STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. JENSEN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to establishing a sales tax holiday for various products for the period commencing on Black Friday and ending after Christmas day

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 47 to read as follows:
- 3 (47) Products purchased for less than five hundred dollars commencing
 4 on the fourth Friday in November and ending on the twenty-sixth day in
 5 December. For the purposes of this paragraph the term "products" shall
 6 include but not be limited to:
- 7 (A) clothing, footwear, jewelry, handbags, book bags, backpacks, 8 luggage, wallets, watches;
 - (B) sporting goods, camping equipment;
- 10 (C) tools used for home improvement, automotive maintenance and 11 repair;
- 12 (D) books, journals, paper, writing instruments, art supplies, greet-
- ing cards, post cards, paintings, drawings, photographs, sculptures,
 pottery, textiles;
- 15 (E) plants, floral arrangements;
- 16 (F) cosmetics, personal grooming items;
- 17 <u>(G) musical instruments, cookware, small home appliances for residen-</u>
 18 <u>tial use;</u>
- 19 (H) bedding, towels, bath accessories;
- 20 (I) furniture; and

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- 21 (J) toys, games, video games, video game consoles, any associated
- 22 accessories for video game consoles, home electronics, computers,
- 23 phones, tablets, stereo equipment.
- § 2. Subdivision (b) of section 1107 of the tax law is amended by
- 25 adding a new clause 12 to read as follows:
- 26 (12) Except as otherwise provided by law, the exemption provided in 27 paragraph forty-seven of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred

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

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fifteen of this article relating to products purchased for less than five hundred dollars shall be applicable pursuant to a local law, ordinance or resolution adopted by a city subject to the provisions of this section. Such city is empowered to adopt or repeal such a local law, ordinance or resolution. Such adoption or repeal shall also be deemed to amend any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by such a city imposing taxes pursuant to the authority of subdivision (a) of section twelve hundred ten of this chapter.

§ 3. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by section 5 of part J of chapter 59 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

12 (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 13 14 the local laws, ordinances or resolutions imposing such taxes shall be 15 identical, except as to rate and except as otherwise provided, with the 16 corresponding provisions in such article twenty-eight, including the 17 definition and exemption provisions of such article, so far as the 18 provisions of such article twenty-eight can be made applicable to the 19 taxes imposed by such city or county and with such limitations and special provisions as are set forth in this article. The taxes author-20 21 ized under this subdivision may not be imposed by a city or county 22 unless the local law, ordinance or resolution imposes such taxes so as 23 include all portions and all types of receipts, charges or rents, subject to state tax under sections eleven hundred five and eleven 24 25 hundred ten of this chapter, except as otherwise provided. Notwith-26 standing the foregoing, a tax imposed by a city or county authorized 27 under this subdivision shall not include the tax imposed on charges for 28 admission to race tracks and simulcast facilities under subdivision (f) 29 of section eleven hundred five of this chapter. (i) Any local law, ordi-30 nance or resolution enacted by any city of less than one million or by 31 any county or school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this 32 subdivision, shall, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contra-33 ry, exclude from the operation of such local taxes all sales of tangible 34 personal property for use or consumption directly and predominantly in 35 the production of tangible personal property, gas, electricity, refrig-36 eration or steam, for sale, by manufacturing, processing, generating, 37 assembly, refining, mining or extracting; and all sales of tangible personal property for use or consumption predominantly either in the 39 production of tangible personal property, for sale, by farming or in a 40 commercial horse boarding operation, or in both; and all sales of fuel sold for use in commercial aircraft and general aviation aircraft; and, 41 42 unless such city, county or school district elects otherwise, shall omit 43 the provision for credit or refund contained in clause six of subdivi-44 sion (a) or subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this 45 chapter. (ii) Any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any 46 city, county or school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this 47 subdivision, shall omit the residential solar energy systems equipment 48 and electricity exemption provided for in subdivision (ee), the commercial solar energy systems equipment and electricity exemption provided 49 for in subdivision (ii), the commercial fuel cell electricity generating 50 systems equipment and electricity generated by such equipment exemption 51 52 provided for in subdivision (kk) and the clothing and footwear exemption 53 provided for in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, unless such city, county or school 55 district elects otherwise as to such residential solar energy systems 56 equipment and electricity exemption, such commercial solar energy

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systems equipment and electricity exemption, commercial fuel cell elec-1 2 tricity generating systems equipment and electricity generated by such 3 equipment exemption or such clothing and footwear exemption. Any local 4 law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any city, county or school 5 district, imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivision, shall omit 6 the products purchased for less than five hundred dollars exemption 7 provided for in paragraph forty-seven of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, unless such city, county or 8 school district elects otherwise; provided that if such a city having a 9 10 population of one million or more enacts the resolution described in 11 subdivision (q) of this section or repeals such resolution, such resol-12 ution 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 13 14 authority of this subdivision, whether or not such taxes are suspended 15 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, 16 17 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 18 city of one million or more enacts a resolution pursuant to the authori-19 ty of subdivision (q) of this section, shall be further amended, as 20 21 provided in section twelve hundred eighteen of this subpart, so that the 22 products purchased for less than five hundred dollars exemption in any such local law, ordinance or resolution or in such section eleven 23 hundred seven of this chapter is the same as the products purchased for 24 25 less than five hundred dollars exemption in paragraph forty-seven of 26 subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter. (iii) 27 Any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any city, county or 28 school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivision, 29 shall omit the residential solar energy systems equipment and electric-30 ity exemption provided for in subdivision (ee) of section eleven hundred 31 fifteen of this chapter, the commercial solar energy systems equipment 32 and electricity exemption provided for in subdivision (ii) and the 33 clothing and footwear exemption provided for in paragraph thirty of 34 subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, unless such city, county or school district elects otherwise as to 35 36 either such residential solar energy systems equipment and electricity 37 exemption, such commercial solar energy systems equipment and electric-38 ity exemption or such clothing and footwear exemption. Any local law, 39 ordinance or resolution enacted by any city, county or school district, 40 imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivision, shall omit the mobile telecommunication services exemption provided for in subdivision (cc) of 41 section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, unless such city, county 42 43 or school district elects otherwise; provided that if such a city having 44 a population of one million or more repeals a resolution described in 45 former subdivision (p) of this section, such repeal shall also be deemed 46 to amend any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by such a city 47 imposing such taxes pursuant to the authority of this subdivision, 48 whether or not such taxes are suspended at the time such city repeals 49 its resolution enacted pursuant to former subdivision (p) of this 50 section; provided, further, that any such local law, ordinance or resolution and section eleven hundred seven of this chapter, as deemed to be 51 52 amended in the event a city of one million or more repeals a resolution 53 enacted pursuant to the authority of former subdivision (p) of this 54 section, shall be further amended, as provided in section twelve hundred eighteen of this subpart, so that the wireless telecommunications 55 services exemption in any such local law, ordinance or resolution or in 56

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such section eleven hundred seven of this chapter is the same as the mobile telecommunication services exemption in subdivision (cc) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter. (iv) Any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any city, county or school district, 5 imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivision, shall omit the residential solar energy systems equipment and electricity exemption 7 provided for in subdivision (ee) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, the commercial solar energy systems equipment and elec-9 tricity exemption provided for in subdivision (ii) and the clothing and 10 footwear exemption provided for in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) 11 of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, unless such city, 12 county or school district elects otherwise as to either such residential solar energy systems equipment and electricity exemption, such commer-13 14 cial solar energy systems equipment and electricity exemption or such 15 clothing and footwear exemption.

- § 4. Subdivision (d) of section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by section 4 of part WW of chapter 60 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:
- 18 (d) A local law, ordinance or resolution imposing any tax pursuant to 19 this section, increasing or decreasing the rate of such tax, repealing 20 21 suspending such tax, exempting from such tax the energy sources and 22 services described in paragraph three of subdivision (a) or of subdivision (b) of this section or changing the rate of tax imposed on such 23 24 energy sources and services or providing for the credit or refund 25 described in clause six of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred 26 nineteen of this chapter, or electing or repealing the exemption for 27 residential solar equipment and electricity in subdivision (ee) of 28 section eleven hundred fifteen of this article, or the exemption for commercial solar equipment and electricity in subdivision (ii) of 29 section eleven hundred fifteen of this article, or electing or repealing 30 31 the exemption for commercial fuel cell electricity generating systems 32 equipment and electricity generated by such equipment in subdivision 33 (kk) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this article must go into 34 effect only on one of the following dates: March first, June first, 35 September first or December first; provided, that a local law, ordinance 36 or resolution providing for the exemption described in paragraph thirty 37 subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter or repealing any such exemption or a local law, ordinance or resolution 39 providing for a refund or credit described in subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this chapter or repealing such provision so 40 provided must go into effect only on March first; provided, further, 41 42 that a local law, ordinance or resolution providing for the exemption 43 described in paragraph forty-seven of subdivision (a) of section eleven 44 hundred fifteen of this chapter or repealing any such exemption so 45 provided and a resolution enacted pursuant to the authority of subdivi-46 sion (q) of this section providing such exemption or repealing such 47 exemption so provided may go into effect immediately. No such local ordinance or resolution shall be effective unless a certified copy 48 of such law, ordinance or resolution is mailed by registered or certi-49 fied mail to the commissioner at the commissioner's office in Albany at 50 51 least ninety days prior to the date it is to become effective. However, 52 the commissioner may waive and reduce such ninety-day minimum notice 53 requirement to a mailing of such certified copy by registered or certified mail within a period of not less than thirty days prior to such effective date if the commissioner deems such action to be consistent 55 with the commissioner's duties under section twelve hundred fifty of 56

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this article and the commissioner acts by resolution. Where the restriction provided for in section twelve hundred twenty-three of this article as to the effective date of a tax and the notice requirement provided for therein are applicable and have not been waived, the restriction and notice requirement in section twelve hundred twenty-three of this article shall also apply.

- § 5. Section 1210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivision (p) to read as follows:
- 9 (p) Notwithstanding any other provision of state or local law, ordi-10 nance or resolution to the contrary: (1) Any city having a population of 11 one million or more in which the taxes imposed by section eleven hundred 12 seven of this chapter are in effect, acting through its local legislative body, is hereby authorized and empowered to elect to provide the 13 14 exemption from such taxes for the same products purchased for less than 15 five hundred dollars exempt from state sales and compensating use taxes described in paragraph forty-seven of subdivision (a) of section eleven 16 17 hundred fifteen of this chapter by enacting a resolution in the form set forth in paragraph two of this subdivision; whereupon, upon compliance 18 with the provisions of subdivisions (d) and (e) of this section, such 19 20 enactment of such resolution shall be deemed to be an amendment to such 21 section eleven hundred seven and such section eleven hundred seven shall 22 be deemed to incorporate such exemption as if it had been duly enacted 23 by the state legislature and approved by the governor. (2) Form of Resolution: Be it enacted by the (insert proper title of local legisla-24 25 tive body) as follows: Section one. Receipts from sales of and consid-26 eration given or contracted to be given for purchases of products 27 purchased for less than five hundred dollars exempt from state sales and 28 compensating use taxes pursuant to paragraph forty-seven of subdivision 29 (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of the tax law shall also be 30 exempt from sales and compensating use taxes imposed in this jurisdic-31 tion. Section two. This resolution shall take effect, (insert the date) 32 and shall apply to sales made and uses occurring on and after that date 33 although made or occurring under a prior contract.
 - § 6. The commissioner of taxation and finance is hereby authorized to implement the provisions of this act with respect to the elimination of the imposition of sales tax, additional taxes, and supplemental taxes on products purchased for less than five hundred dollars and all other taxes so addressed by this act.
 - § 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sales tax quarterly period, as described in subdivision (b) of section 1136 of the tax law, next commencing at least ninety days after this act shall have become law and shall apply in accordance with the applicable transitional provisions of sections 1106 and 1217 of the tax law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.