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AN ACT to amend the general municipal law and the tax law, in relation to establishing an angel tax credit for investments made in small businesses

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

1     Section 1. The general municipal law is amended by adding a new  
2     section 959-c to read as follows:  
3     S 959-C. CERTIFIED STARTUP BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. (A) CERTIFICATION. (I)  
4     THE COMMISSIONER SHALL APPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR QUALIFICATION OF A BUSI-  
5     NESS ENTERPRISE AS A CERTIFIED STARTUP BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. AS A CONDI-  
6     TION FOR APPROVAL OF SUCH APPLICATION, THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO  
7     SPECIFY CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO BE SATISFIED AS A CONDITION FOR APPROVAL  
8     OF A BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AS A CERTIFIED STARTUP BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AS  
9     THE COMMISSIONER DEEMS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE QUALIFYING ANGEL INVEST-  
10    MENT WILL MAKE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF  
11    THIS STATE, INCLUDING THE USE OF A SYSTEM OF EVALUATION OF VARIOUS  
12    APPLICANT BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN A COMPETITIVE FASHION.  
13    (II) WITH RESPECT TO AN APPROVED APPLICATION FOR QUALIFICATION OF A  
14    BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AS A CERTIFIED STARTUP BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, THE  
15    COMMISSIONER SHALL ISSUE TO SUCH BUSINESS ENTERPRISE A CERTIFICATE OF  
16    QUALIFICATION AS A CERTIFIED STARTUP BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SETTING FORTH  
17    THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CERTIFICATION AND THE AMOUNT OF QUALIFYING  
18    ANGEL INVESTMENT AWARDED TO SUCH BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, WHICH AMOUNT SHALL  
19    BE NO LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO MORE THAN ONE  
20    MILLION DOLLARS.  
21    (III) FOR THE PERIOD JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE THROUGH JUNE  
22    THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN, THE COMMISSIONER MAY CERTIFY UP TO  
23    SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS IN QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT. FOR THE PERIOD  
24    JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN THROUGH JUNE THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND  
25    FOURTEEN, THE COMMISSIONER MAY CERTIFY UP TO SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS IN  
26    QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT. FOR THE PERIOD JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND

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

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1 FOURTEEN THROUGH JUNE THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, THE COMMISSIONER  
2 MAY CERTIFY UP TO SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS IN QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT.

3 (B) DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL  
4 HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

5 (I) "CERTIFIED STARTUP BUSINESS ENTERPRISE" SHALL MEAN A BUSINESS  
6 ENTERPRISE LOCATED IN NEW YORK STATE:

7 (1) WITH LESS THAN FIVE MILLION DOLLARS IN ANNUAL REVENUES;

8 (2) WHOSE PRIMARY ACTIVITY CONSISTS OF A QUALIFYING TECHNOLOGY OR  
9 INNOVATION ACTIVITY; AND

10 (3) THAT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED AS A CERTIFIED STARTUP BUSINESS ENTERPRISE  
11 BY THE COMMISSIONER.

12 (II) "QUALIFYING TECHNOLOGY OR INNOVATION ACTIVITY" SHALL MEAN:

13 (1) BIOTECHNOLOGIES, WHICH SHALL BE DEFINED AS TECHNOLOGIES INVOLVING  
14 THE SCIENTIFIC MANIPULATION OF LIVING ORGANISMS, ESPECIALLY AT THE  
15 MOLECULAR AND/OR THE SUB-MOLECULAR GENETIC LEVEL, TO PRODUCE PRODUCTS  
16 CONDUCIVE TO IMPROVING THE LIVES AND HEALTH OF PLANTS, ANIMALS, AND  
17 HUMANS; AND THE ASSOCIATED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, PHARMACOLOGICAL, MECHAN-  
18 ICAL, AND COMPUTATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND SERVICES CONNECTED WITH THESE  
19 IMPROVEMENTS;

20 (2) INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES, EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS  
21 THAT INVOLVE ADVANCED COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE, VISUALIZATION  
22 TECHNOLOGIES, AND HUMAN INTERFACE TECHNOLOGIES;

23 (3) ADVANCED MATERIALS AND PROCESSING TECHNOLOGIES THAT INVOLVE THE  
24 DEVELOPMENT, MODIFICATION, OR IMPROVEMENT OF ONE OR MORE MATERIALS OR  
25 METHODS TO PRODUCE DEVICES AND STRUCTURES WITH IMPROVED PERFORMANCE  
26 CHARACTERISTICS OR SPECIAL FUNCTIONAL ATTRIBUTES, OR TO ACTIVATE, SPEED  
27 UP, OR OTHERWISE ALTER CHEMICAL, BIOCHEMICAL, OR MEDICAL PROCESSES;

28 (4) ELECTRONIC AND PHOTONIC DEVICES AND COMPONENTS FOR USE IN PRODUC-  
29 ING ELECTRONIC, OPTOELECTRONIC, MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTS OF  
30 ELECTRONIC DISTRIBUTION WITH INTERACTIVE MEDIA CONTENT;

31 (5) ENERGY EFFICIENCY, RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLO-  
32 GIES, PRODUCTS, DEVICES AND SERVICES; OR

33 (6) SMALL SCALE SYSTEMS INTEGRATION AND PACKAGING.

34 (III) "QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT" SHALL MEAN A CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
35 CAPITAL OF A CERTIFIED STARTUP BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, PROVIDED THAT SUCH  
36 CONTRIBUTION TO CAPITAL IS MADE WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE  
37 DATE OF THE CERTIFIED TECHNOLOGY VENTURE'S CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION  
38 AS A CERTIFIED TECHNOLOGY VENTURE AND SUCH CONTRIBUTION IS APPLIED BY  
39 THE CERTIFIED STARTUP BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AGAINST ITS ALLOCATION OF  
40 QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT. TOGETHER WITH ALL OTHER QUALIFYING ANGEL  
41 INVESTMENTS MADE TO A SINGLE CERTIFIED STARTUP BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, THE  
42 TOTAL QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT MAY NOT EXCEED ONE MILLION DOLLARS.  
43 NOTHING HEREIN SHALL PROHIBIT A PERSON MAKING A QUALIFYING ANGEL INVEST-  
44 MENT FROM MAKING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAPITAL OF THE CERTI-  
45 FIED STARTUP BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OR MAKING LOANS TO OR OTHER INVESTMENTS  
46 IN THE CERTIFIED STARTUP BUSINESS ENTERPRISE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT  
47 SUCH OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS, LOANS AND INVESTMENTS SHALL NOT BE TREATED AS  
48 QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENTS.

49 S 2. Section 210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivision  
50 12-H to read as follows:

51 12-H. ANGEL TAX CREDIT. (A) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER THAT HAS  
52 MADE A QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH  
53 (III) OF SUBDIVISION (B) OF SECTION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE-C OF THE  
54 GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT EQUAL TO THIRTY-FIVE  
55 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF SUCH QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT.

1 (B) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION  
2 FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR SUCH YEAR TO LESS  
3 THAN THE HIGHER OF THE AMOUNTS PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS (C) AND (D) OF  
4 SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION. HOWEVER, IF THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT  
5 ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR REDUCES THE TAX TO  
6 SUCH AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT THUS NOT DEDUCTIBLE IN SUCH TAXABLE  
7 YEAR SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDITED OR  
8 REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION TEN HUNDRED EIGHT-  
9 Y-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION  
10 (C) OF SECTION TEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER NOTWITHSTANDING,  
11 NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

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

14 (UU) ANGEL TAX CREDIT. (1) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER THAT HAS  
15 MADE A QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH  
16 (III) OF SUBDIVISION (B) OF SECTION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE-C OF THE  
17 GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, OR THAT IS A MEMBER OF A PARTNERSHIP THAT HAS  
18 MADE A QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT, SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT EQUAL TO  
19 THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF SUCH QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT  
20 OR, IN THE CASE OF A TAXPAYER WHO IS A MEMBER OF A PARTNERSHIP THAT HAS  
21 MADE A QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT, A PORTION OF SUCH QUALIFYING ANGEL  
22 INVESTMENT EQUAL TO THE PORTION OF ITEMS OF INCOME, GAIN, LOSS AND  
23 DEDUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT PROPERLY ALLO-  
24 CABLE TO SUCH TAXPAYER UNDER SECTION 704 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE  
25 FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR.

26 (2) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER  
27 THIS SUBSECTION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL EXCEED THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR  
28 SUCH YEAR, THE EXCESS SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE  
29 CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SIX  
30 HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS ARTICLE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO INTEREST  
31 SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

32 S 4. Section 1456 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivi-  
33 sion (z) to read as follows:

34 (Z) ANGEL TAX CREDIT. (1) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER THAT HAS  
35 MADE A QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH  
36 (III) OF SUBDIVISION (B) OF SECTION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE-C OF THE  
37 GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT EQUAL TO THIRTY-FIVE  
38 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF SUCH QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT.

39 (2) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION  
40 FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR SUCH YEAR TO LESS  
41 THAN THE MINIMUM TAX FIXED BY SUBSECTION (B) OF SECTION FOURTEEN HUNDRED  
42 FIFTY-FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE. HOWEVER, IF THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT ALLOWED  
43 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR REDUCES THE TAX TO SUCH  
44 AMOUNT, THEN ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT THUS NOT DEDUCTIBLE IN SUCH TAXABLE  
45 YEAR SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDITED OR  
46 REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION TEN HUNDRED EIGHT-  
47 Y-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION  
48 (C) OF SECTION TEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER NOTWITHSTANDING,  
49 NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

50 S 5. Section 1511 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivi-  
51 sion (cc) to read as follows:

52 (CC) ANGEL TAX CREDIT. (1) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER THAT HAS  
53 MADE A QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT, AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH  
54 (III) OF SUBDIVISION (B) OF SECTION NINE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE-C OF THE  
55 GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT EQUAL TO THIRTY-FIVE  
56 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT OF SUCH QUALIFYING ANGEL INVESTMENT.

1       (2) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION  
2 FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR SUCH YEAR TO LESS  
3 THAN THE MINIMUM TAX FIXED BY PARAGRAPH FOUR OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF  
4 SECTION FIFTEEN HUNDRED TWO OF THIS ARTICLE OR BY SECTION FIFTEEN  
5 HUNDRED TWO-A OF THIS ARTICLE, WHICHEVER IS APPLICABLE. HOWEVER, IF THE  
6 AMOUNT OF CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR  
7 REDUCES THE TAX TO SUCH AMOUNT, THEN ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT THUS NOT  
8 DEDUCTIBLE IN SUCH TAXABLE YEAR SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF  
9 TAX TO BE CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
10 SECTION TEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE  
11 PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION TEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS  
12 CHAPTER NOTWITHSTANDING, NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

13       S 6. This act shall take effect immediately.