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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to establishing business franchise and personal income tax credits for certain businesses which contract with the state or political subdivisions thereof and in unrelated contracts, also with minority and women-owned business enterprises

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

1     Section 1. Section 210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new  
2     subdivision 45 to read as follows:  
3     45. MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE CREDIT. (A)  
4     GENERAL. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS  
5     PROVIDED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE  
6     FOR A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE CONSIDERATION PAID TO A MINORITY OR WOMEN-  
7     OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF  
8     GOODS OR SERVICES. THE CREDIT PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE  
9     ALLOWED WITH RESPECT TO THE TAX YEAR IN WHICH THE CONSIDERATION IS PAID  
10    TO THE MINORITY OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.  
11    (B) DEFINITIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE FOLLOWING  
12    TERMS SHALL MEAN:  
13    (I) "GOVERNMENT AGENCY" MEANS A STATE AGENCY OR A STATE AUTHORITY AS  
14    DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ELEVEN OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED TEN OF THE EXECU-  
15    TIVE LAW, OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF  
16    SECTION ONE HUNDRED OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.  
17    (II) "MINORITY OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE" MEANS A  
18    MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF  
19    SECTION THREE HUNDRED TEN OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW OR A WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS  
20    ENTERPRISE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FIFTEEN OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED  
21    TEN OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW.  
22    (C) COMPUTATION. THE CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE  
23    EQUAL TO ONE-THIRD OF ALL EXPENDITURES PAID BY THE TAXPAYER TO A MINORI-  
24    TY OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT FOR THE

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

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PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES DURING THE TAX YEAR, PROVIDED THAT SUCH CONTRACT WAS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE FIFTEEN-A OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW RELATING TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND THE TAXPAYER IS NOT A MINORITY OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. FURTHERMORE, THE AMOUNT OF SUCH CREDIT SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT OF ALL CONSIDERATION PAID TO THE TAXPAYER DURING THE TAX YEAR PURSUANT TO CONTRACTS WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS OR SERVICES.

S 2. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (i) of section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new clause (xxxiv) to read as follows:

(XXXIV) MINORITY AND	AMOUNT OF CREDIT
WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS	UNDER SUBDIVISION
EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE	FORTY-FIVE OF
CREDIT UNDER	SECTION TWO
SUBSECTION (UU)	HUNDRED TEN

S 3. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection (uu) to read as follows:

(UU) MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE CREDIT.

(1) GENERAL. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT TO BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE FOR A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE CONSIDERATION PAID TO A MINORITY OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS OR SERVICES. THE CREDIT PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ALLOWED WITH RESPECT TO THE TAX YEAR IN WHICH THE CONSIDERATION IS PAID TO THE MINORITY OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE.

(2) DEFINITIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL MEAN:

(I) "GOVERNMENT AGENCY" MEANS A STATE AGENCY OR A STATE AUTHORITY AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ELEVEN OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED TEN OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW, OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW.

(II) "MINORITY OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE" MEANS A MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION SEVEN OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED TEN OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW OR A WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION FIFTEEN OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED TEN OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW.

(3) COMPUTATION. THE CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE EQUAL TO ONE-THIRD OF ALL EXPENDITURES PAID BY THE TAXPAYER TO A MINORITY OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS AND SERVICES DURING THE TAX YEAR, PROVIDED THAT SUCH CONTRACT WAS NOT SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE FIFTEEN-A OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW RELATING TO AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, AND THE TAXPAYER IS NOT A MINORITY OR WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. FURTHERMORE, THE AMOUNT OF SUCH CREDIT SHALL NOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT OF ALL CONSIDERATION PAID TO THE TAXPAYER DURING THE TAX YEAR PURSUANT TO CONTRACTS WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FOR THE PROVISION OF GOODS OR SERVICES.

S 4. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to tax years commencing on or after such date.