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AN ACT to amend the labor law and the tax law, in relation to the creation of the workers with disabilities tax credit program

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

1     Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 25-b to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 25-B. POWER TO ADMINISTER THE WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT  
4     PROGRAM. (A) THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER  
5     THE WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TAX INCEN-  
6     TIVES TO EMPLOYERS FOR EMPLOYING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABIL-  
7     ITIES. THERE WILL BE FIVE DISTINCT POOLS OF TAX INCENTIVES. PROGRAM ONE  
8     WILL COVER TAX INCENTIVES ALLOCATED IN TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN TO BE USED  
9     IN TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN AND TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN. PROGRAM TWO WILL  
10    COVER TAX INCENTIVES ALLOCATED IN TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN TO BE USED IN TWO  
11    THOUSAND FIFTEEN AND TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN. PROGRAM THREE WILL COVER TAX  
12    INCENTIVES ALLOCATED IN TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN TO BE USED IN TWO THOUSAND  
13    SIXTEEN AND TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN. PROGRAM FOUR WILL COVER TAX INCEN-  
14    TIVES ALLOCATED IN TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN TO BE USED IN TWO THOUSAND  
15    SEVENTEEN AND TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN. PROGRAM FIVE WILL COVER TAX INCEN-  
16    TIVES ALLOCATED IN TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN TO BE USED IN TWO THOUSAND

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

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1 EIGHTEEN AND TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN. THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO  
2 ALLOCATE UP TO SIX MILLION DOLLARS OF TAX CREDITS UNDER PROGRAM ONE, SIX  
3 MILLION DOLLARS OF TAX CREDITS UNDER PROGRAM TWO, SIX MILLION DOLLARS OF  
4 TAX CREDITS UNDER PROGRAM THREE, AND SIX MILLION DOLLARS OF TAX CREDITS  
5 UNDER PROGRAM FOUR, AND SIX MILLION DOLLARS OF TAX CREDITS UNDER PROGRAM  
6 FIVE.

7 (B) DEFINITIONS. (1) THE TERM "QUALIFIED EMPLOYER" MEANS AN EMPLOYER  
8 THAT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK-  
9 ERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT PROGRAM AND THAT EMPLOYS ONE OR MORE  
10 QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES.

11 (2) THE TERM "QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL:

12 (I) WHO IS DEEMED TO HAVE A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, AS THAT TERM IS  
13 DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF SECTION 1.03 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE  
14 LAW AND WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OR THE OFFICE FOR  
15 PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

16 (A) AS A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHICH CONSTITUTES OR RESULTS IN A  
17 SUBSTANTIAL HANDICAP TO EMPLOYMENT; AND

18 (B) AS A PERSON HAVING COMPLETED OR AS RECEIVING SERVICES UNDER AN  
19 INDIVIDUALIZED WRITTEN REHABILITATION PLAN APPROVED BY THE EDUCATION  
20 DEPARTMENT OR OTHER STATE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING VOCATIONAL  
21 REHABILITATION SERVICES TO SUCH INDIVIDUAL; AND

22 (II) WHO IS UNEMPLOYED PRIOR TO BEING HIRED BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER  
23 BUT IS NOT RESTRICTED IN HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT UNDER A FEDERAL OR STATE  
24 LAW, RULE OR REGULATION; AND

25 (III) WHO WILL BE WORKING FOR THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A FULL-TIME OR  
26 PART-TIME POSITION THAT PAYS WAGES THAT ARE EQUIVALENT TO THE WAGES PAID  
27 FOR SIMILAR JOBS, WITH APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND TRAIN-  
28 ING, AND FOR WHICH NO OTHER EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN TERMINATED, OR WHERE THE  
29 EMPLOYER HAS NOT OTHERWISE REDUCED ITS WORKFORCE BY INVOLUNTARY TERMI-  
30 NATIONS WITH THE INTENTION OF FILLING THE VACANCY BY CREATING A NEW  
31 HIRE.

32 (C) A QUALIFIED EMPLOYER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A TAX CREDIT EQUAL TO  
33 (1) TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR  
34 AT LEAST SIX MONTHS BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A FULL-TIME JOB OF AT  
35 LEAST THIRTY HOURS PER WEEK AND TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED  
36 EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS BY THE  
37 QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A FULL-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST THIRTY HOURS PER WEEK,  
38 AND (2) ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED  
39 FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A PART-TIME JOB OF  
40 AT LEAST FIFTEEN HOURS PER WEEK AND ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALI-  
41 FIED EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS BY  
42 THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A PART-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST FIFTEEN HOURS PER  
43 WEEK. THE TAX CREDITS SHALL BE CLAIMED BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER AS  
44 SPECIFIED IN SUBDIVISION FORTY-EIGHT OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED TEN AND  
45 SUBSECTION (XX) OF SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIX OF THE TAX LAW.

46 (D) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED WORKS TAX CREDIT  
47 PROGRAM, AN EMPLOYER MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION (IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY  
48 THE COMMISSIONER) TO THE COMMISSIONER NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER THIRTIETH,  
49 TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN FOR PROGRAM ONE, AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND  
50 FIFTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN FOR  
51 PROGRAM TWO, AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN  
52 NOVEMBER THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN FOR PROGRAM THREE, AFTER JANU-  
53 ARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER THIRTIETH,  
54 TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN FOR PROGRAM FOUR, AND AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO  
55 THOUSAND EIGHTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND  
56 EIGHTEEN FOR PROGRAM FIVE. THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES MUST START THEIR

1 EMPLOYMENT ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN BUT NO LATER  
2 THAN DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN FOR PROGRAM ONE, ON OR  
3 AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER  
4 THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN FOR PROGRAM TWO, ON OR AFTER JANUARY  
5 FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO  
6 THOUSAND SIXTEEN FOR PROGRAM THREE, ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOU-  
7 SAND SEVENTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND  
8 SEVENTEEN FOR PROGRAM FOUR, AND ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND  
9 EIGHTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN  
10 FOR PROGRAM FIVE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND CRITE-  
11 RIA THAT SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
12 PROGRAM INCLUDING CRITERIA FOR CERTIFYING QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES. ANY REGU-  
13 LATIONS THAT THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES ARE NECESSARY MAY BE ADOPTED ON  
14 AN EMERGENCY BASIS NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN SECTION  
15 TWO HUNDRED TWO OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT. SUCH REQUIRE-  
16 MENTS MAY INCLUDE THE TYPES OF INDUSTRIES THAT THE EMPLOYERS ARE ENGAGED  
17 IN. THE COMMISSIONER MAY GIVE PREFERENCE TO EMPLOYERS THAT ARE ENGAGED  
18 IN DEMAND OCCUPATIONS OR INDUSTRIES, OR IN REGIONAL GROWTH SECTORS, SUCH  
19 AS CLEAN ENERGY, HEALTHCARE, ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND CONSERVATION. IN  
20 ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY GIVE PREFERENCE TO EMPLOYERS WHO OFFER  
21 ADVANCEMENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO INCREASED HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT,  
22 OR INCREASED WAGES, AND EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PACKAGES TO THE QUALIFIED INDI-  
23 VIDUALS.

24 (E) IF, AFTER REVIEWING THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY AN EMPLOYER, THE  
25 COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT SUCH EMPLOYER IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN  
26 THE WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT PROGRAM, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
27 ISSUE THE EMPLOYER A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY THAT ESTABLISHES THE  
28 EMPLOYER AS A QUALIFIED EMPLOYER. THE CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY SHALL  
29 SPECIFY THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT THAT  
30 THE EMPLOYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO CLAIM.

31 S 2. Section 210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivision  
32 48 to read as follows:

33 48. WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT. (A) A TAXPAYER THAT HAS BEEN  
34 CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AS A QUALIFIED EMPLOYER PURSUANT  
35 TO SECTION TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR LAW SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT  
36 AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE EQUAL TO (I) TWO THOUSAND  
37 DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST SIX  
38 MONTHS BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A FULL-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST THIRTY  
39 HOURS PER WEEK AND TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE WHO  
40 IS EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS BY THE QUALIFIED  
41 EMPLOYER IN A FULL-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST THIRTY HOURS PER WEEK, AND (II)  
42 ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR AT  
43 LEAST SIX MONTHS BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A PART-TIME JOB OF AT  
44 LEAST FIFTEEN HOURS PER WEEK AND ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED  
45 EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS BY THE  
46 QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A PART-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST FIFTEEN HOURS PER  
47 WEEK. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE TERM "QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE"  
48 SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION (B) OF SECTION  
49 TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR LAW. THE PORTION OF THE CREDIT DESCRIBED IN  
50 THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING ON OR  
51 AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN.

52 (B) THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR MAY  
53 NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR THAT YEAR TO LESS THAN THE AMOUNT PRESCRIBED  
54 IN PARAGRAPH (D) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION. HOWEVER, IF THE  
55 AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR  
56 REDUCES THE TAX TO THAT AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT NOT DEDUCTIBLE IN

1 THAT TAXABLE YEAR WILL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDIT-  
2 ED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND  
3 EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, NO INTEREST WILL BE PAID  
4 THEREON.

5 (C) THE TAXPAYER MAY BE REQUIRED TO ATTACH TO ITS TAX RETURN ITS  
6 CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR PURSUANT  
7 TO SECTION TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR LAW. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE TAXPAY-  
8 ER BE ALLOWED A CREDIT GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT LISTED ON  
9 THE CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS  
10 CHAPTER TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER AND THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIG-  
11 NEES MAY RELEASE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ANY TAXPAYER CLAIMING THIS  
12 CREDIT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT EARNED BY THE TAXPAYER. PROVIDED,  
13 HOWEVER, IF A TAXPAYER CLAIMS THIS CREDIT BECAUSE IT IS A MEMBER OF A  
14 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR A PARTNER IN A PARTNERSHIP, ONLY THE AMOUNT  
15 OF CREDIT EARNED BY THE ENTITY AND NOT THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT CLAIMED BY  
16 THE TAXPAYER MAY BE RELEASED.

17 S 3. Subsections (yy) and (zz) of section 606 of the tax law, as  
18 relettered by section 5 of part H of chapter 1 of the laws of 2003, are  
19 relettered subsections (yyy) and (zzz) and a new subsection (xx) is  
20 added to read as follows:

21 (XX) WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT. (1) A TAXPAYER THAT HAS  
22 BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AS A QUALIFIED EMPLOYER  
23 PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR LAW SHALL BE ALLOWED A  
24 CREDIT AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE EQUAL TO (A) TWO THOUSAND  
25 DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST SIX  
26 MONTHS BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A FULL-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST THIRTY  
27 HOURS PER WEEK AND TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE WHO  
28 IS EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS BY THE QUALIFIED  
29 EMPLOYER IN A FULL-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST THIRTY HOURS PER WEEK, AND (B)  
30 ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR AT  
31 LEAST SIX MONTHS BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A PART-TIME JOB OF AT  
32 LEAST FIFTEEN HOURS PER WEEK AND ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED  
33 EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS BY THE  
34 QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A PART-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST FIFTEEN HOURS PER  
35 WEEK. A TAXPAYER THAT IS A PARTNER IN A PARTNERSHIP, MEMBER OF A LIMIT-  
36 ED LIABILITY COMPANY OR SHAREHOLDER IN AN S CORPORATION THAT HAS BEEN  
37 CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AS A QUALIFIED EMPLOYER PURSUANT  
38 TO SECTION TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR LAW SHALL BE ALLOWED ITS PRO RATA  
39 SHARE OF THE CREDIT EARNED BY THE PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
40 OR S CORPORATION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE TERM "QUALIFIED  
41 EMPLOYEE" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION (B) OF  
42 SECTION TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR LAW. THE PORTION OF THE CREDIT  
43 DESCRIBED IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR BEGIN-  
44 NING ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN.

45 (2) IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION EXCEEDS  
46 THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT NOT DEDUC-  
47 TIBLE IN THAT TAXABLE YEAR WILL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO  
48 BE CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SIX  
49 HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS ARTICLE. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, NO INTEREST WILL  
50 BE PAID THEREON.

51 (3) THE TAXPAYER MAY BE REQUIRED TO ATTACH TO ITS TAX RETURN ITS  
52 CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR PURSUANT  
53 TO SECTION TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR LAW. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE TAXPAY-  
54 ER BE ALLOWED A CREDIT GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT LISTED ON  
55 THE CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS  
56 CHAPTER TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER AND THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIG-

1 NEES MAY RELEASE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ANY TAXPAYER CLAIMING THIS  
2 CREDIT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT EARNED BY THE TAXPAYER. PROVIDED,  
3 HOWEVER, IF A TAXPAYER CLAIMS THIS CREDIT BECAUSE IT IS A MEMBER OF A  
4 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, A PARTNER IN A PARTNERSHIP, OR A SHAREHOLDER  
5 IN A SUBCHAPTER S CORPORATION, ONLY THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT EARNED BY THE  
6 ENTITY AND NOT THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT CLAIMED BY THE TAXPAYER MAY BE  
7 RELEASED.

8 S 4. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (i) of section 606  
9 of the tax law is amended by adding a new clause (xxxvii) to read as  
10 follows:

11 (XXXVII) WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES	AMOUNT OF
12 TAX CREDIT UNDER SUBSECTION (XX)	CREDIT UNDER SUBDIVISION
13	FORTY-EIGHT OF SECTION TWO
14	HUNDRED TEN

15 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.