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AN ACT to amend the public service law and the tax law, in relation to establishing an energy efficiency tax credit for single family and multi-family homes

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

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "energy
2 efficiency and carbon emission reduction tax credit act".
3 S 2. The public service law is amended by adding a new section 73 to
4 read as follows:
5 S 73. COORDINATION WITH CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE TAX LAW. THE DEPART-
6 MENT MAY REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE OR THE NEW
7 YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY A SUMMARY OF
8 INSPECTION REPORTS PREPARED BY THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND
9 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION
10 (WW) OF SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIX OF THE TAX LAW. SUCH SUMMARY SHALL
11 INCLUDE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF RESIDENCES THAT HAVE BEEN GRANTED A CARBON
12 EMISSIONS REDUCTION CREDIT, A DESCRIPTION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS TO WHICH
13 THE CREDIT RELATES, AND AN INDICATION OF THE AMOUNT BY WHICH CARBON
14 EMISSIONS ARE TO BE REDUCED AND/OR THE AMOUNT BY WHICH FUEL USAGE IS
15 REDUCED.
16 S 3. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection
17 (ww) to read as follows:
18 (WW) CARBON EMISSIONS REDUCTION CREDIT. (1) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.
19 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, A
20 TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTI-
21 CLE FOR COSTS INCURRED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION
22 BY SUCH TAXPAYER WHICH ARE DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH INSTALLING ANY

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

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1 IMPROVEMENT TO A HEATING OR COOLING SYSTEM WHICH WILL INCREASE EFFICIEN-
2 CY BY AT LEAST TEN PERCENT OR REDUCE FUEL USAGE BY AT LEAST TEN PERCENT
3 AND LEAD TO A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN CARBON EMISSIONS AS DEFINED BY
4 THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY GUIDELINES,
5 PROVIDED THAT SUCH PROJECT SHALL HAVE A RETURN ON INVESTMENT OF FIVE
6 YEARS OR LESS AT MINIMUM. SUCH IMPROVEMENTS SHALL INCLUDE, BUT SHALL
7 NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE INSTALLATION OF A HIGH EFFICIENCY BOILER OR
8 FURNACE, AN IMPROVEMENT TO AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF A BURNER IN A BOILER,
9 THE INSTALLATION OF ON-SITE RENEWABLE GENERATION, OR ANY OTHER IMPROVE-
10 MENT TO A HEATING SYSTEM THAT SATISFIES THE CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THIS
11 SUBSECTION. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION,
12 FOR BOILERS THAT ARE REGULATED BY THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVI-
13 RONMENTAL PROTECTION, THE IMPROVEMENTS MUST RESULT IN A REDUCTION OF
14 PARTICULATE MATTER THAT IS TWO AND ONE-HALF MICRONS OR LESS IN WIDTH
15 (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS PM 2.5 EMISSIONS) OF AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT.

16 (2) AMOUNT OF CREDIT. THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT SHALL BE UP TO FIVE
17 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A SINGLE FAMILY HOME AND UP TO TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND
18 DOLLARS FOR A MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING OF AT LEAST FIVE UNITS, TOWARDS
19 THE TOTAL COST OF DESIGNING, PURCHASING AND INSTALLING SUCH A HEATING
20 SYSTEM, WHICH COST SHALL INCLUDE THE DECOMMISSIONING AND REMOVAL OF
21 EXISTING EQUIPMENT. IN NO CASE SHALL THE AMOUNT OF THE APPLICABLE CREDIT
22 EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF THE INVESTMENT IN THE IMPROVEMENT MADE.

23 (3) MULTIPLE TAXPAYERS. IF THE PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE IS SHARED BY TWO OR
24 MORE TAXPAYERS, THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
25 FOR EACH SUCH ELIGIBLE TAXPAYER SHALL BE PRORATED ACCORDING TO THE
26 PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR SUCH CONVERSION INCURRED BY EACH
27 TAXPAYER.

28 (4) APPLICATION FOR CREDIT. SUCH CREDIT SHALL BE GRANTED ONLY UPON
29 APPLICATION BY THE ELIGIBLE TAXPAYER OR TAXPAYERS ON A FORM PRESCRIBED
30 BY THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND
31 AFTER INSPECTION BY SUCH AUTHORITY, THE RESULTS OF WHICH SHALL BE SET
32 FORTH IN A REPORT PREPARED THEREBY. THE APPLICATION SHALL REQUIRE
33 SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTATION OF THE CONVERSION, INCLUDING INVOICES FOR
34 ANY SERVICES USED AND CONTRACTED AND EQUIPMENT INSTALLED OR ADDED, AS
35 WELL AS ANY CONTRACTS WITH A HEATING SUPPLIER. THE APPLICATION AND
36 INSPECTION REPORT SHALL BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE THE
37 LAST DAY OF THE APPLICABLE TAXABLE YEAR, WHO SHALL APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE
38 SUCH APPLICATION. A COPY OF SUCH APPLICATION SHALL BE FILED WITH THE NEW
39 YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

40 (5) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER
41 THIS SUBSECTION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL EXCEED THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR
42 SUCH YEAR, THE EXCESS SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE
43 CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SIX
44 HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS ARTICLE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO INTEREST
45 SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

46 (B) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, "PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE" FOR A
47 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING SHALL MEAN THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WHERE THE
48 TAXPAYER HAS HIS OR HER TRUE, FIXED, AND PERMANENT HOME TO WHICH, WHEN-
49 EVER ABSENT HE OR SHE INTENDS TO RETURN. IN ORDER TO VERIFY A TAXPAYER'S
50 CLAIM THAT A PARTICULAR PROPERTY IS A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE, THE DEPART-
51 MENT MAY ACCEPT VARIOUS DOCUMENTS THAT, TAKEN TOGETHER, ESTABLISH THAT
52 THE TAXPAYER CLAIMING THE CREDIT PROVIDED BY THIS SUBSECTION OCCUPIES
53 THE PROPERTY AS A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
54 THE TAXPAYER'S DRIVER'S LICENSE, VOTER REGISTRATION CARD, CANCELLED
55 CHECKS LISTING THE PROPERTY ADDRESS, STATEMENTS SUCH AS MEDICAL, BANK OR

1 CHARGE ACCOUNTS OR INCOME TAX RECORDS INDICATING THE MAILING ADDRESS AND
2 INSURANCE POLICIES.

3 (C) THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOP-
4 MENT AUTHORITY SHALL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR
5 THE ELIGIBILITY OF AN IMPROVEMENT OR PROJECT, WHICH SHALL INCLUDE DEFIN-
6 ING THE PARAMETERS OF WHAT CONSTITUTES A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN CARBON
7 EMISSIONS FOR A SINGLE FAMILY OR MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING AS WELL AS ANY
8 AND ALL APPLICABLE STANDARDS, OTHER THAN THOSE ENUMERATED IN THIS
9 SUBSECTION.

10 S 4. The New York state energy research and development authority
11 shall make available funding in the amount of \$15 million for fiscal
12 years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015, and \$3 million in each subsequent year
13 until fiscal year 2020-2021. Funding for the carbon emissions reduction
14 credit provided by subsection (ww) of section 606 of the tax law shall
15 be provided through funds collected pursuant to proceeds collected but
16 not allocated by the authority from the auction, pursuant to regulations
17 of such authority, of emission allowances allocated by the department of
18 environmental conservation to such authority pursuant to regulations
19 adopted by such department.

20 S 5. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
21 it shall have become a law.