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AN ACT to amend the labor law and the tax law, in relation to the creation of the workers with disabilities tax credit program

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

1     Section 1. The labor law is amended by adding a new section 25-b to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 25-B. POWER TO ADMINISTER THE WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT  
4     PROGRAM. (A) THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER  
5     THE WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE TAX INCEN-  
6     TIVES TO EMPLOYERS FOR EMPLOYING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABIL-  
7     ITIES. THERE WILL BE FIVE DISTINCT POOLS OF TAX INCENTIVES. PROGRAM ONE  
8     WILL COVER TAX INCENTIVES ALLOCATED FOR TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN. PROGRAM  
9     TWO WILL COVER TAX INCENTIVES ALLOCATED IN TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN TO BE  
10    USED IN TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN AND TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN. PROGRAM THREE  
11    WILL COVER TAX INCENTIVES ALLOCATED IN TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN TO BE USED  
12    IN TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN AND TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN. PROGRAM FOUR WILL  
13    COVER TAX INCENTIVES ALLOCATED IN TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN TO BE USED IN TWO  
14    THOUSAND SIXTEEN AND TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN. PROGRAM FIVE WILL COVER TAX  
15    INCENTIVES ALLOCATED IN TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN TO BE USED IN TWO THOU-  
16    SAND SEVENTEEN AND TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN. THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
17    TO ALLOCATE UP TO SIX MILLION DOLLARS OF TAX CREDITS UNDER PROGRAM ONE,  
18    SIX MILLION DOLLARS OF TAX CREDITS UNDER PROGRAM TWO, SIX MILLION  
19    DOLLARS OF TAX CREDITS UNDER PROGRAM THREE, AND SIX MILLION DOLLARS OF  
20    TAX CREDITS UNDER PROGRAM FOUR, AND SIX MILLION DOLLARS OF TAX CREDITS  
21    UNDER PROGRAM FIVE.  
22    (B) DEFINITIONS. (1) THE TERM "QUALIFIED EMPLOYER" MEANS AN EMPLOYER  
23    THAT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK-

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

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ERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT PROGRAM AND THAT EMPLOYS ONE OR MORE QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES.

(2) THE TERM "QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL:

(I) WHO IS DEEMED TO HAVE A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY, AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-TWO OF SECTION 1.03 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW AND WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OR THE OFFICE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:

(A) AS A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHICH CONSTITUTES OR RESULTS IN A SUBSTANTIAL HANDICAP TO EMPLOYMENT; AND

(B) AS A PERSON HAVING COMPLETED OR AS RECEIVING SERVICES UNDER AN INDIVIDUALIZED WRITTEN REHABILITATION PLAN APPROVED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OR OTHER STATE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES TO SUCH INDIVIDUAL; AND

(II) WHO IS UNEMPLOYED PRIOR TO BEING HIRED BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER BUT IS NOT RESTRICTED IN HIS OR HER EMPLOYMENT UNDER A FEDERAL OR STATE LAW, RULE OR REGULATION; AND

(III) WHO WILL BE WORKING FOR THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME POSITION THAT PAYS WAGES THAT ARE EQUIVALENT TO THE WAGES PAID FOR SIMILAR JOBS, WITH APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS FOR EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING, AND FOR WHICH NO OTHER EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN TERMINATED, OR WHERE THE EMPLOYER HAS NOT OTHERWISE REDUCED ITS WORKFORCE BY INVOLUNTARY TERMINATIONS WITH THE INTENTION OF FILLING THE VACANCY BY CREATING A NEW HIRE.

(C) A QUALIFIED EMPLOYER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO A TAX CREDIT EQUAL TO (1) FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE THE EMPLOYER EMPLOYS IN A FULL-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST THIRTY HOURS PER WEEK OR TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER MONTH FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE THE EMPLOYER EMPLOYS IN A PART-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST FIFTEEN HOURS PER WEEK, AND (2) ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A FULL-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST THIRTY HOURS PER WEEK OR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A PART-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST FIFTEEN HOURS PER WEEK. THE TAX CREDITS SHALL BE CLAIMED BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER AS SPECIFIED IN SUBDIVISION FORTY-SEVEN OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED TEN AND SUBSECTION (WW) OF SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIX OF THE TAX LAW.

(D) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED WORKS TAX CREDIT PROGRAM, AN EMPLOYER MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION (IN A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER) TO THE COMMISSIONER NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN FOR PROGRAM ONE, AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN FOR PROGRAM TWO, AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN FOR PROGRAM THREE, AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN FOR PROGRAM FOUR, AND AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN FOR PROGRAM FIVE. THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES MUST START THEIR EMPLOYMENT ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN FOR PROGRAM ONE, ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN FOR PROGRAM TWO, ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN FOR PROGRAM THREE, ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN FOR PROGRAM FOUR, AND ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND

1 SEVENTEEN BUT NO LATER THAN DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVEN-  
2 TEEN FOR PROGRAM FIVE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ESTABLISH GUIDELINES AND  
3 CRITERIA THAT SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR EMPLOYERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
4 PROGRAM INCLUDING CRITERIA FOR CERTIFYING QUALIFIED EMPLOYEES. ANY REGU-  
5 LATIONS THAT THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES ARE NECESSARY MAY BE ADOPTED ON  
6 AN EMERGENCY BASIS NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY IN SECTION  
7 TWO HUNDRED TWO OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT. SUCH REQUIRE-  
8 MENTS MAY INCLUDE THE TYPES OF INDUSTRIES THAT THE EMPLOYERS ARE ENGAGED  
9 IN. THE COMMISSIONER MAY GIVE PREFERENCE TO EMPLOYERS THAT ARE ENGAGED  
10 IN DEMAND OCCUPATIONS OR INDUSTRIES, OR IN REGIONAL GROWTH SECTORS,  
11 INCLUDING THOSE IDENTIFIED BY THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUN-  
12 CILS, SUCH AS CLEAN ENERGY, HEALTHCARE, ADVANCED MANUFACTURING AND  
13 CONSERVATION. IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL GIVE PREFERENCE TO  
14 EMPLOYERS WHO OFFER ADVANCEMENT AND EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PACKAGES TO THE  
15 QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS.

16 (E) IF, AFTER REVIEWING THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY AN EMPLOYER, THE  
17 COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT SUCH EMPLOYER IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN  
18 THE WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT PROGRAM, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL  
19 ISSUE THE EMPLOYER A CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY THAT ESTABLISHES THE  
20 EMPLOYER AS A QUALIFIED EMPLOYER. THE CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY SHALL  
21 SPECIFY THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT THAT  
22 THE EMPLOYER WILL BE ALLOWED TO CLAIM.

23 S 2. Section 210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivision  
24 47 to read as follows:

25 47. WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT. (A) A TAXPAYER THAT HAS BEEN  
26 CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AS A QUALIFIED EMPLOYER PURSUANT  
27 TO SECTION TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR LAW SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT  
28 AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE EQUAL TO (I) FIVE HUNDRED  
29 DOLLARS PER MONTH FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE THE  
30 EMPLOYER EMPLOYS IN A FULL-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST THIRTY HOURS PER WEEK OR  
31 TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER MONTH FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS FOR EACH QUALI-  
32 FIED EMPLOYEE THE EMPLOYER EMPLOYS IN A PART-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST  
33 FIFTEEN HOURS PER WEEK, AND (II) ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED  
34 EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS BY THE  
35 QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A FULL-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST THIRTY HOURS PER WEEK  
36 OR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR  
37 AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A  
38 PART-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST FIFTEEN HOURS PER WEEK. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS  
39 SUBDIVISION, THE TERM "QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING  
40 AS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION (B) OF SECTION TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR  
41 LAW. THE PORTION OF THE CREDIT DESCRIBED IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE  
42 ALLOWED FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO  
43 THOUSAND THIRTEEN.

44 (B) THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR MAY  
45 NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR THAT YEAR TO LESS THAN THE AMOUNT PRESCRIBED  
46 IN PARAGRAPH (D) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION. HOWEVER, IF THE  
47 AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR  
48 REDUCES THE TAX TO THAT AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT NOT DEDUCTIBLE IN  
49 THAT TAXABLE YEAR WILL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDIT-  
50 ED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND  
51 EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, NO INTEREST WILL BE PAID  
52 THEREON.

53 (C) THE TAXPAYER MAY BE REQUIRED TO ATTACH TO ITS TAX RETURN ITS  
54 CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR PURSUANT  
55 TO SECTION TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR LAW. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE TAXPAY-  
56 ER BE ALLOWED A CREDIT GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT LISTED ON

1 THE CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS  
2 CHAPTER TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER AND THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIG-  
3 NEES MAY RELEASE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ANY TAXPAYER CLAIMING THIS  
4 CREDIT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT EARNED BY THE TAXPAYER. PROVIDED,  
5 HOWEVER, IF A TAXPAYER CLAIMS THIS CREDIT BECAUSE IT IS A MEMBER OF A  
6 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR A PARTNER IN A PARTNERSHIP, ONLY THE AMOUNT  
7 OF CREDIT EARNED BY THE ENTITY AND NOT THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT CLAIMED BY  
8 THE TAXPAYER MAY BE RELEASED.

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

11 (ww) WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES TAX CREDIT. (1) A TAXPAYER THAT HAS  
12 BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR AS A QUALIFIED EMPLOYER  
13 PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR LAW SHALL BE ALLOWED A  
14 CREDIT AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE EQUAL TO (A) FIVE HUNDRED  
15 DOLLARS PER MONTH FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE THE  
16 EMPLOYER EMPLOYS IN A FULL-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST THIRTY HOURS PER WEEK OR  
17 TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS PER MONTH FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS FOR EACH QUALI-  
18 FIED EMPLOYEE THE EMPLOYER EMPLOYS IN A PART-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST  
19 FIFTEEN HOURS PER WEEK, AND (B) ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED  
20 EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS BY THE  
21 QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A FULL-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST THIRTY HOURS PER WEEK  
22 OR FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE WHO IS EMPLOYED FOR  
23 AT LEAST AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS BY THE QUALIFIED EMPLOYER IN A  
24 PART-TIME JOB OF AT LEAST FIFTEEN HOURS PER WEEK. A TAXPAYER THAT IS A  
25 PARTNER IN A PARTNERSHIP, MEMBER OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR  
26 SHAREHOLDER IN AN S CORPORATION THAT HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY THE COMMIS-  
27 SIONER OF LABOR AS A QUALIFIED EMPLOYER PURSUANT TO SECTION  
28 TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR LAW SHALL BE ALLOWED ITS PRO RATA SHARE OF  
29 THE CREDIT EARNED BY THE PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY OR S  
30 CORPORATION. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE TERM "QUALIFIED  
31 EMPLOYEE" SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION (B) OF  
32 SECTION TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR LAW. THE PORTION OF THE CREDIT  
33 DESCRIBED IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR BEGIN-  
34 NING ON OR AFTER JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN.

35 (2) IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION EXCEEDS  
36 THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT NOT DEDUC-  
37 TIBLE IN THAT TAXABLE YEAR WILL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO  
38 BE CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SIX  
39 HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS ARTICLE. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, NO INTEREST WILL  
40 BE PAID THEREON.

41 (3) THE TAXPAYER MAY BE REQUIRED TO ATTACH TO ITS TAX RETURN ITS  
42 CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR PURSUANT  
43 TO SECTION TWENTY-FIVE-B OF THE LABOR LAW. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE TAXPAY-  
44 ER BE ALLOWED A CREDIT GREATER THAN THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT LISTED ON  
45 THE CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS  
46 CHAPTER TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMISSIONER AND THE COMMISSIONER'S DESIG-  
47 NEES MAY RELEASE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ANY TAXPAYER CLAIMING THIS  
48 CREDIT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT EARNED BY THE TAXPAYER. PROVIDED,  
49 HOWEVER, IF A TAXPAYER CLAIMS THIS CREDIT BECAUSE IT IS A MEMBER OF A  
50 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, A PARTNER IN A PARTNERSHIP, OR A SHAREHOLDER  
51 IN A SUBCHAPTER S CORPORATION, ONLY THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT EARNED BY THE  
52 ENTITY AND NOT THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT CLAIMED BY THE TAXPAYER MAY BE  
53 RELEASED.

54 S 4. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (i) of section 606  
55 of the tax law is amended by adding a new clause (xxxvi) to read as  
56 follows:

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| 1 | (XXXVI) WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES            | AMOUNT OF                  |
| 2 | TAX CREDIT UNDER SUBSECTION (WW)             | CREDIT UNDER SUBDIVISION   |
| 3 |                                              | FORTY-SEVEN OF SECTION TWO |
| 4 |                                              | HUNDRED TEN                |
| 5 | S 5. This act shall take effect immediately. |                            |