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IN SENATE

April 21, 2014

Introduced by Sen. GALLIVAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Local Government

AN ACT in relation to the town of Eagle, county of Wyoming wind project

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

Section 1. Legislative findings and intent. The legislature hereby finds that when the town of Eagle wind project PILOT ends, it will create a sudden gap in the town's tax revenues. As the current revenues from this project completely cover all of the town's taxes, the end of this project will create a serious financial burden on the town's property taxpayers. To ameliorate this burden, the legislature finds it necessary to exempt the town of Eagle from certain provisions of section 6-e of the general municipal law for a limited period of time to allow the town to phase in the new property tax burden.

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- S 2. 1. It is hereby found and determined that the town of Eagle, county of Wyoming, exceeded its maximum appropriation for payment into the contingency and tax stabilization reserve fund pursuant to subdivision 3 of section 6-e of the general municipal law where the balance of the fund exceeded ten percent of the eligible portion of the annual budget for fiscal year 2013-2014.
- 2. Notwithstanding the defects described in subdivision one of section two of this act, to the extent that the town of Eagle exceeded their maximum appropriation, such amounts are hereby legalized, validated, and ratified.
- S 3. Notwithstanding subdivision 3 and paragraph e of subdivision 4 of section 6-e of the general municipal law, the town of Eagle is hereby authorized to appropriate an amount up to fifteen percent of the eligible portion of the annual budget for the fiscal year for which the appropriation would be made into the contingency and tax stabilization reserve fund.
- S 4. Notwithstanding paragraph d of subdivision 4 of section 6-e of the general municipal law, the town of Eagle is hereby authorized to utilize an amount up to fifty percent of any fiscal year's annual budget from the contingency and tax stabilization reserve fund to lessen or

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

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prevent any projected real property tax increase needed to finance the eligible portion of the annual budget for the next succeeding fiscal year. This amount may be expended from such fund until such fund is wholly depleted or ten years after the effective date of this act, whichever occurs first.

- S 5. Notwithstanding subdivision 3 and paragraph e of subdivision 4 of section 6-e of the general municipal law, the town of Eagle is hereby authorized to exceed the appropriated amount of ten percent of the eligible portion of any fiscal year's annual budget within the contingency and tax stabilization reserve fund so long as authority exists pursuant to section three or four of this act.
- S 6. This act shall take effect immediately provided that once PILOT payments are no longer received pursuant to the town of Eagle wind project PILOT, the authority of the town of Eagle under section three of this act shall terminate; and, provided, further that section four of this act shall take effect upon the final PILOT payment received by the town of Eagle under the town of Eagle wind project PILOT.