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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to thresholds for establishing presence, residency or doing business in the state for out-of-state companies including affiliates of in-state companies that temporarily provide resources and personnel in the state during a state of emergency declared by the governor or the President of the United States

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

1     Section 1. The tax law is amended by adding a new article 42 to read  
2 as follows:

3                                   ARTICLE 42

4             FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTER

5     SECTION 3100. SHORT TITLE.

6             3101. DEFINITIONS.

7             3102. BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEE STATUS DURING DISASTER PERIOD.

8             3103. TRANSACTION TAXES AND FEES.

9             3104. BUSINESS OR EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY AFTER DISASTER PERIOD.

10            3105. NOTIFICATION OF OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESS DURING DISASTER  
11               PERIOD.

12            3106. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO REMAIN IN STATE.

13            3107. SEVERABILITY.

14     S 3100. SHORT TITLE. THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE KNOWN AND MAY BE CITED AS  
15 THE "FACILITATING BUSINESS RAPID RESPONSE TO STATE DECLARED DISASTERS  
16 ACT OF 2013".

17     S 3101. DEFINITIONS. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING TERMS  
18 SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

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

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1 1. "REGISTERED BUSINESS IN THE STATE" (OR "REGISTERED BUSINESS") MEANS  
2 A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT IS CURRENTLY REGISTERED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE  
3 STATE PRIOR TO THE DECLARED STATE DISASTER OR EMERGENCY.

4 2. "OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESS" MEANS A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT HAS NO PRES-  
5 ENCE IN THE STATE AND CONDUCTS NO BUSINESS IN THE STATE WHOSE SERVICES  
6 ARE REQUESTED BY A REGISTERED BUSINESS OR BY A STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
7 FOR PURPOSES OF PERFORMING DISASTER OR EMERGENCY RELATED WORK IN THE  
8 STATE. OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESS SHALL ALSO INCLUDE A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT  
9 IS AFFILIATED WITH THE REGISTERED BUSINESS IN THE STATE SOLELY THROUGH  
10 COMMON OWNERSHIP. THE OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESS HAS NO REGISTRATIONS OR TAX  
11 FILINGS OR NEXUS IN THE STATE PRIOR TO THE DECLARED STATE DISASTER OR  
12 EMERGENCY.

13 3. "OUT-OF-STATE EMPLOYEE" MEANS AN EMPLOYEE WHO DOES NOT WORK IN THE  
14 STATE, EXCEPT FOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY RELATED WORK, DURING THE DISAS-  
15 TER PERIOD.

16 4. "INFRASTRUCTURE" MEANS PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT OWNED OR USED BY  
17 COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS, ELECTRIC GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIB-  
18 UTION SYSTEMS, GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, WATER PIPELINES, AND PUBLIC  
19 ROADS AND BRIDGES AND RELATED SUPPORT FACILITIES THAT SERVICE MULTIPLE  
20 CUSTOMERS OR CITIZENS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REAL AND PERSONAL  
21 PROPERTY SUCH AS BUILDINGS, OFFICES, LINES, POLES, PIPES, STRUCTURES AND  
22 EQUIPMENT.

23 5. "DECLARED STATE DISASTER OR EMERGENCY" MEANS A DISASTER OR EMERGEN-  
24 CY EVENT (A) FOR WHICH THE GOVERNOR HAS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY,  
25 (B) FOR WHICH A PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION OF A FEDERAL MAJOR DISASTER OR  
26 EMERGENCY HAS BEEN ISSUED, OR (C) OTHER DISASTER OR EMERGENCY EVENT  
27 WITHIN THE STATE FOR WHICH A GOOD FAITH RESPONSE EFFORT IS REQUIRED, AND  
28 FOR WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IS  
29 GIVEN NOTIFICATION FROM THE REGISTERED BUSINESS AND SUCH DIRECTOR DESIG-  
30 NATES SUCH EVENT AS A DISASTER OR EMERGENCY THEREBY INVOKING THE  
31 PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

32 6. "DISASTER PERIOD" MEANS A PERIOD THAT BEGINS WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE  
33 FIRST DAY OF THE GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION OR THE PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION  
34 (WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST) AND THAT EXTENDS FOR A PERIOD OF SIXTY CALENDAR  
35 DAYS AFTER THE END OF THE DECLARED DISASTER OR EMERGENCY PERIOD, OR FOR  
36 ANY LONGER PERIOD AUTHORIZED BY THE COMMISSIONER.

37 7. "DISASTER OR EMERGENCY RELATED WORK" MEANS REPAIRING, RENOVATING,  
38 INSTALLING, BUILDING, RENDERING SERVICES OR OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES  
39 THAT RELATE TO INFRASTRUCTURE THAT HAS BEEN DAMAGED, IMPAIRED OR  
40 DESTROYED BY THE DECLARED STATE DISASTER OR EMERGENCY.

41 S 3102. BUSINESS AND EMPLOYEE STATUS DURING DISASTER PERIOD. 1. AN  
42 OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESS THAT CONDUCTS OPERATIONS WITHIN THE STATE FOR  
43 PURPOSES OF PERFORMING WORK OR SERVICES RELATED TO A DECLARED STATE  
44 DISASTER OR EMERGENCY DURING THE DISASTER PERIOD SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED  
45 TO HAVE ESTABLISHED A LEVEL OF PRESENCE THAT WOULD REQUIRE THAT BUSINESS  
46 TO REGISTER, FILE AND/OR REMIT STATE OR LOCAL TAXES OR THAT WOULD  
47 REQUIRE THAT BUSINESS OR ITS OUT-OF-STATE EMPLOYEES TO BE SUBJECT TO ANY  
48 STATE LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS. THIS INCLUDES ANY AND ALL  
49 STATE OR LOCAL BUSINESS LICENSING OR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OR STATE  
50 AND LOCAL TAXES OR FEES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, UNEMPLOYMENT  
51 INSURANCE, SALES AND USE TAX OR AD VALOREM TAX ON EQUIPMENT USED OR  
52 CONSUMED DURING THE DISASTER PERIOD. FOR PURPOSES OF ANY STATE OR LOCAL  
53 TAX ON OR MEASURED BY, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, NET OR GROSS INCOME OR  
54 RECEIPTS, ALL ACTIVITY OF THE OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESS THAT IS CONDUCTED IN  
55 THIS STATE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE DISREGARDED WITH RESPECT TO  
56 ANY FILING REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH TAX INCLUDING THE FILING REQUIRED FOR A

1 UNITARY OR COMBINED GROUP OF WHICH THE OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESS MAY BE A  
2 PART.

3 2. ANY OUT-OF-STATE EMPLOYEE AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION THREE OF  
4 SECTION THIRTY-ONE HUNDRED ONE OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED  
5 TO HAVE ESTABLISHED RESIDENCY OR A PRESENCE IN THE STATE THAT WOULD  
6 REQUIRE THAT PERSON OR THAT PERSON'S EMPLOYER TO FILE AND PAY INCOME  
7 TAXES OR TO BE SUBJECTED TO TAX WITHHOLDINGS OR TO FILE AND PAY ANY  
8 OTHER STATE OR LOCAL TAX OR FEE DURING THE DISASTER PERIOD. THIS  
9 INCLUDES ANY RELATED STATE OR LOCAL EMPLOYER WITHHOLDING AND REMITTANCE  
10 OBLIGATIONS.

11 S 3103. TRANSACTION TAXES AND FEES. OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESSES AND  
12 OUT-OF-STATE EMPLOYEES SHALL BE REQUIRED TO PAY TRANSACTION TAXES AND  
13 FEES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO FUEL TAXES OR SALES/USE TAXES ON MATE-  
14 RIALS OR SERVICES SUBJECT TO SALES/USE TAX, HOTEL TAXES, CAR RENTAL  
15 TAXES OR FEES THAT THE OUT-OF-STATE AFFILIATED BUSINESS OR OUT-OF-STATE  
16 EMPLOYEE PURCHASES FOR USE OR CONSUMPTION IN THE STATE DURING THE DISAS-  
17 TER PERIOD, UNLESS SUCH TAXES ARE OTHERWISE EXEMPTED DURING A DISASTER  
18 PERIOD.

19 S 3104. BUSINESS OR EMPLOYEE ACTIVITY AFTER DISASTER PERIOD. ANY OUT-  
20 OF-STATE BUSINESS OR OUT-OF-STATE EMPLOYEE THAT REMAINS IN THE STATE  
21 AFTER THE DISASTER PERIOD WILL BECOME SUBJECT TO THE STATE'S NORMAL  
22 STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PRESENCE, RESIDENCY OR DOING BUSINESS IN THE  
23 STATE AND WILL THEREFORE BECOME RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY BUSINESS OR EMPLOYEE  
24 TAX REQUIREMENTS THAT ENSUE.

25 S 3105. NOTIFICATION OF OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESS DURING DISASTER PERIOD.  
26 1. THE OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESS THAT ENTERS THE STATE SHALL, UPON REQUEST,  
27 PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT A STATEMENT THAT IT IS IN THE STATE FOR PURPOSES  
28 OF RESPONDING TO THE DISASTER OR EMERGENCY, WHICH STATEMENT SHALL  
29 INCLUDE THE BUSINESS' NAME, STATE OF DOMICILE, PRINCIPAL BUSINESS  
30 ADDRESS, FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, DATE OF ENTRY, AND CONTACT  
31 INFORMATION.

32 2. A REGISTERED BUSINESS IN THE STATE SHALL, UPON REQUEST, PROVIDE THE  
33 INFORMATION REQUIRED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION FOR ANY AFFIL-  
34 IATE THAT ENTERS THE STATE THAT IS AN OUT-OF-STATE BUSINESS. THE NOTIFI-  
35 CATION SHALL ALSO INCLUDE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE REGISTERED BUSI-  
36 NESS IN THE STATE.

37 S 3106. NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO REMAIN IN STATE. AN OUT-OF-STATE  
38 BUSINESS OR AN OUT-OF-STATE EMPLOYEE THAT REMAINS IN THE STATE AFTER THE  
39 DISASTER PERIOD SHALL COMPLETE STATE AND LOCAL REGISTRATION, LICENSING  
40 AND FILING REQUIREMENTS THAT ENSUE AS A RESULT OF ESTABLISHING THE  
41 REQUISITE BUSINESS PRESENCE OR RESIDENCY IN THE STATE APPLICABLE UNDER  
42 THE EXISTING RULES.

43 S 3107. SEVERABILITY. IF ANY CLAUSE, SENTENCE, PARAGRAPH, SECTION OR  
44 PART OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE ADJUDGED BY ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURIS-  
45 DICTION TO BE INVALID, THE JUDGMENT SHALL NOT AFFECT, IMPAIR, OR INVALI-  
46 DATE THE REMAINDER THEREOF, BUT SHALL BE CONFINED IN ITS OPERATION TO  
47 THE CLAUSE, SENTENCE, PARAGRAPH, SECTION OR PART THEREOF DIRECTLY  
48 INVOLVED IN THE CONTROVERSY IN WHICH THE JUDGMENT SHALL HAVE BEEN  
49 RENDERED.

50 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately. Provided, however, the  
51 commissioner of the department of taxation and finance is authorized to  
52 promulgate any rules or regulations, and develop and issue forms or  
53 online processes necessary for the timely implementation of this act.