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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the special powers of the New York state environmental facilities corporation

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 17-1909 of the  
2 environmental conservation law, as amended by chapter 279 of the laws of  
3 2009, is amended to read as follows:  
4     a. The corporation is authorized to promulgate regulations, developed  
5 in consultation with the commissioner and the director of the division  
6 of the budget, for the purpose of carrying out its responsibilities  
7 under this section, including establishing criteria and standards for  
8 determining the amount of financial assistance to a municipality for an  
9 eligible project. To the extent financial assistance to a municipality  
10 for an eligible project is provided as a loan from the proceeds of bonds  
11 or notes of the corporation, the amount of an allocation applicable to  
12 the portion of such eligible project financed with such loan shall be,  
13 subject to such maximum financial limitations as may otherwise be neces-  
14 sary and prescribed by the commissioner and the director of the division  
15 of the budget, thirty-three and one-third percent of the principal  
16 amount of such loan outstanding at any time for such eligible project,  
17 to the extent reasonably practicable, and subject to such deviation as  
18 may be necessary, in connection with the administration and investment  
19 of moneys in the fund, unless allocations in differing amounts are  
20 necessary to preclude a determination by the commissioner or the corpo-  
21 ration pursuant to paragraph e of subdivision eight of this section or  
22 unless an allocation in a differing amount is required for an innovative  
23 technology demonstration project; provided, however, that in the case of

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

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1 any municipality which has, during the period commencing on June first,  
2 nineteen hundred ninety-two and ending on September thirtieth, [two  
3 thousand twelve] TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, (i) submitted an application for  
4 financial assistance in the form of such a loan for an eligible project,  
5 which application has been accepted by the corporation, (ii) closed on  
6 such loan, and (iii) commenced construction of such eligible project,  
7 the allocation applicable to the portion of such project financed with  
8 such loan shall be, subject to maximum financial limitations as may  
9 otherwise be necessary and prescribed by the commissioner and the direc-  
10 tor of the division of the budget, fifty percent of the principal  
11 balance outstanding on such loan at any time for such eligible project,  
12 to the extent reasonably practicable, and subject to such deviation as  
13 may be necessary, in connection with the administration and investment  
14 of moneys in the fund, unless allocations in differing amounts are  
15 necessary to preclude a determination by the commissioner or the corpo-  
16 ration pursuant to paragraph e of subdivision eight of this section or  
17 unless an allocation in a differing amount is required for an innovative  
18 technology demonstration project.

19 S 2. Paragraph e of subdivision 8 of section 17-1909 of the environ-  
20 mental conservation law, as amended by chapter 279 of the laws of 2009,  
21 is amended to read as follows:

22 e. Federal capitalization grants are provided in the form of a letter  
23 of credit or draws under capitalization grant agreements and the commis-  
24 sioner or the corporation determines, consistent with the purposes of  
25 the fund, that providing financial assistance from the proceeds of  
26 corporation bonds or notes would delay receipt of moneys from the feder-  
27 al government under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act.

28 The interest rate charged on any loan made by the corporation pursuant  
29 to this subdivision shall be no more than two-thirds of the market rate  
30 of interest otherwise applicable thereto, provided, however, that in the  
31 case of any municipality which has, during the period commencing on June  
32 first, nineteen hundred ninety-two and ending on September thirtieth,  
33 [two thousand twelve] TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, (i) submitted an application  
34 for financial assistance in the form of a loan from the corporation  
35 pursuant to this subdivision, for an eligible project, which application  
36 has been accepted by the corporation, (ii) closed on such loan, and  
37 (iii) commenced construction of such eligible project, the interest rate  
38 charged on such loan shall be no more than one-half of the market rate  
39 otherwise applicable thereto.

40 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.