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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to exempting energy-star appliances from state sales and compensating use taxes and granting municipalities the option to provide such exemption; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 1115 of the tax law is amended by adding a new paragraph 44 to read as follows:

- (44) RETAIL SALES OF THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS, PROVIDED THAT THE PRODUCT QUALIFIES AS AN ENERGY-STAR PRODUCT PURSUANT TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ENERGY-STAR PROGRAM, SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE SALES TAX PROVISIONS OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE: CLOTHES WASHER, DISHWASHER, REFRIGERATOR, ROOM AIR CONDITIONER, CEILING FAN, DEHUMIDIFIER, FREEZER, PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT, AND VENTILATING FAN. THE EXEMPTION PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE RENTAL, LEASING, REPAIR OR SERVICING OF SUCH ENERGY-STAR PRODUCTS.
- S 2. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by section 4 of part SS-1 of chapter 57 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:
- (i) Either, all of the taxes described in article twenty-eight of this chapter, at the same uniform rate, as to which taxes all provisions of the local laws, ordinances or resolutions imposing such taxes shall be identical, except as to rate and except as otherwise provided, with the corresponding provisions in such article twenty-eight, including the definition and exemption provisions of such article, so far as the provisions of such article twenty-eight can be made applicable to the taxes imposed by such city or county and with such limitations and special provisions as are set forth in this article. The taxes author-

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

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

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1 [or], the qualified empire zone enterprise exemptions in subdivision (z) 2 OR THE ENERGY-STAR PRODUCT EXEMPTION PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 3 FORTY-FOUR OF SUBDIVISION (A) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this 4 chapter.

- S 3. Section 1210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivision (p) to read as follows:
- (P) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF STATE OR LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TO THE CONTRARY:
- ANY CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE IN WHICH THE TAXES IMPOSED BY SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN OF THIS CHAPTER ARE ACTING THROUGH ITS LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODY, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO ELECT TO PROVIDE THE SAME EXEMPTIONS FROM SUCH TAXES AS THE ENERGY-STAR PRODUCT EXEMPTION FROM STATE SALES AND COMPENSATING TAXES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH FORTY-FOUR OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER BY ENACTING A RESOLUTION FORM SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF THIS SUBDIVISION; WHEREUPON, UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS (D) AND (E) OF SUCH ENACTMENT OF SUCH RESOLUTION SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE AN SECTION, AMENDMENT TO SUCH SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN AND SUCH SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN SHALL BE DEEMED TO INCORPORATE SUCH EXEMPTIONS AS IF THEY HAD BEEN DULY ENACTED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND APPROVED BY GOVERNOR.
- 23 (2) FORM OF RESOLUTION: BE IT ENACTED BY THE (INSERT PROPER TITLE OF 24 LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODY) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. RECEIPTS FROM SALES OF AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN OR CONTRACTED TO BE GIVEN FOR, OR FOR THE USE OF, PROPERTY AND SERVICES EXEMPT FROM STATE SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH FORTY-FOUR OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION 1115 OF THE TAX LAW SHALL ALSO BE EXEMPT FROM SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES IMPOSED IN THIS JURISDICTION.

31 SECTION TWO. THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT SEPTEMBER 1, (INSERT 32 THE YEAR, BUT NOT EARLIER THAN THE YEAR 2010) AND SHALL APPLY TO SALES 33 MADE, SERVICES RENDERED AND USES OCCURRING ON AND AFTER THAT DATE IN 34 ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS IN SECTIONS 1106, 35 1216 AND 1217 OF THE NEW YORK TAX LAW.

36 S 4. This act shall take effect April 1, 2010 and shall be deemed 37 repealed April 1, 2015.