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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Budget and Revenue

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to enacting the "disabled child care act"

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "disabled child care act".

3 § 2. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection
4 (bbb) to read as follows:

5 (bbb) Disabled child care credit. (1) A taxpayer shall be allowed a
6 credit against the tax imposed under section six hundred one of this
7 part equal to twenty percent of qualified care expenses which are equal
8 to or less than two thousand four hundred dollars for the taxable year
9 that are paid by the taxpayer for the care of a qualifying disabled
10 child. A taxpayer with qualified care expenses pursuant to the preced-
11 ing sentence which are equal to or in excess of two hundred forty
12 dollars for any taxable year shall receive an additional seventy-five
13 dollar credit against the tax imposed under section six hundred one of
14 this part. If the credit or credits provided pursuant to this section
15 exceed the tax for such taxable year, the taxpayer may receive, and the
16 comptroller, subject to a certificate of the commissioner, shall pay as
17 an overpayment, without interest, any excess between such tax as so
18 reduced and the amount of the creditor credits. If a taxpayer is not
19 required to file a return pursuant to section six hundred one of this
20 part, a taxpayer may nevertheless receive and the comptroller, subject
21 to a certificate of the commissioner, shall pay as an overpayment the
22 full amount of the credit or credits, without interest.

23 (2) As used in this subsection:

24 (A) "Qualifying disabled child" is a disabled child of the taxpayer
25 within the third degree of consanguinity who resides with the taxpayer

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

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1 and who has autism, autism spectrum disorder, developmental disabilities
2 as defined in subdivision twenty-two of section 1.03 of the mental
3 hygiene law or is physically disabled.

4 (B) "Qualified care expenses" are payments made by the taxpayer for
5 goods and services necessary to allow the qualifying disabled child to
6 be maintained in the taxpayer's residence which goods and services are:
7 (i) provided to or for the benefit of the qualifying disabled child or
8 to assist the taxpayer in caring for the qualifying disabled child; and
9 (ii) not compensated for by insurance or federal or state programs. Such
10 expenses include, but are not limited to, home health agency services,
11 day care, personal care attendant services, respite care, health care
12 equipment and supplies, home modification, or any services necessary to
13 provide help in two or more activities in daily living, or for the
14 provision of assistive devices.

15 (3) When two or more taxpayers who are members of a household meet the
16 qualifications for a credit or credits pursuant to this subsection, the
17 credit or credits shall be equally divided between or among such indi-
18 viduals unless such individuals file with the commissioner a written
19 agreement setting forth a different division. Where a joint income tax
20 return has been filed pursuant to this chapter by a taxpayer and such
21 taxpayer's spouse (or where both spouses are taxpayers and have filed
22 such joint return), who qualify for such credit or credits, the credit
23 or credits, or the portion thereof if divided, to which the spouse is
24 entitled shall be applied against the tax of both spouses and any over-
25 payment shall be made to both spouses. Where any return required to be
26 filed pursuant to this chapter is combined with any return of tax
27 imposed pursuant to the authority of this chapter or any other law if
28 such tax is administered by the commissioner, the credit or credits or
29 the portion thereof if divided, allowed to the taxpayer may be applied
30 by the commissioner toward any liability for the aforementioned taxes.

31 (4) No credit or credits or portion thereof shall be granted under
32 this subsection with respect to care provided in a residence that is
33 wholly exempted from real property taxation or to an individual who is
34 not a resident individual of the state for the entire taxable year. The
35 right to claim a credit or credits or a portion thereof, where such
36 credit or credits have been divided under this subsection, shall be
37 personal to the qualified taxpayer and shall not survive such taxpayer's
38 death, but such right may be exercised on behalf of a claimant by such
39 claimant's legal guardian or attorney in fact during such claimant's
40 lifetime.

41 (5) The commissioner may require a taxpayer to furnish as support of
42 such taxpayer's claim for credit under this subsection receipts for
43 qualified care expenses or other such proofs of payment as shall satisfy
44 the commissioner.

45 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
46 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.