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Introduced by M. of A. HYER-SPENCER, TITONE, JEFFRIES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Cities -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT authorizing the city of New York to reconvey its interest in certain real property acquired by in rem tax foreclosure in the borough of Staten Island to the estate of former owner Helen Spivak, notwithstanding expiration of the two year period within which application may be made to the city to release its interest in property thus acquired; Block No. 1124, Lot No. 19 on tax map for the borough of Staten Island

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

1 Section 1. Findings. On September 15, 1970, through a Staten Island in
2 rem tax foreclosure, the city of New York acquired title to premises
3 designated as lot #19 in tax block 1124 in Staten Island, New York, in
4 the borough of Staten Island, based on non-payment of taxes due to inad-
5 vertent failure to pay taxes thereon by Helen Spivak, the former owner
6 of such property who is now deceased. Pursuant to sections 11-424 and
7 11-424.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, the city
8 may release its interest in property thus acquired if an application for
9 such a release is filed with the city's department of citywide adminis-
10 trative services within two years of the date on which the city's deed
11 is recorded and if such application is approved by the in rem foreclo-
12 sure release board. Since that period has now elapsed, and pending the
13 effectiveness of a chapter of the laws of 2009 authorizing the in rem
14 foreclosure release board to authorize the release of property where an
15 application for such release is made more than two years after the date
16 of the city's acquisition thereof, state legislation is necessary to
17 restore said property to the estate of Helen Spivak. In addition, since
18 the New York city charter requires that the sale of city owned property

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

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1 be at public auction or by sealed bids (except as otherwise provided by
2 law), state legislative authorization is necessary to permit said recon-
3 veyance.

4 S 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of general, special or local
5 law, charter or administrative code to the contrary and subject to
6 section three of this act, the city of New York is hereby authorized to
7 release its interest in and reconvey the real property designated as tax
8 block 1124, lot #19, on the tax map of the city for the borough of
9 Staten Island as said map was on September 15, 1970 to the estate of
10 Helen Spivak, who have legally inherited said real property from Helen
11 Spivak, deceased, the former record owner of said property at the time
12 of her demise.

13 S 3. Such release and reconveyance may be made only upon the approval
14 of the in rem foreclosure release board established by section 11-424.1
15 of the administrative code of the city of New York, subject to the gran-
16 tee meeting the following conditions precedent:

17 (a) Submit an application for release in writing to the city commis-
18 sioner of the department of citywide administrative services accompanied
19 by a certified title search, affidavit of ownership, and all fees and
20 payments as otherwise required by section 11-424 of the administrative
21 code of the city of New York.

22 (b) Pay all taxes, interest, penalties and charges otherwise required
23 by section 11-424 of the administrative code of the city of New York
24 upon the approval of the application by the in rem foreclosure release
25 board.

26 S 4. This chapter of the laws of 2009 shall not be deemed to be the
27 chapter upon the effectiveness of which paragraph 2 of subdivision a of
28 section 11-424 of the administrative code of the city of New York, under
29 local law, depends. Accordingly, the provisions of such paragraph 2
30 shall not apply to the release and reconveyance authorized to be made
31 herein.

32 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.