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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to creating a disabled person retrofit tax credit

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

1 Section 1. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new
2 subsection (ccc) to read as follows:
3 (CCC) DISABLED PERSON RETROFIT TAX CREDIT. (1) FOR TAXABLE YEARS
4 BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, A TAXPAYER
5 SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED,
6 AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE. THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT SHALL
7 BE EQUAL TO THIRTY PERCENT OF THE COST OF THE EXPENDITURES MADE BY THE
8 TAXPAYER WITH RESPECT TO THE INSTALLATION OF QUALIFIED IMPROVEMENTS AT A
9 DWELLING OCCUPIED BY THE TAXPAYER AS HIS OR HER PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND
10 MAY BE ALLOWED IN THE TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH THE EXPENDITURE IS INCURRED;
11 PROVIDED THAT THE LIFETIME CREDIT ALLOWABLE WITH REGARD TO EXPENDITURES
12 FOR THE INSTALLATION OF QUALIFIED IMPROVEMENTS AT A PARTICULAR DWELLING
13 BY ANY TAXPAYER SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE AGGREGATE
14 FOR IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THAT DWELLING. SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
15 THIS SUBSECTION, A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, NOT TO EXCEED
16 FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE AGGREGATE, FOR EACH DWELLING THAT THE
17 TAXPAYER OCCUPIES AS HIS OR HER PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND AT WHICH THE
18 TAXPAYER INSTALLS QUALIFIED IMPROVEMENTS.
19 (2) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION "QUALIFIED IMPROVEMENTS" MEANS THE
20 INSTALLATION OF:
21 (A) A NO-STEP ENTRANCE OR ENTRANCES ALLOWING ACCESS INTO THE RESI-
22 DENCE;
23 (B) INTERIOR PASSAGE DOORS PROVIDING AT LEAST A THIRTY-TWO INCH WIDE
24 OPENING;

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

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1 (C) REINFORCEMENTS IN BATHROOM WALLS ALLOWING INSTALLATION OF GRAB
2 BARS AROUND THE TOILET, TUB AND SHOWER; AND

3 (D) LIGHT SWITCHES AND OUTLETS PLACED IN LOCATIONS ACCESSIBLE TO DISA-
4 BLED PERSONS.

5 (3) IF THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL
6 EXCEED THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH YEAR, THE EXCESS MAY BE CARRIED OVER
7 TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR OR YEARS AND MAY BE DEDUCTED FROM THE TAXPAYER'S
8 TAX FOR SUCH YEAR OR YEARS.

9 (4) (A) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY
10 DWELLING OWNED SOLELY FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES. IN THE CASE OF A BUILDING
11 WHERE LESS THAN THE ENTIRE BUILDING IS USED AS A RESIDENCE OF THE
12 TAXPAYER, ONLY THE PORTION OF THE TOTAL EXPENDITURES MADE IN THE BUILD-
13 ING THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE RESIDENCE OF THE TAXPAYER SHALL BE
14 TREATED AS QUALIFIED EXPENDITURES FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION.

15 (B) IF THE TAXPAYER OCCUPIES THE DWELLING AS HIS OR HER PRIMARY RESI-
16 DENCE FOR ONLY A PORTION OF A TAX YEAR IN WHICH A CREDIT UNDER THIS
17 SUBSECTION IS CLAIMED, THE AMOUNT OF THE ALLOWABLE CREDIT SHALL BE
18 REDUCED IN PROPORTION TO THE AMOUNT OF TIME THE TAXPAYER DID NOT OCCUPY
19 THE DWELLING AS HIS OR HER PRIMARY RESIDENCE.

20 (C) IN THE CASE OF A DWELLING THAT IS OWNED BY AND IS A RESIDENCE OF
21 TWO OR MORE PERSONS, OTHER THAN A HUSBAND AND WIFE, THE PORTION OF THE
22 TOTAL EXPENDITURES MADE IN THE REHABILITATION OF THE BUILDING THAT IS
23 ATTRIBUTABLE TO EACH TAXPAYER SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE TAXPAYER'S SHARE OF
24 OWNERSHIP IN SUCH BUILDING.

25 (5) THE TAXPAYER SHALL FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION AS THE COMMISSIONER
26 DETERMINES IS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE ANY CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

27 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
28 have been in full force and effect on and after January 1, 2016;
29 provided further, this act shall apply to all tax years commencing on or
30 after January 1, 2016.