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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to eliminating state sales and compensating use taxes on motor fuels and diesel motor fuels and authorizing localities to eliminate such taxes at the local level; in relation to reducing the tax rate from four cents per gallon to two cents per gallon, and to amend the public authorities law, the highway law and the tax law, in relation to making technical changes; and to repeal certain sections of the tax law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 1115 of the tax law is amended
2 by adding a new paragraph 49 to read as follows:
3 (49) MOTOR FUEL AND DIESEL MOTOR FUEL.
4 S 2. Subdivision (b) of section 1107 of the tax law is amended by
5 adding a new clause 12 to read as follows:
6 (12) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED IN
7 PARAGRAPH FORTY-NINE OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED
8 FIFTEEN OF THIS ARTICLE RELATING TO MOTOR FUEL AND DIESEL MOTOR FUEL
9 SHALL BE APPLICABLE PURSUANT TO A LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION
10 ADOPTED BY A CITY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. SUCH CITY
11 IS EMPOWERED TO ADOPT OR REPEAL SUCH A LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOL-
12 UTION. SUCH ADOPTION OR REPEAL SHALL ALSO BE DEEMED TO AMEND ANY LOCAL
13 LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ENACTED BY SUCH A CITY IMPOSING TAXES
14 PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED
15 TEN OF THIS CHAPTER.
16 S 3. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 1210 of the tax law, as
17 amended by chapter 13 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
18 follows:

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

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(1) Either, all of the taxes described in article twenty-eight of this chapter, at the same uniform rate, as to which taxes all provisions of the local laws, ordinances or resolutions imposing such taxes shall be identical, except as to rate and except as otherwise provided, with the corresponding provisions in such article twenty-eight, including the definition and exemption provisions of such article, so far as the provisions of such article twenty-eight can be made applicable to the taxes imposed by such city or county and with such limitations and special provisions as are set forth in this article. The taxes authorized under this subdivision may not be imposed by a city or county unless the local law, ordinance or resolution imposes such taxes so as to include all portions and all types of receipts, charges or rents, subject to state tax under sections eleven hundred five and eleven hundred ten of this chapter, except as otherwise provided. (i) Any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any city of less than one million or by any county or school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivision, shall, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, exclude from the operation of such local taxes all sales of tangible personal property for use or consumption directly and predominantly in the production of tangible personal property, gas, electricity, refrigeration or steam, for sale, by manufacturing, processing, generating, assembly, refining, mining or extracting; and all sales of tangible personal property for use or consumption predominantly either in the production of tangible personal property, for sale, by farming or in a commercial horse boarding operation, or in both; and, unless such city, county or school district elects otherwise, shall omit the provision for credit or refund contained in clause six of subdivision (a) or subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this chapter. (ii) Any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any city, county or school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivision, shall omit the residential solar energy systems equipment exemption provided for in subdivision (ee), the commercial solar energy systems equipment exemption provided for in subdivision (ii) and the clothing and footwear exemption provided for in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, unless such city, county or school district elects otherwise as to either such residential solar energy systems equipment exemption, such commercial solar energy systems equipment exemption or such clothing and footwear exemption. ANY LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ENACTED BY ANY CITY, COUNTY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT, IMPOSING THE TAXES AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBDIVISION, SHALL OMIT THE MOTOR FUEL AND DIESEL MOTOR FUEL EXEMPTION PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH FORTY-NINE OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER, UNLESS SUCH CITY, COUNTY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTS OTHERWISE; PROVIDED THAT IF SUCH A CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE ENACTS THE RESOLUTION DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (Q) OF THIS SECTION OR REPEALS SUCH RESOLUTION, SUCH RESOLUTION OR REPEAL SHALL ALSO BE DEEMED TO AMEND ANY LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ENACTED BY SUCH A CITY IMPOSING SUCH TAXES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THIS SUBDIVISION, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH TAXES ARE SUSPENDED AT THE TIME SUCH CITY ENACTS ITS RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (Q) OF THIS SECTION OR AT THE TIME OF ANY SUCH REPEAL; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT ANY SUCH LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION AND SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN OF THIS CHAPTER, AS DEEMED TO BE AMENDED IN THE EVENT A CITY OF ONE MILLION OR MORE ENACTS A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SUBDIVISION (Q) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE FURTHER AMENDED, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN OF THIS SUBPART, SO THAT THE

1 MOTOR FUEL AND DIESEL MOTOR FUEL EXEMPTION IN ANY SUCH LOCAL LAW, ORDI-
2 NANCE OR RESOLUTION OR IN SUCH SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN OF THIS
3 CHAPTER IS THE SAME AS THE MOTOR FUEL AND DIESEL MOTOR FUEL EXEMPTION IN
4 PARAGRAPH FORTY-NINE OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED
5 FIFTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER.

6 S 4. Subdivision (d) of section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by
7 section 37 of part S-1 of chapter 57 of the laws of 2009, is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (d) A local law, ordinance or resolution imposing any tax pursuant to
10 this section, increasing or decreasing the rate of such tax, repealing
11 or suspending such tax, exempting from such tax the energy sources and
12 services described in paragraph three of subdivision (a) or of subdivi-
13 sion (b) of this section or changing the rate of tax imposed on such
14 energy sources and services or providing for the credit or refund
15 described in clause six of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred
16 nineteen of this chapter must go into effect only on one of the follow-
17 ing dates: March first, June first, September first or December first;
18 provided, that a local law, ordinance or resolution providing for the
19 exemption described in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) of section
20 eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter or repealing any such exemption
21 or a local law, ordinance or resolution providing for a refund or credit
22 described in subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this
23 chapter or repealing such provision so provided must go into effect only
24 on March first; PROVIDED, FURTHER, THAT A LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOL-
25 UTION PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH FORTY-NINE OF
26 SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER OR
27 REPEALING ANY SUCH EXEMPTION SO PROVIDED AND A RESOLUTION ENACTED PURSU-
28 ANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SUBDIVISION (Q) OF THIS SECTION PROVIDING SUCH
29 EXEMPTION OR REPEALING SUCH EXEMPTION SO PROVIDED MAY GO INTO EFFECT
30 IMMEDIATELY. No such local law, ordinance or resolution shall be effec-
31 tive unless a certified copy of such law, ordinance or resolution is
32 mailed by registered or certified mail to the commissioner at the
33 commissioner's office in Albany at least ninety days prior to the date
34 it is to become effective. However, the commissioner may waive and
35 reduce such ninety-day minimum notice requirement to a mailing of such
36 certified copy by registered or certified mail within a period of not
37 less than thirty days prior to such effective date if the commissioner
38 deems such action to be consistent with the commissioner's duties under
39 section twelve hundred fifty of this article and the commissioner acts
40 by resolution. Where the restriction provided for in section twelve
41 hundred twenty-three of this article as to the effective date of a tax
42 and the notice requirement provided for therein are applicable and have
43 not been waived, the restriction and notice requirement in section
44 twelve hundred twenty-three of this article shall also apply.

45 S 5. Section 1210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivi-
46 sion (q) to read as follows:

47 (Q) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF STATE OR LOCAL LAW, ORDI-
48 NANCE OR RESOLUTION TO THE CONTRARY;

49 (1) ANY CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE IN WHICH THE
50 TAXES IMPOSED BY SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN OF THIS CHAPTER ARE IN
51 EFFECT, ACTING THROUGH ITS LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODY, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED
52 AND EMPOWERED TO ELECT TO PROVIDE THE EXEMPTION FROM SUCH TAXES FOR THE
53 SAME MOTOR FUEL AND DIESEL MOTOR FUEL EXEMPT FROM STATE SALES AND
54 COMPENSATING USE TAXES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH FORTY-NINE OF SUBDIVISION
55 (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER BY ENACTING A
56 RESOLUTION IN THE FORM SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF THIS SUBDIVISION;

WHEREUPON, UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS SECTION, SUCH ENACTMENT OF SUCH RESOLUTION SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE AN AMENDMENT TO SUCH SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN AND SUCH SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN SHALL BE DEEMED TO INCORPORATE SUCH EXEMPTION AS IF IT HAD BEEN DULY ENACTED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.

(2) FORM OF RESOLUTION: BE IT ENACTED BY THE (INSERT PROPER TITLE OF LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODY) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. RECEIPTS FROM SALES OF THE CONSIDERATION GIVEN OR CONTRACTED TO BE GIVEN FOR PURCHASES OF MOTOR FUEL AND DIESEL MOTOR FUEL EXEMPT FROM STATE SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH FORTY-NINE OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THE TAX LAW SHALL ALSO BE EXEMPT FROM SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES IMPOSED IN THIS JURISDICTION.

SECTION TWO. THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT, (INSERT THE DATE) AND SHALL APPLY TO SALES MADE AND USES OCCURRING ON AND AFTER THAT DATE ALTHOUGH MADE OR OCCURRING UNDER A PRIOR CONTRACT.

S 6. The commissioner of taxation and finance is hereby authorized to implement the provisions of sections one through five of this act with respect to the elimination of the imposition of sales tax, additional taxes, and supplemental taxes on diesel motor fuel and motor fuel and all other taxes so addressed by this act.

S 7. Subdivision 1 of section 282-a of the tax law, as amended by section 2 of part W of chapter 59 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

1. There is hereby levied and imposed with respect to Diesel motor fuel an excise tax of [four] TWO cents per gallon upon the sale or use of Diesel motor fuel in this state.

The excise tax is imposed on the first sale or use of Diesel motor fuel to occur which is not exempt from tax under this article. Provided, however, if the tax has not been imposed prior thereto, it shall be imposed on the removal of highway Diesel motor fuel from a terminal, other than by pipeline, barge, tanker or other vessel, or the delivery of Diesel motor fuel to a filling station or into the fuel tank connecting with the engine of a motor vehicle for use in the operation thereof whichever event shall be first to occur. The tax shall be computed based upon the number of gallons of Diesel motor fuel sold, removed or used or the number of gallons of Diesel fuel delivered into the fuel tank of a motor vehicle, as the case may be. Nothing in this article shall be construed to require the payment of such excise tax more than once upon the same Diesel motor fuel. Nor shall the collection of such tax be made applicable to the sale or use of Diesel motor fuel under circumstances which preclude the collection of such tax by reason of the United States constitution and of laws of the United States enacted pursuant thereto. Provided, further, no Diesel motor fuel shall be included in the measure of the tax unless it shall have previously come to rest within the meaning of federal decisional law interpreting the United States constitution. All tax for the period for which a return is required to be filed shall be due on the date limited for the filing of the return for such period, regardless of whether a return is filed as required by this article or whether the return which is filed correctly shows the amount of tax due.

S 8. Section 282-b of the tax law is REPEALED.

S 9. Section 282-c of the tax law is REPEALED.

S 10. Subdivision 1 of section 284 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 276 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

1 1. There is hereby levied and imposed an excise tax of [four] TWO
2 cents per gallon upon motor fuel (a) imported into or caused to be
3 imported into the state by a distributor for use, distribution, storage
4 or sale in the state or upon motor fuel which is produced, refined,
5 manufactured or compounded by a distributor in the state (which acts
6 shall hereinafter in this subdivision be encompassed by the phrase
7 "imported or manufactured") or (b) if the tax has not been imposed prior
8 to its sale in this state, which is sold by a distributor (which act, in
9 conjunction with the acts described in paragraph (a) of this subdivi-
10 sion, shall hereinafter in this article be encompassed by the phrase
11 "imported, manufactured or sold"), except when imported, manufactured or
12 sold under circumstances which preclude the collection of such tax by
13 reason of the United States constitution and of laws of the United
14 States enacted pursuant thereto or when imported or manufactured by an
15 organization described in paragraph one or two of subdivision (a) of
16 section eleven hundred sixteen of this chapter or a hospital included in
17 the organizations described in paragraph four of such subdivision for
18 its own use or consumption and except kero-jet fuel when imported or
19 manufactured by an airline for use in its airplanes. Provided, further,
20 no motor fuel shall be included in the measure of the tax unless it
21 shall have previously come to rest within the meaning of federal deci-
22 sional law interpreting the United States constitution. All tax for the
23 period for which a return is required to be filed shall be due on the
24 date limited for the filing of the return for such period, regardless of
25 whether a return is filed by such distributor as required by this arti-
26 cle or whether the return which is filed correctly shows the amount of
27 tax due.

28 S 11. Section 284-a of the tax law is REPEALED.

29 S 12. Section 284-c of the tax law is REPEALED.

30 S 13. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of section 376 of the public
31 authorities law, as amended by chapter 55 of the laws of 1992, is
32 amended to read as follows:

33 (b) To assure the continued operation and solvency of the authority
34 for the carrying out of the purposes relating to this section, provision
35 is made in this section for the accumulation in the debt service reserve
36 fund of an amount equal to the maximum amount of principal and interest
37 maturing and becoming due in any succeeding calendar year on all bonds
38 of the authority then outstanding and secured by such reserve fund;
39 provided however for such bonds issued by the authority after April
40 first, nineteen hundred ninety-two, such debt service reserve fund may
41 in the discretion of the authority and consistent with any covenants
42 with any existing bondholders and without impairing the rights of any
43 existing bondholders be sized in an amount equal to not less than one-
44 half of the maximum amount of principal and interest maturing and becom-
45 ing due in any succeeding calendar year on such bonds of the authority
46 then outstanding and secured by such debt service reserve fund. In order
47 to further assure the maintenance of such debt service reserve fund,
48 with respect to bonds of the authority issued pursuant to subdivisions
49 two-a, two-b and two-c of this section after April first, nineteen
50 hundred ninety, the authority shall create a special subaccount in each
51 revenue fund established pursuant to any resolution or resolutions
52 authorizing such bonds. [Such subaccounts shall consist of the moneys
53 available after April first, nineteen hundred ninety, pursuant to
54 sections two hundred eighty-two-b, two hundred eighty-two-c, two hundred
55 eighty-four-a and two hundred eighty-four-c of the tax law, respective-
56 ly, in the emergency highway reconditioning and preservation fund

1 reserve account established pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision two
2 of section eighty-nine of the state finance law and in the emergency
3 highway construction and reconstruction fund reserve account established
4 pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision two of section eighty-nine-a of
5 the state finance law, apportioned and paid to the authority for deposit
6 in such subaccount of the revenue fund.] Amounts in each such subaccount
7 shall be kept separate and shall not be commingled with any other moneys
8 in the custody of the authority. Amounts in each such subaccount shall
9 be applied solely to pay such sum, if any, as shall semi-annually, (on
10 such dates as are established under the terms of any cooperative highway
11 contractual agreement of the department of transportation with the New
12 York state thruway authority entered into on or after April first, nine-
13 teen hundred ninety which is then in effect), be certified by the chair-
14 man of the authority to the governor and state director of the budget as
15 necessary to provide funds in an amount sufficient together with other
16 moneys available to the authority for such purpose, to pay one-half of
17 the total annual principal and interest maturing and becoming due during
18 the next succeeding twelve calendar months on all bonds of the authority
19 issued pursuant to subdivisions two-a, two-b and two-c of this section
20 after April first, nineteen hundred ninety and maintaining or funding
21 debt service reserve funds therefor. [Any surplus of funds in excess of
22 such certified amounts remaining in each such subaccount after such
23 payments, if any, have been made shall on the dates established under
24 the terms of such cooperative highway agreements, be paid over for
25 deposit, respectively, in the emergency highway reconditioning and pres-
26 ervation fund reserve account established pursuant to paragraph (b) of
27 subdivision two of section eighty-nine of the state finance law and in
28 the emergency highway construction and reconstruction fund reserve
29 account established pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision two of
30 section eighty-nine-a of the state finance law.]

31 S 14. Paragraphs (b), (d) and (e) of subdivision 3 of section 289-c of
32 the tax law, paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 411 of the laws of
33 1971, paragraph (d) as amended by chapter 836 and paragraph (e) as added
34 by chapter 756 of the laws of 1974, are amended to read as follows:

35 (b) Any omnibus carrier which shall buy any motor fuel on which the
36 aggregate tax imposed by section two hundred eighty-four [and section
37 two hundred eighty-four-a] of this chapter, or any diesel motor fuel on
38 which the aggregate tax imposed by section two hundred eighty-two-a [and
39 section two hundred eighty-two-b] of this chapter, shall have been paid,
40 shall be reimbursed, in the case of such motor fuel, the amount paid
41 pursuant to such [sections] SECTION two hundred eighty-four [and two
42 hundred eighty-four-a] in excess of four cents per gallon, and in the
43 case of diesel motor fuel, the amount paid pursuant to such [sections]
44 SECTION two hundred eighty-two-a [and two hundred eighty-two-b] in
45 excess of six cents per gallon, provided such motor fuel or diesel motor
46 fuel has been consumed by such carrier in the operation of an omnibus in
47 this state. Any taxicab licensee, as defined by subdivision ten of
48 section two hundred eighty-two of this chapter, who or which shall buy
49 any motor fuel on which the aggregate tax imposed by section two hundred
50 eighty-four [and section two hundred eighty-four-a] of this chapter or
51 any diesel motor fuel on which the aggregate tax imposed by section two
52 hundred eighty-two-a [and section two hundred eighty-two-b] of this
53 chapter, shall have been paid, shall be reimbursed, in the case of such
54 motor fuel, the amount paid pursuant to such [sections] SECTION two
55 hundred eighty-four [and two hundred eighty-four-a] in excess of four
56 cents per gallon, and in the case of diesel motor fuel, the amount paid

1 pursuant to such [sections] SECTION two hundred eighty-two-a [and two
2 hundred eighty-two-b] in excess of six cents per gallon, provided such
3 motor fuel or diesel fuel has been consumed by such licensee in the
4 operation of a taxicab in this state.

5 (d) Any omnibus carrier which shall buy motor fuel on which the aggre-
6 gate tax imposed by section two hundred eighty-four[, section two
7 hundred eighty-four-a and section two hundred eighty-four-c] of this
8 chapter or any diesel motor fuel on which the aggregate tax imposed by
9 section two hundred eighty-two-a[, section two hundred eighty-two-b and
10 section two hundred eighty-two-c] of this chapter shall have been paid,
11 shall be reimbursed the amount paid provided such motor fuel or diesel
12 motor fuel has been consumed by such carrier in the operation of an
13 omnibus in local transit service in this state pursuant to a certificate
14 of convenience and necessity issued by the commissioner of transporta-
15 tion of this state or by the interstate commerce commission of the
16 United States or pursuant to a contract, franchise or consent between
17 such carrier and a city having a population of more than one million
18 inhabitants, or any agency of such city.

19 (e) Any nonpublic school operator which shall buy motor fuel on which
20 the aggregate tax imposed by section two hundred eighty-four[, section
21 two hundred eighty-four-a and section two hundred eighty-four-c] of this
22 chapter or any diesel motor fuel on which the aggregate tax imposed by
23 section two hundred eighty-two-a[, section two hundred eighty-two-b and
24 section two hundred eighty-two-c] of this chapter shall have been paid,
25 shall be reimbursed the amount paid provided such motor fuel or diesel
26 motor fuel has been consumed by such nonpublic school operator exclu-
27 sively in educational related activities.

28 S 15. Subdivision 1 of section 289-e of the tax law, as amended by
29 section 15 of part K of chapter 61 of the laws of 2011, is amended to
30 read as follows:

31 1. All taxes, interest, penalties and fees collected or received by
32 the commissioner under the taxes imposed by this article, except as
33 provided otherwise in subdivision two and subdivision three of this
34 section [and sections two hundred eighty-two-b, two hundred
35 eighty-two-c, two hundred eighty-four-a and two hundred eighty-four-c,]
36 other than the fee imposed by section two hundred eighty-four-d and
37 penalties and interest on such fee, shall be deposited and disposed of
38 pursuant to the provisions of section one hundred seventy-one-a of this
39 chapter; provided that an amount equal to thirty-seven and one-half per
40 centum of the moneys collected under section two hundred eighty-four of
41 this chapter shall be appropriated and used for the acquisition of prop-
42 erty necessary for the construction and reconstruction of highways and
43 bridges or culverts on the state highway system, and for the
44 construction, maintenance and repair of such highways and bridges or
45 culverts, all under the direction of the commissioner of transportation.

46 S 16. Subdivision 5 of section 10-c of the highway law, as amended by
47 chapter 20 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:

48 5. For amounts to be distributed pursuant to this section above the
49 funding level, as defined in this subdivision, received by any munici-
50 pality, such municipality shall use at least seventy-five percent of
51 such apportioned moneys for the construction, reconstruction or improve-
52 ment of local highways, bridges and/or highway-railroad crossings,
53 including right of way acquisition, preliminary engineering, and
54 construction supervision and inspection, where the service life of the
55 project is at least ten years. Such moneys made available may be used to
56 match other state and federal funds made available for such projects

1 under federal-aid highway acts. The remainder of the apportionment, may
2 be used for any highway purposes, except debt service, including but not
3 limited to, the acquisition of materials and equipment devoted to opera-
4 tion and maintenance of local highways, bridges and/or highway-railroad
5 crossings and the payment of any costs directly attributable to opera-
6 tion and maintenance of local highways, bridges and/or highway-railroad
7 crossings. At the discretion of the commissioner, the requirement speci-
8 fied in this subdivision may be waived for assistance payments in
9 amounts of less than five thousand dollars. For purposes of this section
10 "funding level" shall mean the average amounts, calculated for each
11 municipality, received over two years ending March thirty-first, nine-
12 teen hundred eighty-two from the provisions of the town highway improve-
13 ment program, the distribution made by former section one hundred twelve
14 of this chapter, as repealed by section twenty-one of the transportation
15 systems assistance and financing act of 1981 of amounts collected from
16 taxes on motor fuel imposed by [sections] SECTION two hundred eighty-
17 four [and two hundred eighty-four-a] of the tax law and on Diesel motor
18 fuel imposed by [sections] SECTION two hundred eighty-two-a [and two
19 hundred eighty-two-b] of the tax law, and from motor vehicle fees
20 collected from residents pursuant to the vehicle and traffic law, and
21 the distribution made by former section two hundred seventy-nine of this
22 chapter, as repealed by section twenty-one of the transportation systems
23 assistance and financing act of 1981.

24 S 17. Notwithstanding any other section of the law, any taxes, inter-
25 est, penalties and fees that would have been received by the commission-
26 er of taxation and finance prior to the enactment of sections seven,
27 eight, nine, ten, eleven and twelve of this act, be deposited pursuant
28 to section 289-e of the tax law from the state general fund.

29 S 18. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
30 sections one through five of this act shall take effect on the first day
31 of the sales tax quarterly period, as described in subdivision (b) of
32 section 1136 of the tax law, next commencing at least 90 days after this
33 act shall have become a law and shall apply in accordance with the
34 applicable transitional provisions of section 1106 and 1217 of the tax
35 law.