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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to exempting the sale and installation of commercial solar energy systems equipment from state sales and compensating use taxes and granting municipalities the option to grant such exemption

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

1 Section 1. Section 1115 of the tax law is amended by adding a new
2 subdivision (gg) to read as follows:
3 (GG) RECEIPTS FROM THE RETAIL SALE OF COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS
4 EQUIPMENT AND OF THE SERVICE OF INSTALLING SUCH SYSTEMS SHALL BE EXEMPT
5 FROM TAXES IMPOSED BY SECTIONS ELEVEN HUNDRED FIVE AND ELEVEN HUNDRED
6 ELEVEN OF THIS ARTICLE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, "COMMER-
7 CIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT" SHALL MEAN AN ARRANGEMENT OR COMBI-
8 NATION OF COMPONENTS INSTALLED UPON NON-RESIDENTIAL PREMISES THAT
9 UTILIZE SOLAR RADIATION TO PRODUCE ENERGY DESIGNED TO PROVIDE HEATING,
10 COOLING, HOT WATER AND/OR ELECTRICITY. SUCH ARRANGEMENT OR COMPONENTS
11 SHALL NOT INCLUDE EQUIPMENT THAT IS PART OF A NON-SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEM.
12 S 2. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section
13 1210 of the tax law, as amended by section 4 of part SS-1 of chapter 57
14 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:
15 (i) Either, all of the taxes described in article twenty-eight of this
16 chapter, at the same uniform rate, as to which taxes all provisions of
17 the local laws, ordinances or resolutions imposing such taxes shall be
18 identical, except as to rate and except as otherwise provided, with the
19 corresponding provisions in such article twenty-eight, including the
20 definition and exemption provisions of such article, so far as the
21 provisions of such article twenty-eight can be made applicable to the
22 taxes imposed by such city or county and with such limitations and

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

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1 special provisions as are set forth in this article. The taxes author-
2 ized under this subdivision may not be imposed by a city or county
3 unless the local law, ordinance or resolution imposes such taxes so as
4 to include all portions and all types of receipts, charges or rents,
5 subject to state tax under sections eleven hundred five and eleven
6 hundred ten of this chapter, except as otherwise provided. Any local
7 law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any city of less than one
8 million or by any county or school district, imposing the taxes author-
9 ized by this subdivision, shall, notwithstanding any provision of law to
10 the contrary, exclude from the operation of such local taxes all sales
11 of tangible personal property for use or consumption directly and
12 predominantly in the production of tangible personal property, gas,
13 electricity, refrigeration or steam, for sale, by manufacturing, proc-
14 essing, generating, assembly, refining, mining or extracting; and all
15 sales of tangible personal property for use or consumption predominantly
16 either in the production of tangible personal property, for sale, by
17 farming or in a commercial horse boarding operation, or in both; and,
18 unless such city, county or school district elects otherwise, shall omit
19 the provision for credit or refund contained in clause six of subdivi-
20 sion (a) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this chapter. Any local
21 law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any city, county or school
22 district, imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivision, shall omit
23 the residential solar energy systems equipment exemption provided for in
24 subdivision (ee), the clothing and footwear exemption provided for in
25 paragraph thirty of subdivision (a), THE COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS
26 EQUIPMENT EXEMPTION PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION (GG) and the qualified
27 empire zone enterprise exemptions provided for in subdivision (z) of
28 section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, unless such city, county
29 or school district elects otherwise as to either such residential solar
30 energy systems equipment exemption or such clothing and footwear
31 exemption OR SUCH COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS EXEMPTION or
32 such qualified empire zone enterprise exemptions; provided that if such
33 a city having a population of one million or more in which the taxes
34 imposed by section eleven hundred seven of this chapter are in effect
35 enacts the resolution described in subdivision (k) of this section or
36 repeals such resolution or enacts the resolution described in subdivi-
37 sion (l) of this section or repeals such resolution or enacts the resol-
38 ution described in subdivision (n) of this section or repeals such
39 resolution, such resolution or repeal shall also be deemed to amend any
40 local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by such a city imposing such
41 taxes pursuant to the authority of this subdivision, whether or not such
42 taxes are suspended at the time such city enacts its resolution pursuant
43 to subdivision (k), (l) [or], (n) OR (P) of this section or at the time
44 of any such repeal; provided, further, that any such local law, ordi-
45 nance or resolution and section eleven hundred seven of this chapter, as
46 deemed to be amended in the event a city of one million or more enacts a
47 resolution pursuant to the authority of subdivision (k), (l) [or], (n)
48 OR (P) of this section, shall be further amended, as provided in section
49 twelve hundred eighteen of this subpart, so that the residential solar
50 energy systems equipment exemption or the clothing and footwear
51 exemption OR THE COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS EXEMPTION or
52 the qualified empire zone enterprise exemptions in any such local law,
53 ordinance or resolution or in such section eleven hundred seven are the
54 same, as the case may be, as the residential solar energy systems equip-
55 ment exemption provided for in subdivision (ee), the clothing and foot-
56 wear exemption in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a), THE COMMERCIAL

1 SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT EXEMPTION PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION
2 (GG) or the qualified empire zone enterprise exemptions in subdivision
3 (z) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter.

4 S 3. Section 1210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivi-
5 sion (p) to read as follows:

6 (P) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF STATE OR LOCAL LAW, ORDI-
7 NANCE OR RESOLUTION TO THE CONTRARY:

8 (1) ANY CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE IN WHICH THE
9 TAXES IMPOSED BY SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN OF THIS CHAPTER ARE IN
10 EFFECT, ACTING THROUGH ITS LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODY, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED
11 AND EMPOWERED TO ELECT TO PROVIDE THE SAME EXEMPTIONS FROM SUCH TAXES AS
12 THE COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT EXEMPTION FROM STATE SALES
13 AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (GG) OF SECTION
14 ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER BY ENACTING A RESOLUTION IN THE
15 FORM SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF THIS SUBDIVISION; WHEREUPON, UPON
16 COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS
17 SECTION, SUCH ENACTMENT OF SUCH RESOLUTION SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE AN
18 AMENDMENT TO SUCH SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN AND SUCH SECTION ELEVEN
19 HUNDRED SEVEN SHALL BE DEEMED TO INCORPORATE SUCH EXEMPTIONS AS IF THEY
20 HAD BEEN DULY ENACTED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND APPROVED BY THE
21 GOVERNOR.

22 (2) FORM OF RESOLUTION: BE IT ENACTED BY THE (INSERT PROPER TITLE OF
23 LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODY) AS FOLLOWS:

24 SECTION ONE. RECEIPTS FROM SALES OF AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN OR
25 CONTRACTED TO BE GIVEN FOR, OR FOR THE USE OF, PROPERTY AND SERVICES
26 EXEMPT FROM STATE SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVI-
27 SION (GG) OF SECTION 1115 OF THE TAX LAW SHALL ALSO BE EXEMPT FROM SALES
28 AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES IMPOSED IN THIS JURISDICTION.

29 SECTION TWO. THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, (INSERT THE
30 YEAR, BUT NOT EARLIER THAN THE YEAR 2010) AND SHALL APPLY TO SALES MADE,
31 SERVICES RENDERED AND USES OCCURRING ON AND AFTER THAT DATE IN ACCORD-
32 ANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS IN SECTIONS 1106, 1216
33 AND 1217 OF THE NEW YORK TAX LAW.

34 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that section one
35 of this act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding
36 the date on which this act shall have become a law.