11 rates authorized in this paragraph for such city for the period begin-
12 ning March first, two thousand eight and ending August thirty-first, two
13 thousand eleven; AND (III) AN ADDITIONAL ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT IN
14 ADDITION TO THE OTHER RATES AUTHORIZED IN THIS PARAGRAPH FOR SUCH CITY
15 FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING MARCH FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TEN AND ENDING AUGUST
16 THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN;
17 S 2. Subparagraph (iii) of the opening paragraph of section 1210 of
18 the tax law, as separately amended by chapters 94 and 174 of the laws of
19 2009, is amended to read as follows:
20 (iii) the maximum rate referred to in section twelve hundred twenty-
21 four of this article shall be calculated without reference to the
22 following additional rates authorized in subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of
23 this paragraph: one and one-half percent for the county of Allegany; one
24 percent for the counties of Rensselaer, Erie, Cattaraugus, Wyoming,
25 Ulster, Albany, Suffolk, Greene, Orleans, Franklin, Herkimer, Genesee,
26 Columbia, Schuyler, Chenango, Monroe, Steuben, Chemung, Seneca, Living-

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ston, Niagara, Yates, Tioga, Montgomery, Delaware, Wayne, Schoharie,
2 Putnam, Clinton and Onondaga and the cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and
3 New Rochelle; three-quarters of one percent for the counties of Dutch-
4 ess, Essex, Lewis, Orange, and Jefferson; one percent and three-quarters
5 of one percent or one-half of one percent for the county of Oneida;
6 three-quarters of one percent and one-half of one percent for the county
7 of Nassau; one-half of one percent and one-quarter of one percent AND
8 ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT for the city of White Plains; one-half or one
9 percent for the county of Tompkins; three-eighths of one percent and
10 five-eighths of one percent for the county of Rockland; one-half of one
11 percent for the counties of Putnam and Schenectady; one-eighth of one
12 percent and three-eighths of one percent for the county of Ontario;
13 one-half of one percent; one-half of one percent for the county of
14 Sullivan; and three-quarters of one percent or one-half of one percent
15 for the county of Chautauqua;

16 S 3. Subdivision (a) of section 1223 of the tax law, as separately
17 amended by section 8 of part SS-1 of chapter 57 and chapter 65 of the
18 laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

19 (a) No transaction taxable under sections twelve hundred two through
20 twelve hundred four of this article shall be taxed pursuant to this
21 article by any county or by any city located therein, or by both, at an
22 aggregate rate in excess of the highest rates set forth in the applicable
23 subdivision of section twelve hundred one of this article or, in the
24 case of any taxes imposed pursuant to the authority of section twelve
25 hundred ten or twelve hundred eleven of this article (other than taxes
26 imposed by the county of Nassau, Erie, Steuben, Cattaraugus, Suffolk,
27 Oneida, Genesee, Greene, Franklin, Herkimer, Tioga, Orleans, Allegany,
28 Ulster, Albany, Rensselaer, Tompkins, Wyoming, Columbia, Schuyler, Rock-
29 land, Chenango, Monroe, Chemung, Seneca, Sullivan, Wayne, Livingston,
30 Schenectady, Montgomery, Delaware, Clinton, Niagara, Yates, Lewis,
31 Essex, Dutchess, Schoharie, Putnam, Chautauqua, Orange, Oswego, Ontario,
32 Jefferson or Onondaga and by the county of Cortland and the city of
33 Cortland and by the county of Broome and the city of Binghamton and by
34 the county of Cayuga and the city of Auburn and by the county of Otsego
35 and the city of Oneonta and by the county of Madison and the city of
36 Oneida and by the county of Fulton and the city of Gloversville or the
37 city of Johnstown as provided in section twelve hundred ten of this
38 article) at a rate in excess of three percent, except that, in the city
39 of Yonkers, in the city of Mount Vernon, in the city of New Rochelle, in
40 the city of Fulton and in the city of Oswego, the rate may not be in
41 excess of four percent and in the city of White Plains, the rate may not
42 be in excess of [three and three-quarters] FOUR percent and except that
43 in the city of Poughkeepsie in the county of Dutchess, if such county
44 withdraws from the metropolitan commuter transportation district pursu-
45 ant to section twelve hundred seventy-nine-b of the public authorities
46 law and if the revenues from a three-eighths percent rate of such tax
47 imposed by such county, pursuant to the authority of section twelve
48 hundred ten of this article, are required by local laws, ordinances or
49 resolutions to be set aside for mass transportation purposes, the rate
50 may not be in excess of three and three-eighths percent.

51 S 4. Subdivision (m) of section 1224 of the tax law, as added by chap-
52 ter 65 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

53 (m) The city of White Plains shall have the sole right to impose the
54 additional one-half of one percent and the additional one-quarter of one
55 percent AND THE ADDITIONAL ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT rates of tax which
56 such city is authorized to impose pursuant to the authority of section

1 twelve hundred ten of this chapter. Such additional rates of tax shall
2 be in addition to any other tax which such city may impose or may be
3 imposing pursuant to this article or any other law and such additional
4 rates of tax shall not be subject to pre-emption. The maximum three
5 percent rate referred to in this section shall be calculated without
6 reference to the additional one-half of one percent and the additional
7 one-quarter of one percent AND THE ADDITIONAL ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT
8 rates of tax which the city of White Plains is authorized and empowered
9 to adopt pursuant to section twelve hundred ten of this article.

10 S 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (d) of section 1210
11 of the tax law or any other provision of law, local law, rule or regu-
12 lation to the contrary, a local law, ordinance or resolution enacted or
13 amended pursuant to the authority of this act, imposing an additional
14 rate of tax in the city of White Plains shall become effective in
15 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (d) of section 1210 of the
16 tax law, except that the certified copy of such local law, ordinance or
17 resolution which must be mailed by certified or registered mail to the
18 commissioner of taxation and finance at the commissioner's office in
19 Albany must be so mailed at least thirty days prior to the date on which
20 such local law, ordinance or resolution is to take effect.

21 S 6. The estimated revenue from the additional one-quarter of one
22 percent rate of tax first authorized by this act to be imposed by the
23 city of White Plains, which is expected to be received during a fiscal
24 year of such city and which is included in the annual budget, as finally
25 adopted, of such city, for that fiscal year, shall be paid into the
26 contingency and tax stabilization reserve fund of such city as provided
27 by budgetary appropriation of such city, subject to all the limitations
28 and other provisions of section 6-e of the general municipal law.

29 S 7. This act shall take effect immediately.