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Introduced by M. of A. LANCMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Banks

AN ACT to amend the banking law and the real property tax law, in relation to enacting the "financially literate borrowers act"

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "financially literate borrowers act".

S 2. The banking law is amended by adding a new section 9-v to read as follows:

S 9-V. HOME LOAN BORROWER COUNSELING SESSION. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION NECESSARY TO BE PROVIDED TO A HOME LOAN BORROWER BY A NOT-FOR-PROFIT COUNSELING ORGANIZATION TO QUALIFY AS AN APPROVED "HOME LOAN COUNSELING SESSION".

S 3. The real property tax law is amended by adding a new section 420-d to read as follows:

S 420-D. TAX CREDIT TO CERTAIN BORROWERS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A ONE-TIME, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLAR REAL PROPERTY TAX CREDIT SHALL BE GRANTED TO BORROWERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN A BANKING DEPARTMENT APPROVED "HOME LOAN BORROWER COUNSELING SESSION" PROVIDED BY A NOT-FOR-PROFIT COUNSELING ORGANIZATION PRIOR TO CLOSING ON SUCH BORROWER'S LOAN.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that 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 and directed to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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