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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to amending the empire state film production credit

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

Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision (a) of section 24 of the tax law, as amended by section 4 of part Q of chapter 57 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

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(2) The amount of the credit shall be the [product] SUM OF THE PRODUCTS (or pro rata share of the product, in the case of a member of a 5 partnership) of: (I) thirty percent [and] FOR the qualified production 7 costs paid or incurred in THE COUNTIES OF BRONX, KINGS, NEW YORK, QUEENS RICHMOND DURING the production of a qualified film[,]; 8 9 PERCENT FOR THE QUALIFIED PRODUCTION COSTS PAID OR INCURRED THIRTY-FIVE IN THE COUNTIES OF DUTCHESS, NASSAU, ORANGE, PUTNAM, ROCKLAND, 10 11 SULLIVAN, ULSTER OR WESTCHESTER, DURING THE PRODUCTION OF A QUALIFIED FILM; (III) FORTY PERCENT FOR THE QUALIFIED PRODUCTION COSTS 12 IN THE COUNTIES OF ALBANY, COLOMBIA, GREENE, RENSSELAER, SARA-13 14 TOGA, SCHENECTADY, WARREN OR WASHINGTON DURING THE PRODUCTION OF A QUAL-IFIED FILM; AND (IV) FORTY-FIVE PERCENT FOR THE QUALIFIED PRODUCTION 15 INCURRED IN ALL COUNTIES NOT REFERENCED IN SUBPARAGRAPH 16 COSTS PAID OR (I), (II) OR (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH DURING THE PRODUCTION OF 17 the qualified production costs 18 FIED FILM; provided that: [(i)] (1) (excluding post production costs) paid or incurred which are attribut-19 20 able to the use of tangible property or the performance of services at a qualified film production facility in the production of such qualified 21 22 film equal or exceed seventy-five percent of the production costs 23 (excluding post production costs) paid or incurred which are attribut-

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

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able to the use of tangible property or the performance of services at any film production facility within and without the state in the 3 production of such qualified film[,]; and [(ii)] (2) except with respect to a qualified independent film production company or pilot, at least ten percent of the total principal photography shooting days spent in 5 6 the production of such qualified film must be spent at a qualified film 7 production facility. However, if the qualified production costs (excluding post production costs) which are attributable to the use of tangible 8 9 property or the performance of services at a qualified film production 10 facility in the production of such qualified film is less than three 11 million dollars, then the portion of the qualified production costs 12 attributable to the use of tangible property or the performance of 13 services in the production of such qualified film outside of a qualified 14 film production facility shall be allowed only if the shooting 15 spent in New York outside of a film production facility in the production of such qualified film equal or exceed seventy-five percent 16 17 of the total shooting days spent within and without New York outside of 18 a film production facility in the production of such qualified film. The 19 credit shall be allowed for the taxable year in which the production of 20 such qualified film is completed. However, in the case of a qualified 21 film that receives funds from additional pool 2, no credit 22 claimed before the later of [(1)] (A) the taxable year the production of 23 the qualified film is complete, or [(2)] (B) the taxable year immediate-24 following the allocation year for which the film has been allocated 25 credit by the governor's office for motion picture and television devel-26 opment. If the amount of the credit is at least one million dollars 27 less than five million dollars, the credit shall be claimed over a two 28 year period beginning in the first taxable year in which the credit 29 be claimed and in the next succeeding taxable year, with one-half of the 30 credit allowed being claimed in each year. If the amount of 31 the credit is at least five million dollars, the credit shall be claimed 32 over a three year period beginning in the first taxable year in which 33 the credit may be claimed and in the next two succeeding taxable years, 34 with one-third of the amount of the credit allowed being claimed in each 35

36 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.