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AN ACT to amend the public service law, the public authorities law and the real property law, in relation to the green jobs-green New York on-bill energy service company energy efficiency payment program

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

1     Section 1. Section 2 of the public service law is amended by adding  
2     two new subdivisions 28 and 29 to read as follows:  
3     28. THE TERM "GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY  
4     ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM" OR "PAYMENT PROGRAM," WHEN USED IN  
5     THIS CHAPTER, MEANS A PAYMENT CHARGE APPEARING ON THE MONTHLY UTILITY  
6     BILL OF A UTILITY CUSTOMER WHO ELECTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREEN JOBS-  
7     GREEN NEW YORK ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM  
8     PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-SIX-N OF THIS CHAPTER AND TITLE NINE-A OF  
9     ARTICLE EIGHT OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW WITH A PARTICIPATING ENERGY  
10    SERVICE COMPANY FOR PAYMENT AND SERVICE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CAPITAL  
11    IMPROVEMENTS UNDER THAT PROGRAM THROUGH SUCH A PAYMENT CHARGE.  
12    29. THE TERM "PARTICIPATING ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY" MEANS AN ENTITY  
13    ELIGIBLE TO PROVIDE ENERGY SERVICES TO END-USE CUSTOMERS USING THE TRAN-  
14    SMISION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF A UTILITY CORPORATION AND THAT  
15    PROVIDES QUALIFIED ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES THROUGH THE GREEN  
16    JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
17    PAYMENT PROGRAM CONSISTENT WITH NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EFFICIENCY STAND-  
18    ARDS, OR EFFICIENCY STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY, THAT WILL  
19    INCREASE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION OF AN EXISTING STRUCTURE  
20    UNDER THE PROGRAM.  
21    S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 18-a of the public service law is  
22    amended by adding a new paragraph (i) to read as follows:

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

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(I) ON-BILL PAYMENT AND SERVICE CHARGES BILLED PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-SIX-N OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM ANY DETERMINATION OF A UTILITY COMPANY'S GROSS OPERATING REVENUES DERIVED FROM INTRASTATE UTILITY OPERATIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

S 3. Section 43 of the public service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. WHEN A COMPLAINT IS RECEIVED BY THE UTILITY COMPANY THAT IS RELATED TO WORK PERFORMED UNDER THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM THE UTILITY COMPANY SHALL ONLY BE REQUIRED TO INFORM THE CUSTOMER OF THE COMPLAINT HANDLING PROCEDURES OF THE PARTICIPATING ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY, WHICH SHALL INDEPENDENTLY RETAIN SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING SUCH COMPLAINTS, AND SUCH COMPLAINTS SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO BE COMPLAINTS ABOUT UTILITY SERVICE IN ANY OTHER COMMISSION ACTION OR PROCEEDING.

S 4. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 6 of section 65 of the public service law, as amended by chapter 388 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

(d) for installation of capital improvements and fixtures to promote energy efficiency upon the request and consent of the customer, including but not limited to the performance of qualified energy efficiency services for customers participating in green jobs-green New York on-bill recovery pursuant to section sixty-six-m of this article AND THE INSTALLATION AND SERVICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES FOR CUSTOMERS PARTICIPATING IN THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-SIX-N OF THIS ARTICLE.

S 5. The public service law is amended by adding a new section 66-n to read as follows:

S 66-N. GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM. 1. (A) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REQUIRE EACH UTILITY COMPANY TO PROVIDE FOR THE BILLING AND COLLECTION OF ON-BILL CHARGES FOR PAYMENT OF OBLIGATIONS OF ITS CUSTOMERS TO THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND TITLE NINE-A OF ARTICLE EIGHT OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE, UTILITY COMPANIES SHALL UTILIZE EXISTING ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE INFRASTRUCTURE OR OTHER EXISTING BILLING INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPLEMENT THEIR BILLING AND COLLECTION RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

(B) THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE EXECUTED A WRITTEN AGREEMENT FOR THE DELIVERY OF QUALIFIED ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES FROM A PARTICIPATING ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH CUSTOMERS MUST BE THE UTILITY COMPANY'S CUSTOMER OF RECORD TO WHICH SUCH ON-BILL PAYMENT CHARGES WILL APPLY.

(C) EACH PARTICIPATING ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY SHALL IDENTIFY TO THE APPROPRIATE UTILITY COMPANY EACH CUSTOMER WHO HAS EXECUTED A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH THE ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY FOR THE PROVISION OF QUALIFIED ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES THROUGH THE ON-BILL PAYMENT MECHANISM AND THE AMOUNT OF EACH MONTHLY PAYMENT. EACH UTILITY COMPANY SHALL BILL THEIR CUSTOMERS THAT HAS OBTAINED ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS FROM A PARTICIPATING ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY THE AMOUNT DUE AS THE ON-BILL PAYMENT.

(D) THE ON-BILL PAYMENT SHALL BE COLLECTED ON BILLS FROM THE CUSTOMER'S ELECTRIC CORPORATION UNLESS THE QUALIFIED ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES AT THE CUSTOMER'S PREMISES RESULTS IN MORE PROJECTED ENERGY SAVINGS ON THE CUSTOMER'S GAS BILL THAN ON THE ELECTRIC BILL, IN WHICH

1 THE CASE THE ON-BILL PAYMENT CHARGES SHALL BE COLLECTED ONLY ON THE  
2 CUSTOMER'S GAS CORPORATION BILLS.

3 2. FOR PURPOSES OF CARRYING OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, EACH  
4 UTILITY COMPANY SHALL SUBMIT AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE GREEN JOBS-  
5 GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT  
6 PROGRAM WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
7 SECTION TO THE COMMISSION. SUCH PLAN SHALL INCLUDE AN EXPLANATION OF  
8 ESTIMATED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ON-BILL PAYMENT  
9 PROGRAM, AS WELL AS A SHOWING THAT THE UTILITY COMPANY WILL UTILIZE  
10 EXISTING ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE INFRASTRUCTURE OR OTHER EXISTING  
11 BILLING INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE. THE COMMISSION  
12 SHALL MAKE AN APPROVAL DETERMINATION WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF SUBMISSION.  
13 IF SUCH APPROVAL IS DENIED, THE UTILITY COMPANY WILL HAVE THIRTY DAYS  
14 AFTER THE NOTICE OF DISAPPROVAL TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPROVAL.  
15 EACH UTILITY COMPANY SHALL IMPLEMENT THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK  
16 ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM WITHIN  
17 SIX MONTHS OF APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION.

18 (A) IN ADMINISTERING THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL PAYMENT  
19 PROGRAM, THE PARTICIPATING ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY SHALL MAKE REIMBURSE-  
20 MENTS TO UTILITY COMPANIES FOR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY COSTS ASSOCIATED  
21 WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK  
22 ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY PAYMENT PROGRAM.

23 (B) THE COMMISSION MAY SUSPEND OR TERMINATE A UTILITY COMPANY'S OFFER-  
24 ING OF THE ON-BILL PAYMENT PROVIDED THAT THE COMMISSION MAKES A FINDING  
25 THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN UTILITY SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS  
26 THAT THE COMMISSION DETERMINES IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ON-BILL  
27 PAYMENT, OR A FINDING OF OTHER GOOD CAUSE.

28 (C) ONE HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE ENERGY EFFICIENT SAVINGS REALIZED FROM  
29 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALIFIED ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES IMPLEMENTED  
30 THROUGH ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAMS IN THE  
31 UTILITY COMPANIES' SERVICE TERRITORIES SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE APPRO-  
32 PRIATE ELECTRIC CORPORATION'S AND/OR GAS CORPORATION'S ENERGY SAVINGS  
33 TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSION IN THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO  
34 STANDARD PROCEEDING.

35 (D) UTILITY COMPANIES MAY TERMINATE UTILITY SERVICE FOR NON-PAYMENT OF  
36 ON-BILL PAYMENT CHARGES SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE CUSTOMER ESTAB-  
37 LISHED UNDER ARTICLE TWO OF THIS CHAPTER EXCEPT THE RIGHT TO HAVE  
38 PAYMENT OF ARREARS OF INSTALLMENTS OF ON-BILL PAYMENT CHARGES SUBJECT TO  
39 A DEFERRED PAYMENT AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION THIRTY-SEVEN OF THIS CHAPTER.

40 (E) THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UTILITY COMPANY SHALL BE LIMITED SOLE-  
41 LY TO PROVIDING BILLING, PAYMENT PROCESSING, AND COLLECTION SERVICES FOR  
42 ON-BILL PAYMENTS.

43 (F) THE COMMISSION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH EACH UTILITY AND EACH PARTIC-  
44 IPATING ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY, SHALL AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE OF RECEIV-  
45 ABLES PROGRAM FOR EACH UTILITY COMPANY AT A DISCOUNT RATE EQUAL TO THE  
46 UTILITY'S ACTUAL UNCOLLECTIBLE RATE FOR THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK  
47 ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM. THIS  
48 DISCOUNT RATE SHALL BE OFFSET FROM THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS A UTILITY MAKES  
49 TO A PARTICIPATING ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY. THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE  
50 DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT A UTILITY IS NOT AT RISK FOR ANY BAD DEBT ASSO-  
51 CIATED WITH THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY  
52 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM.

53 (G) WHEN THE CUSTOMER'S UTILITY ACCOUNT AT THE UTILITY COMPANY IS  
54 CLOSED, ANY CHARGES IN ARREARS SHALL BE DUE AND OWING, AND COLLECTION  
55 SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPATING ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY.

(H) UNLESS OTHERWISE PRECLUDED BY LAW, PARTICIPATION IN THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM SHALL NOT AFFECT A CUSTOMER'S ELIGIBILITY FOR ANY REBATE OR INCENTIVE OFFERED BY A UTILITY COMPANY. UTILITY COMPANIES MAY MAKE AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN AN ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM ANY REBATES FOR ELIGIBLE ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN SUCH PROGRAMS.

(I) THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT APPROVE ANY APPLICATION FOR THE CONVERSION TO SUBMETERING OF ANY MASTER METER THAT IS SUBJECT TO ANY ON-BILL PAYMENT CHARGES.

S 6. Section 1020-kk of the public authorities law, as renumbered by chapter 388 of the laws of 2011, is renumbered section 1020-ll and a new section 1020-kk is added to read as follows:

S 1020-KK. GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF CARRYING OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE, THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL PAYMENT PROGRAM WITHIN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. SUCH PLAN SHALL INCLUDE AN EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ON-BILL PAYMENT PROGRAM, AS WELL AS A SHOWING THAT THE AUTHORITY WILL UTILIZE EXISTING ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE INFRASTRUCTURE OR OTHER EXISTING BILLING INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE. IN ADMINISTERING THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM, THE PARTICIPATING ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY SHALL MAKE REIMBURSEMENTS TO THE AUTHORITY FOR REASONABLE AND NECESSARY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY PAYMENT PROGRAM. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE LIMITED SOLELY TO PROVIDING BILLING, PAYMENT PROCESSING, AND COLLECTION SERVICES FOR ON-BILL PAYMENTS. THE COMMISSION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH EACH UTILITY AND EACH PARTICIPATING ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY, SHALL AUTHORIZE A PURCHASE OF RECEIVABLES PROGRAM FOR THE AUTHORITY AT A DISCOUNT RATE EQUAL TO THE AUTHORITY'S ACTUAL UNCOLLECTIBLE RATE FOR THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM. THIS DISCOUNT RATE SHALL BE OFFSET FROM THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS THE AUTHORITY MAKES TO A PARTICIPATING ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY. THIS PROGRAM SHALL BE DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT A UTILITY IS NOT AT RISK FOR ANY BAD DEBT ASSOCIATED WITH THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM. THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL MAKE AN APPROVAL DETERMINATION WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF SUBMISSION. IF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DOES NOT APPROVE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, THE AUTHORITY WILL HAVE THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE OF DISAPPROVAL TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FINAL APPROVAL. UPON THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL, THE AUTHORITY SHALL IMPLEMENT THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL PAYMENT PROGRAM WITHIN SIX MONTHS. SUCH PROGRAM SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE STANDARDS SET FORTH IN SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION FORTY-TWO AND SECTION SIXTY-SIX-M OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE AUTHORITY SHALL UTILIZE EXISTING ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE INFRASTRUCTURE OR OTHER EXISTING BILLING INFRASTRUCTURE TO IMPLEMENT THEIR BILLING AND COLLECTION RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS SECTION.

2. THE AUTHORITY MAY SUSPEND ITS OFFERING OF THE ON-BILL PAYMENT CHARGE PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORITY MAKES A FINDING THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN UTILITY SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS THAT THE AUTHORI-

1 TY DETERMINES IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE ON-BILL PAYMENT, OR A FINDING  
2 OF OTHER GOOD CAUSE.

3 S 7. The opening paragraph of subdivision 12 of section 1891 of the  
4 public authorities law, as added by chapter 487 of the laws of 2009, is  
5 amended and a new subdivision 16 is added to read as follows:

6 12. "Qualified energy efficiency services" means a modification to a  
7 structure, based on recommendations FROM A PARTICIPATING ENERGY SERVICE  
8 COMPANY THAT WILL INCREASE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION OF A  
9 STRUCTURE; OR AS contained in an energy audit performed under the  
10 program created under section eighteen hundred [ninety-two] NINETY-FIVE  
11 of this title; or as otherwise approved by the authority, which is  
12 consistent with NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EFFICIENCY STANDARDS, OR EFFICIEN-  
13 CY standards established by the authority, that will increase the energy  
14 efficiency and conservation of an existing structure, including but not  
15 limited to:

16 16. "PARTICIPATING ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY" MEANS AN ENTITY ELIGIBLE TO  
17 PROVIDE ENERGY SERVICES TO END-USE CUSTOMERS USING THE TRANSMISSION AND  
18 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF A UTILITY CORPORATION AND THAT PROVIDES QUALIFIED  
19 ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES THROUGH THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL  
20 ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM CONSISTENT WITH  
21 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED EFFICIENCY STANDARDS, OR EFFICIENCY STANDARDS  
22 ESTABLISHED BY THE AUTHORITY, THAT WILL INCREASE THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
23 AND CONSERVATION OF AN EXISTING STRUCTURE UNDER THE PROGRAM.

24 S 8. Subdivision 6 of section 1892 of the public authorities law, as  
25 added by chapter 487 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

26 6. use innovative financing, LEASING, PAYMENT AND SERVICE mechanisms  
27 to finance AND MAKE PAYMENTS FOR energy efficiency improvements through  
28 energy cost savings.

29 S 9. Subdivision 3 of section 1893 of the public authorities law, as  
30 added by chapter 487 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

31 3. enter into contracts with one or more program implementers to  
32 perform such functions as the authority deems appropriate; [and]

33 S 10. Subdivision 4 of section 1893 of the public authorities law is  
34 renumbered subdivision 5 and a new subdivision 4 is added to read as  
35 follows:

36 4. ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT AND GREEN JOB  
37 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH APPLICANT IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALIFIED  
38 ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES BY ENERGY SERVICE COMPANIES THROUGH THE  
39 ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ON-BILL LEASING OR PAYMENT MECHANISM FOR APPLICANT  
40 PAYMENTS TO ENERGY SERVICE COMPANIES FOR THE INSTALLATION, UTILIZATION  
41 AND SERVICE OF QUALIFIED ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES PROVIDED THAT SUCH  
42 ON-BILL PAYMENT MECHANISM SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE UTILIZATION OF ANY  
43 ON-BILL PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-SIX-N OF THE  
44 PUBLIC SERVICE LAW AND SECTION ONE THOUSAND TWENTY-KK OF THIS CHAPTER;  
45 AND

46 S 11. Subdivision 1 of section 1895 of the public authorities law, as  
47 added by chapter 487 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

48 1. The program shall make available to applicants who ARE ELIGIBLE TO  
49 PARTICIPATE IN THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL RECOVERY PROGRAM  
50 PURSUANT TO SECTION SIXTY-SIX-N OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW AND would be  
51 eligible to apply for financial assistance under this section energy  
52 audits performed by certified auditors or auditors using commonly-em-  
53 ployed energy auditing tools and technologies, as determined appropriate  
54 by the authority. The authority shall be authorized to dedicate an  
55 appropriate portion of program funds allocated for the funding of energy  
56 audits pursuant to section eighteen hundred ninety-nine-a of this title

1 to non-residential properties that are occupied or used by a small busi-  
2 ness or not-for-profit corporation with ten or fewer employees.

3 S 12. Section 242 of the real property law is amended by adding a new  
4 subdivision 5 to read as follows:

5 5. DISCLOSURE PRIOR TO THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO WHICH A GREEN  
6 JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
7 PAYMENT APPLIES. (A) ANY PERSON, FIRM, COMPANY, PARTNERSHIP OR CORPO-  
8 RATION OFFERING TO SELL REAL PROPERTY WHICH IS SUBJECT TO A GREEN JOBS-  
9 GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY PAYMENT  
10 PURSUANT TO TITLE NINE-A OF ARTICLE EIGHT OF THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES LAW  
11 AND SECTION SIXTY-SIX-N OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE LAW SHALL PROVIDE WRITTEN  
12 NOTICE TO THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER OR THE PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER'S  
13 AGENT, STATING AS FOLLOWS: "THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO A GREEN  
14 JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK ON-BILL ENERGY SERVICE COMPANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
15 PAYMENT." SUCH NOTICE SHALL STATE THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE, A DESCRIPTION OF  
16 THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES INSTALLED AND SERVICES PROVIDED, AND AN  
17 EXPLANATION OF THE BENEFIT OF THE GREEN JOBS-GREEN NEW YORK QUALIFIED  
18 ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES. SUCH NOTICE SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE SELLER  
19 PRIOR TO ACCEPTING A PURCHASE OFFER.

20 (B) ANY PROSPECTIVE OR ACTUAL PURCHASER WHO HAS SUFFERED A LOSS DUE TO  
21 A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBDIVISION IS ENTITLED TO RECOVER ANY ACTUAL  
22 DAMAGES INCURRED FROM THE PERSON OFFERING TO SELL OR SELLING SAID REAL  
23 PROPERTY.

24 S 13. This act shall take effect immediately.