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## IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to authorizing an exemption from taxation for certain energy systems

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (k) of subdivision 1 of section 487 of the real  
2 property tax law, as added by chapter 336 of the laws of 2017, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (k) "Micro-combined heat and power generating equipment" means an  
5 integrated, cogenerating building heating and electrical power gener-  
6 ation system, owned, leased or operated by a residential customer,  
7 located at such customer's premises, operating on any fuel and of any  
8 applicable engine, fuel cell, linear generator or other technology with  
9 a rated capacity of at least one kilowatt and not more than ten kilo-  
10 watts electric and any thermal output that has a design total fuel use  
11 efficiency in the production of heat and electricity of not less than  
12 eighty percent, and annually produces at least two thousand kilowatt  
13 hours of useful energy in the form of electricity that may work in  
14 combination with supplemental or parallel conventional heating systems,  
15 that is manufactured, installed and operated in accordance with applica-  
16 ble government and industry standards, that is connected to the electric  
17 system and operated in conjunction with an electric corporation's trans-  
18 mission and distribution facilities. It does not include pipes,  
19 controls, insulation or other equipment which are part of the normal  
20 heating, cooling, or insulation system of a building. It does not  
21 include insulated glazing or insulation to the extent that such materi-  
22 als exceed the energy efficiency standards established by law.

23 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 487 of the real property tax law is  
24 amended by adding two new paragraphs (o) and (p) to read as follows:

25 (o) "Linear generator electric generating equipment" or "linear gener-  
26 ator" means an integrated system consisting of oscillators, cylinders,  
27 electricity conversion equipment and associated balance of plant compo-  
28 nents that directly convert the linear motion of the oscillators into

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

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1 electricity and which has a combined rated capacity of not more than two  
2 thousand kilowatts.

3 (p) "Linear generator electric generating system" means an arrangement  
4 or combination of linear generator electric generating equipment  
5 designed to produce electrical energy from linear motion created by the  
6 reaction of gaseous or liquid fuels, including but not limited to biogas  
7 and natural gas.

8 § 3. Subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, and 8 of section 487 of the real proper-  
9 ty tax law, subdivisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 and paragraph (a) of subdivision  
10 8 as amended by chapter 336 of the laws of 2017, and subdivision 8 as  
11 amended by chapter 344 of the laws of 2014, are amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 2. Real property which includes a solar or wind energy system, farm  
14 waste energy system, micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell elec-  
15 tric generating system, micro-combined heat and power generating equip-  
16 ment system, ~~[or]~~ electric energy storage equipment and electric energy  
17 storage system, or linear generator electric generating system approved  
18 in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be exempt from  
19 taxation to the extent of any increase in the value thereof by reason of  
20 the inclusion of such solar or wind energy system, farm waste energy  
21 system, micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell electric generating  
22 system, micro-combined heat and power generating equipment system, ~~[or]~~  
23 electric energy storage equipment and electric energy storage system, or  
24 linear generator electronic generating system for a period of fifteen  
25 years. When a solar or wind energy system or components thereof, farm  
26 waste energy system, micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell elec-  
27 tric generating system, micro-combined heat and power generating equip-  
28 ment system, ~~[or]~~ electric energy storage equipment and electric energy  
29 storage system, or linear generator electronic generating system also  
30 serve as part of the building structure, the increase in value which  
31 shall be exempt from taxation shall be equal to the assessed value  
32 attributable to such system or components multiplied by the ratio of the  
33 incremental cost of such system or components to the total cost of such  
34 system or components. The exemption provided by this section is inappli-  
35 cable to any structure that satisfies the requirements for exemption  
36 under section four hundred eighty-three-e of this title.

37 3. The president of the authority shall provide definitions and guide-  
38 lines for the eligibility for exemption of the solar and wind energy  
39 equipment and systems, farm waste energy equipment and systems, micro-  
40 hydroelectric equipment and systems, fuel cell electric generating  
41 equipment and systems, micro-combined heat and power generating equip-  
42 ment and systems ~~[and]~~, electric energy storage equipment and electric  
43 energy storage system, and linear generator electric generating equip-  
44 ment and systems described in paragraphs (a), (b), (e), (f), (g), (h),  
45 (i), (j), (k), (l), (m) ~~[and]~~, (n), (o) and (p) of subdivision one of  
46 this section.

47 4. No solar or wind energy system, farm waste energy system, micro-hy-  
48 droelectric energy system, fuel cell electric generating system, micro-  
49 combined heat and power generating equipment system, ~~[or]~~ electric ener-  
50 gy storage equipment and electric energy storage system, or linear  
51 generator electric generating system shall be entitled to any exemption  
52 from taxation under this section unless such system meets the guidelines  
53 set by the president of the authority and all other applicable  
54 provisions of law.

55 5. The exemption granted pursuant to this section shall only be appli-  
56 cable to (a) solar or wind energy systems or farm waste energy systems

1 which are (i) existing or constructed prior to July first, nineteen  
2 hundred eighty-eight or (ii) constructed subsequent to January first,  
3 nineteen hundred ninety-one and prior to January first, two thousand  
4 twenty-five, and (b) micro-hydroelectric energy systems, fuel cell elec-  
5 tric generating systems, micro-combined heat and power generating equip-  
6 ment systems, ~~[or]~~ electric energy storage equipment or electric energy  
7 storage system, or linear generator electric generating system which are  
8 constructed subsequent to January first, two thousand eighteen and prior  
9 to January first, two thousand twenty-five.

10 8. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision two of this  
11 section, a county, city, town or village may by local law or a school  
12 district, other than a school district to which article fifty-two of the  
13 education law applies, may by resolution provide either (i) that no  
14 exemption under this section shall be applicable within its jurisdiction  
15 with respect to any solar or wind energy system or farm waste energy  
16 system which began construction subsequent to January first, nineteen  
17 hundred ninety-one or the effective date of such local law, ordinance or  
18 resolution, whichever is later, and/or (ii) that no exemption under this  
19 section shall be applicable within its jurisdiction with respect to any  
20 micro-hydroelectric energy system, fuel cell electric generating system,  
21 micro-combined heat and power generating equipment system, ~~[or]~~ electric  
22 energy storage equipment or electric energy storage system, or linear  
23 generator electric generating system constructed subsequent to January  
24 first, two thousand eighteen or the effective date of such local law,  
25 ordinance or resolution, whichever is later. A copy of any such local  
26 law or resolution shall be filed with the commissioner and with the  
27 president of the authority.

28 (b) Construction of a solar or wind energy system or a farm waste  
29 energy system shall be deemed to have begun upon the full execution of a  
30 contract or interconnection agreement with a utility; provided however,  
31 that if such contract or interconnection agreement requires a deposit to  
32 be made, then construction shall be deemed to have begun when the  
33 contract or interconnection agreement is fully executed and the deposit  
34 is made. The owner or developer of such a system shall provide written  
35 notification to the appropriate local jurisdiction or jurisdictions upon  
36 execution of the contract or the interconnection agreement.

37 § 4. This act shall take effect January 19, 2019.