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AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to the creation of a
debt management board and limiting the amount of state related debt
that may be issued

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

1 Section 1. The state finance law is amended by adding a new article
2 5-E to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5-E

DEBT MANAGEMENT BOARD

SECTION 69-N. DEFINITIONS.

69-O. NEW YORK STATE DEBT MANAGEMENT BOARD; CREATION; PROCEDURE.

69-P. POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEBT
MANAGEMENT BOARD; LIMITATIONS.

69-Q. COMPTROLLER'S DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO BOARD.

S 69-N. DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE AND ARTICLE FIVE-F OF
THIS CHAPTER, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS SET FORTH
BELOW:

1. STATE DEBT. ALL BONDS AND BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES ISSUED BY THE
STATE COMPTROLLER PURSUANT TO ARTICLE FIVE OF THIS CHAPTER.

2. STATE BACKED DEBT. ALL DEBT OTHER THAN STATE DEBT ISSUED BY ANY
STATE OFFICER, AGENCY, OR ENTITY, INCLUDING ANY STATE PUBLIC BENEFIT
CORPORATION OR OTHER STATE PUBLIC CORPORATION, AND BACKED BY ANY AGREE-
MENT BY THE STATE, STATUTORY, CONTRACTUAL, OR OTHERWISE, WHETHER OR NOT
CONTINGENT, WHEREBY THE STATE MAY BE CALLED UPON TO MAKE PAYMENTS,
WHETHER OR NOT SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION, THAT ARE INTENDED TO BE USED,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY DEBT SERVICE. STATE BACKED DEBT SHALL NOT
INCLUDE DEBT BACKED BY MONEY APPROPRIATED OR OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE
FOR SOME OTHER PURPOSE THAT MAY INCIDENTALLY BE USED TO PAY DEBT SERVICE

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

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1 OR THAT IS APPROPRIATED TO ANOTHER ENTITY FOR A PURPOSE OTHER THAN
2 PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE AND WHICH MAY BE INTERCEPTED BY THE COMPTROLLER
3 ON A CONTINGENT BASIS TO PAY DEBT SERVICE OF THE ISSUING ENTITY.

4 3. STATE RELATED DEBT. ALL STATE DEBT AND ALL STATE BACKED DEBT.

5 S 69-0. NEW YORK STATE DEBT MANAGEMENT BOARD; CREATION; PROCEDURE. 1.
6 THE NEW YORK STATE DEBT MANAGEMENT BOARD IS HEREBY CREATED TO HAVE AND
7 EXERCISE THE POWERS, DUTIES, AND PREROGATIVES PROVIDED BY THE PROVISIONS
8 OF THIS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW.

9 2. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN PERSONS, INCLUD-
10 ING THE GOVERNOR, THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET, THE STATE COMPTROLLER, THE
11 SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE
12 MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY, AND MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE. THE
13 GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRPERSON, WHO SHALL SERVE AT THE PLEAS-
14 URE OF THE GOVERNOR. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ENTITLED TO
15 DESIGNATE A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE BOARD IN HIS OR HER
16 PLACE AND TO VOTE OR OTHERWISE ACT ON HIS OR HER BEHALF IN HIS OR HER
17 ABSENCE. NOTICE OF SUCH DESIGNATION SHALL BE FURNISHED IN WRITING TO
18 THE BOARD BY THE DESIGNATED MEMBER. A REPRESENTATIVE SHALL SERVE AT THE
19 PLEASURE OF THE DESIGNATING MEMBER DURING THE MEMBER'S TERM OF OFFICE. A
20 REPRESENTATIVE SHALL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO DELEGATE ANY OF HIS OR HER
21 DUTIES OR FUNCTIONS TO ANY OTHER PERSON.

22 3. THE BOARD SHALL ACT WHENEVER AUTHORIZED BY A MAJORITY OF ALL VOTES
23 CAST AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD. EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL BE ENTI-
24 TLED TO AS MANY VOTES AS FOLLOWS:

25 A. THE GOVERNOR SHALL HAVE SEVENTY-FIVE VOTES;

26 B. THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL HAVE SEVENTY-FIVE VOTES;

27 C. THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY SHALL HAVE THE NUMBER OF VOTES EQUAL TO
28 ONE HUNDRED TIMES THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF HIS OR HER POLITICAL PARTY
29 WITHIN HIS OR HER HOUSE DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN HIS OR
30 HER HOUSE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER;

31 D. THE MAJORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE SHALL HAVE THE NUMBER OF VOTES
32 EQUAL TO ONE HUNDRED TIMES THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF HIS OR HER POLITICAL
33 PARTY WITHIN HIS OR HER HOUSE DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN
34 HIS OR HER HOUSE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER;

35 E. THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ASSEMBLY SHALL HAVE THE NUMBER OF VOTES
36 EQUAL TO ONE HUNDRED TIMES THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF HIS OR HER POLITICAL
37 PARTY WITHIN HIS OR HER HOUSE DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN
38 HIS OR HER HOUSE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER;

39 F. THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE SHALL HAVE THE NUMBER OF VOTES
40 EQUAL TO ONE HUNDRED TIMES THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF HIS OR HER POLITICAL
41 PARTY WITHIN HIS OR HER HOUSE DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS IN
42 HIS OR HER HOUSE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER;

43 G. THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET SHALL VOTE ONLY WHEN ACTING AS THE
44 DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE OR MORE OF THE OTHER BOARD MEMBERS.

45 4. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS OF LAW, GENERAL,
46 SPECIAL, OR LOCAL, NO OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE STATE, OF ANY POLITICAL
47 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE, OF ANY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY OPERATING ANY
48 PUBLIC SCHOOL OR COLLEGE, OR OF ANY OTHER PUBLIC AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTAL-
49 ITY OR UNIT OF GOVERNMENT WHICH EXERCISES GOVERNMENTAL POWERS UNDER THE
50 LAWS OF THE STATE SHALL FORFEIT SUCH OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT BY REASON OF
51 ACCEPTANCE OR APPOINTMENT AS A MEMBER, REPRESENTATIVE, OFFICER, EMPLOY-
52 EE, OR AGENT OF THE BOARD, NOR SHALL SERVICE AS SUCH MEMBER, REPRESENT-
53 TATIVE, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, OR AGENT OF THE BOARD BE DEEMED INCOMPATIBLE
54 OR IN CONFLICT WITH SUCH OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT. THE MEMBERS, THEIR REPRESENTATIVES,
55 OFFICERS, AND STAFF OF THE BOARD SHALL BE DEEMED EMPLOYEES
56 WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION SEVENTEEN OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW.

1 5. THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SHALL SERVE WITHOUT SALARY OR PER DIEM
2 ALLOWANCE BUT SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR ACTUAL AND NECES-
3 SARY EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES PURSUANT TO
4 THIS SECTION OR OTHER PROVISION OF LAW; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH
5 MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOT, AT THE TIME SUCH EXPENSES ARE
6 INCURRED, PUBLIC EMPLOYEES OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO SUCH REIMBURSEMENT.

7 S 69-P. POWERS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE NEW YORK STATE DEBT
8 MANAGEMENT BOARD; LIMITATIONS. 1. THE NEW YORK STATE DEBT MANAGEMENT
9 BOARD SHALL HAVE THE POWER AND IT SHALL BE ITS DUTY TO MAKE RECOMMENDA-
10 TIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE OF POLICIES TO GOVERN THE
11 ISSUANCE OF ALL STATE RELATED DEBT AND OTHER CAPITAL FINANCING MATTERS.

12 2. ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF THE SIXTH MONTH AFTER THIS ARTICLE
13 SHALL HAVE BECOME LAW, THE BOARD SHALL SUGGEST POLICY GUIDELINES FOR THE
14 ISSUANCE OF ALL STATE RELATED DEBT AND FOR CAPITAL FINANCING. SUCH
15 GUIDELINES SHALL COVER, AMONG OTHER ITEMS, THE FOLLOWING:

16 A. CAPITALIZATION OF INTEREST ON STATE RELATED DEBT;

17 B. CRITERIA FOR REFUNDING OUTSTANDING STATE RELATED DEBT, INCLUDING,
18 BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SUCH MATTERS AS EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF OUTSTANDING
19 DEBT, PRESENT VALUE SAVINGS, AND DISTRIBUTION OF ACTUAL SAVINGS;

20 C. THE USE OF CREDIT ENHANCEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO STATE RELATED DEBT;

21 D. SUCH OTHER POLICY MATTERS RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF STATE RELATED
22 DEBT AS THE BOARD MAY DETERMINE TO BE APPROPRIATE;

23 E. STRUCTURE FOR STATE RELATED DEBT, SUCH AS RATE OF AMORTIZATION OF
24 PRINCIPAL; AND

25 F. GOALS FOR THE PROPORTION OF STATE CAPITAL SPENDING TO BE FINANCED
26 WITH DEBT AND THE PROPORTION TO BE FINANCED WITH CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS.

27 THE BOARD SHALL ANNUALLY REVIEW THE RECOMMENDED POLICY GUIDELINES AND
28 RECOMMEND SUCH CHANGES OR ADDITIONS AS IT DEEMS ADVISABLE ON OR BEFORE
29 THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF ITS ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION.

30 S 69-Q. COMPTROLLER'S DUTIES WITH RESPECT TO BOARD. THE COMPTROLLER
31 SHALL COLLECT AND ANALYZE DATA WITH RESPECT TO OUTSTANDING STATE RELATED
32 DEBT AND, AT LEAST ANNUALLY, ON OR BEFORE THE LAST DAY OF THE CALENDAR
33 YEAR, REPORT TO THE BOARD, THE GOVERNOR, AND THE LEGISLATURE ON THE
34 CONDITION OF STATE RELATED DEBT. SUCH REPORT SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE
35 LIMITED TO, THE AMOUNT OF STATE RELATED DEBT OUTSTANDING, THE DIFFERENT
36 ISSUERS AND CATEGORIES OF SUCH DEBT, AND ANY DIFFERENCES IN CREDIT
37 RATING AMONG CATEGORIES AND ISSUERS.

38 S 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new article 5-F to
39 read as follows:

40 ARTICLE 5-F

41 LIMITATIONS ON STATE RELATED DEBT

42 SECTION 69-T. DEFINITIONS.

43 69-U. LIMITATIONS ON THE ISSUANCE OF STATE RELATED DEBT.

44 S 69-T. DEFINITIONS. WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE THE FOLLOWING TERMS
45 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS SET FORTH BELOW:

46 1. TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME OF THE STATE. THE MOST RECENTLY PUBLISHED
47 ESTIMATED DOLLAR AMOUNT DETERMINED AS TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME OF THE STATE
48 OF NEW YORK BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OR ANY SUCCESSOR
49 AGENCY FOR THE FOUR MOST RECENT SUCCESSIVE CALENDAR QUARTERS FOR WHICH
50 INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION OF THE BUDGET BILLS
51 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE SEVEN OF THE CONSTITUTION. SUBSEQUENT REVISIONS OF
52 THE PUBLISHED ESTIMATED DOLLAR AMOUNT FOR SUCH CALENDAR QUARTERS SHALL
53 NOT AFFECT THE VALIDITY OF THE DETERMINATION MADE FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR.

54 2. TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS RECEIPTS OF THE STATE. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
55 RECEIPTS OF ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS OF THE STATE, AS REPORTED BY THE

1 STATE COMPTROLLER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR PRECEDING THE YEAR IN WHICH DEBT
2 IS TO BE INCURRED.

3 S 69-U. LIMITATIONS ON THE ISSUANCE OF STATE RELATED DEBT. 1. NO STATE
4 BACKED DEBT SHALL BE CONTRACTED AFTER MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND
5 NINE, AND NO STATE DEBT AUTHORIZED AFTER MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOU-
6 SAND NINE SHALL BE CONTRACTED UNLESS, WHEN ADDED TO THE AGGREGATE
7 OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF STATE BACKED DEBT CONTRACTED AFTER MARCH
8 THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINE AND STATE DEBT AUTHORIZED AND CONTRACTED
9 AFTER MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINE, THE TOTAL AMOUNT SHALL BE
10 LESS THAN THE DESIGNATED PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME OF THE
11 STATE. THE DESIGNATED PERCENTAGE SHALL BE ONE PERCENT FOR FISCAL YEAR
12 TWO THOUSAND NINE--TWO THOUSAND TEN AND SHALL INCREASE BY ONE-THIRD OF
13 ONE PERCENT IN EACH OF THE SEVEN SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS. THE DESIGNATED
14 PERCENTAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN--TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN
15 AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER SHALL BE THREE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT.
16 DEBT ISSUED TO REFUND STATE BACKED DEBT THAT WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED ON OR
17 PRIOR TO MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINE SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM
18 THE CALCULATION; PROVIDED THAT THERE WAS A DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS IN EACH
19 YEAR TO MATURITY OF THE REFUNDING DEBT. STATE BACKED DEBT ISSUED TO
20 REFUND STATE BACKED DEBT ISSUED AFTER MARCH THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND
21 NINE AND STATE DEBT ISSUED TO REFUND STATE DEBT AUTHORIZED AFTER MARCH
22 THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINE SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE CALCULATION
23 UNTIL THE DEBT IT IS ISSUED TO REFUND IS EXTINGUISHED, AT WHICH TIME A
24 PORTION OF SUCH DEBT SHALL BE INCLUDED THAT IS EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF
25 THE REFUNDING DEBT THEN OUTSTANDING MULTIPLIED BY A FRACTION THE NUMERA-
26 TOR OF WHICH IS EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF DEBT REFUNDED AND THE DENOMINATOR
27 OF WHICH IS EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF REFUNDING DEBT INCURRED.

28 2. ADDITIONALLY, NO STATE RELATED DEBT SHALL BE ISSUED AFTER SEPTEMBER
29 FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINE IF THE AGGREGATE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF DEBT SERVICE,
30 AS DETERMINED BY THE COMPTROLLER, DUE ON ALL STATE RELATED DEBT
31 OUTSTANDING ON THE LAST DAY OF THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR AND EXPECTED TO
32 BE PAID, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM STATE APPROPRIATIONS OR OTHER
33 STATE PAYMENTS SHALL EXCEED IN ANY YEAR, FIVE AND THREE-QUARTERS PERCENT
34 OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS RECEIPTS OF THE STATE FOR SUCH PRECEDING
35 FISCAL YEAR.

36 3. THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR MAINTAINING AT ALL
37 TIMES A CURRENT TOTAL OF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF DEBT SERVICE DUE IN ANY
38 YEAR AND EXPECTED TO BE PAID, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, FROM STATE APPRO-
39 PRIATIONS, OR OTHERWISE FROM STATE PAYMENTS, ON ALL STATE RELATED DEBT
40 THEN OUTSTANDING. SUCH PROCEDURES SHALL BE IN PLACE NO LATER THAN AUGUST
41 FIRST, TWO THOUSAND NINE.

42 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.