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Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to providing an expiration therefor and in relation to investment tax credits for alternative energy production facilities and small hydro facilities

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

Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subsection (g-2) of section 606 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 446 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Qualified fuel cell electric generating equipment expenditures. (A) Qualified fuel cell electric generating equipment expenditures are the costs, incurred on or after [July] JANUARY first, two thousand [five] THREE, associated with the purchase of on-site electricity generation systems utilizing proton exchange membrane fuel cells, providing a rated baseload capacity of no less than one kilowatt and no more than one hundred kilowatts of electricity, which are located in this state at the time the qualified fuel cell electric generating equipment is placed in service.

(B) Qualified fuel cell electric generating equipment expenditures shall also include costs, incurred on or after [July] JANUARY first, two thousand [five] THREE, for materials, labor for on-site preparation, assembly and original installation, engineering services, designs and plans directly related to construction or installation and utility compliance costs.

(C) Such qualified expenditures shall not include interest or other finance charges.

S 2. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 12 of section 210 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 637 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

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

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(i) A credit shall be allowed under this subdivision with respect to tangible personal property and other tangible property, including buildings and structural components of buildings, which are: depreciable pursuant to section one hundred sixty-seven of the internal revenue code, have a useful life of four years or more, are acquired by purchase as defined in section one hundred seventy-nine (d) of the internal revenue code, have a situs in this state and are (A) principally used by the taxpayer in the production of goods by manufacturing, processing, assembling, refining, mining, extracting, farming, agriculture, horticulture, floriculture, viticulture or commercial fishing, (B) industrial waste treatment facilities or air pollution control facilities, used in the taxpayer's trade or business, (C) research and development property, (D) principally used in the ordinary course of the taxpayer's trade or business as a broker or dealer in connection with the purchase or sale (which shall include but not be limited to the issuance, entering into, assumption, offset, assignment, termination, or transfer) of stocks, bonds or other securities as defined in section four hundred seventy-five (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or of commodities as defined in section four hundred seventy-five (e) of the Internal Revenue Code, (E) principally used in the ordinary course of the taxpayer's trade or business of providing investment advisory services for a regulated investment company as defined in section eight hundred fifty-one of the Internal Revenue Code, or lending, loan arrangement or loan origination services to customers in connection with the purchase or sale (which shall include but not be limited to the issuance, entering into, assumption, offset, assignment, termination, or transfer) of securities as defined in section four hundred seventy-five (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, (F) principally used in the ordinary course of the taxpayer's business as an exchange registered as a national securities exchange within the meaning of sections 3(a)(1) and 6(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or a board of trade as defined in SUBPARAGRAPH (A) OF PARAGRAPH ONE OF section [1410(a)(1)] FOURTEEN HUNDRED TEN of the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law or as an entity that is wholly owned by one or more such national securities exchanges or boards of trade and that provides automation or technical services thereto, [or] (G) principally used as a qualified film production facility including qualified film production facilities having a situs in an empire zone designated as such pursuant to article eighteen-B of the general municipal law, where the taxpayer is providing three or more services to any qualified film production company using the facility, including such services as a studio lighting grid, lighting and grip equipment, multiline phone service, broadband information technology access, industrial scale electrical capacity, food services, security services, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning, OR (H) AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PRODUCTION FACILITY AND SMALL HYDRO FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISIONS TWO-B AND TWO-C OF SECTION TWO OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, AN ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PRODUCTION FACILITY SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF EIGHTY MEGAWATTS AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION TWO-B OF SECTION TWO OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW. For purposes of clauses (D), (E) and (F) of this subparagraph, property purchased by a taxpayer affiliated with a regulated broker, dealer, registered investment adviser, national securities exchange or board of trade, is allowed a credit under this subdivision if the property is used by its affiliated regulated broker, dealer, registered investment adviser, national securities exchange or board of trade in accordance with this subdivision. For purposes of determining

if the property is principally used in qualifying uses, the uses by the taxpayer described in clauses (D) and (E) of this subparagraph may be aggregated. In addition, the uses by the taxpayer, its affiliated regulated broker, dealer, and registered investment adviser under either or both of those clauses may be aggregated. Provided, however, a taxpayer shall not be allowed the credit provided by clauses (D), (E) and (F) of this subparagraph unless (I) eighty percent or more of the employees performing the administrative and support functions resulting from or related to the qualifying uses of such equipment are located in this state or (II) the average number of employees that perform the administrative and support functions resulting from or related to the qualifying uses of such equipment and are located in this state during the taxable year for which the credit is claimed is equal to or greater than ninety-five percent of the average number of employees that perform these functions and are located in this state during the thirty-six months immediately preceding the year for which the credit is claimed, or (III) the number of employees located in this state during the taxable year for which the credit is claimed is equal to or greater than ninety percent of the number of employees located in this state on December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight or, if the taxpayer was not a calendar year taxpayer in nineteen hundred ninety-eight, the last day of its first taxable year ending after December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-eight. If the taxpayer becomes subject to tax in this state after the taxable year beginning in nineteen hundred ninety-eight, then the taxpayer is not required to satisfy the employment test provided in the preceding sentence of this subparagraph for its first taxable year. For purposes of clause (III) of this subparagraph the employment test will be based on the number of employees located in this state on the last day of the first taxable year the taxpayer is subject to tax in this state. If the uses of the property must be aggregated to determine whether the property is principally used in qualifying uses, then either each affiliate using the property must satisfy this employment test or this employment test must be satisfied through the aggregation of the employees of the taxpayer, its affiliated regulated broker, dealer, and registered investment adviser using the property. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "goods" shall not include electricity PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS EXCLUSION IN NO WAY AFFECTS THE CREDIT ALLOWABLE UNDER CLAUSE (H) OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately, and shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2012.