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Introduced by M. of A. HOOPER -- read once and referred to the Committee
on Local Governments

AN ACT to amend the general municipal law, in relation to payments in
lieu of taxes for projects approved by the town of Hempstead indus-
trial development agency and the Nassau county industrial agency

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

1 Section 1. The opening paragraph of section 905 of the general munici-
2 pal law is designated subdivision 1 and three new subdivisions 2, 3 and
3 4 are added to read as follows:
4 2. PRIOR TO THE APPROVAL OF ANY APPLICATION FOR A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF
5 TAXES (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS "PILOT") AGREEMENT BY
6 THE AGENCY FOR A PROJECT LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF FREEPORT OR THE
7 VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE AFFECTED
8 VILLAGE SHALL BE CONSULTED. THE AGENCY SHALL ALSO CONSULT WITH THE
9 VILLAGE GOVERNING BODY PRIOR TO ANY PILOT AGREEMENT BEING APPROVED BY
10 THE AGENCY FOR A PROJECT LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF FREEPORT OR THE
11 VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD. IN ADDITION, THE AGENCY SHALL OBTAIN AN IMPACT
12 ANALYSIS TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT ON THE VILLAGE OF THE PROJECT AND THE
13 PLANNED PILOT AGREEMENT. THE APPLICANT FOR SUCH PILOT AGREEMENT SHALL
14 BEAR THE COSTS RELATED TO THE REQUIRED IMPACT ANALYSIS. THE AGENCY AND
15 THE VILLAGE GOVERNING BODY SHALL JOINTLY SELECT A QUALIFIED ENTITY TO
16 CONDUCT THE IMPACT ANALYSIS. THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE AGENCY, WHEN REVIEW-
17 ING APPLICATIONS AND APPROVING PILOT AGREEMENTS FOR PROJECTS LOCATED IN
18 THE VILLAGE OF FREEPORT OR THE VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD, SHALL INCLUDE AT
19 LEAST ONE MEMBER OF SUCH VILLAGE'S GOVERNING BODY AND AT LEAST THREE AT
20 LARGE MEMBERS DRAWN FROM A CROSS SECTION OF THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY.
21 3. THE AGENCY SHALL REVIEW ANY PILOT AGREEMENT FOR A PROJECT LOCATED
22 IN THE VILLAGE OF FREEPORT OR THE VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD AFTER THE THIRD
23 YEAR OF ENTERING INTO SUCH PILOT AGREEMENT, AND EVERY THIRD YEAR THERE-
24 AFTER, AND ADJUST THE PILOT AGREEMENT ACCORDINGLY BASED ON CHANGES TO

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

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1 THE ASSESSED VALUE AND TAX RATE OF ALL OTHER REAL PROPERTIES LOCATED IN
2 SUCH VILLAGES. THE AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT TO THE VILLAGE
3 OF FREEPORT AND THE VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD DOCUMENTING ANY AND ALL VARI-
4 ANCES OR CHANGES TO THE PROJECTED REVENUES OF SUCH VILLAGES FROM ANY
5 SUCH PILOT AGREEMENT.

6 4. A PILOT AGREEMENT FOR A PROJECT LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF FREEPORT
7 OR THE VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD SHALL NOT BE RENEWED OR RENEGOTIATED UNTIL A
8 FULL AUDIT HAS BEEN COMPLETED OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE PARTY OBLIGATED TO
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12 MAKE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES PURSUANT TO THE PILOT AGREEMENT WITH THE
13 AGENCY SHALL BEAR THE COSTS OF PREPARING SUCH AUDIT. THE VILLAGE OF
14 FREEPORT OR THE VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD MAY REQUEST FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
15 STATE COMPTROLLER AN AUDIT OR REVIEW OF THE AUDIT PRIOR TO THE RENEWAL
16 OR RENEGOTIATION OF A PILOT AGREEMENT FOR A PROJECT LOCATED IN THE
17 VILLAGE OF FREEPORT OR THE VILLAGE OF HEMPSTEAD.

18 S 2. The opening paragraph of section 922 of the general municipal
19 law, as amended by chapter 474 of the laws of 1988, is designated subdi-
20 vision 1 and three new subdivisions 2, 3 and 4 are added to read as
21 follows:

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1 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.