STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 20, 2026

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

AN ACT authorizing Farmingdale First Baptist Church, Inc. to receive retroactive real property tax exempt status

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the assessor of the town of Babylon, county of Suffolk, is hereby authorized to accept from Farmingdale First Baptist Church Inc., a not-for-profit organization, an application for exemption from real property taxes pursuant to section 420-a of the real property tax law with respect to the 2023, 2024, and 2025 assessment rolls, for the parcels owned by such organization which are located at 51 East Street, in the hamlet of Amityville, town of Babylon, county of Suffolk, otherwise known as Suffolk county tax map district 0100, section 099.00, block 01.00, lot 014.000.

If accepted, such application shall be reviewed as if it had been received on or before the taxable status date established for such rolls. If satisfied that such non-profit organization would otherwise be entitled to such exemption if such organization had filed an application for exemption by the appropriate taxable status date, the assessor, upon approval by the town of Babylon town board, may grant exemption from all taxation and make appropriate corrections to the subject rolls. If such exemption is granted and such organization therefore shall have paid any tax with respect to the subject rolls, the applicable governing body or tax department may, in its sole discretion, provide for the refund of the taxes paid, along with any fines or penalties paid, and cancel any taxes, fines, penalties, interest, or tax liens remaining unpaid.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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