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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to establishing business franchise and personal income tax credits for certain musical and theatrical production expenses

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 section 24-a to read
2 as follows:

3 S 24-A. MUSICAL AND THEATRICAL PRODUCTION CREDIT. (A) (1) ALLOWANCE OF
4 CREDIT. A TAXPAYER WHICH IS A QUALIFIED THEATER PRODUCTION COMPANY, OR
5 WHICH IS A SOLE PROPRIETOR OF OR A MEMBER OF A PARTNERSHIP WHICH IS A
6 QUALIFIED THEATER PRODUCTION COMPANY, AND WHICH SUBJECT TO TAX UNDER
7 ARTICLE NINE-A OR TWENTY-TWO OF THIS CHAPTER, SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT
8 AGAINST SUCH TAX, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS REFERRED TO IN SUBDIVISION
9 (C) OF THIS SECTION, AND TO BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

10 (2) THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT SHALL BE THE PRODUCT (OR PRO RATA SHARE
11 OF THE PRODUCT, IN THE CASE OF A MEMBER OF A PARTNERSHIP) OF TWENTY-FIVE
12 PERCENT AND THE SUM OF THE PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE EXPENDITURES AND
13 THE TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IS AT LEAST
14 ONE MILLION DOLLARS BUT LESS THAN FIVE MILLION DOLLARS, THE CREDIT SHALL
15 BE CLAIMED OVER A TWO YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING IN THE FIRST TAXABLE YEAR IN
16 WHICH THE CREDIT MAY BE CLAIMED AND IN THE NEXT SUCCEEDING TAXABLE YEAR,
17 WITH ONE-HALF OF THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT ALLOWED BEING CLAIMED IN EACH
18 YEAR. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT IS AT LEAST FIVE MILLION DOLLARS, THE
19 CREDIT SHALL BE CLAIMED OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING IN THE FIRST
20 TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH THE CREDIT MAY BE CLAIMED AND IN THE NEXT TWO
21 SUCCEEDING TAXABLE YEARS, WITH ONE-THIRD OF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT
22 ALLOWED BEING CLAIMED IN EACH YEAR.

23 (3) NO PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE EXPENDITURES OR TRANSPORTATION
24 EXPENDITURES USED BY A TAXPAYER EITHER AS THE BASIS FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF
25 THE CREDIT PROVIDED FOR PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION OR USED IN THE CALCU-
26 LATION OF THE CREDIT PROVIDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED BY

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

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1 SUCH TAXPAYER TO CLAIM ANY OTHER CREDIT ALLOWED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAP-
2 TER.

3 (B) DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL
4 HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

5 (1) "QUALIFIED THEATER PRODUCTION COMPANY" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL,
6 CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ENGAGED IN PRODUC-
7 ING QUALIFIED LIVE THEATER PRODUCTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSE. SUCH
8 COMPANY, OR ITS DESIGNATED PARTY, SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIRECT
9 PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE COSTS, AND BE THE SIGNATORY TO CONTRACTS WITH
10 PAYROLL SERVICES, FACILITIES AND VENDORS, UTILIZED IN THE PRODUCTION OF
11 QUALIFIED THEATER PRODUCTIONS.

12 (2) "THEATER PRODUCTION" MEANS A FOR-PROFIT LIVE STAGE PRESENTATION IN
13 A QUALIFIED PRODUCTION FACILITY AND CERTIFIED BY THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
14 OF MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION DEVELOPMENT THAT IS EITHER: (I) A PRE-
15 BROADWAY PRODUCTION, OR (II) A POST-BROADWAY PRODUCTION.

16 (3) "ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPENDITURE" MEANS COSTS
17 INCURRED WITHIN THE STATE BY THE ACCREDITED THEATER PRODUCTIONS FOR
18 GOODS OR SERVICES RELATED TO THE NATIONAL MARKETING, PUBLIC RELATIONS,
19 CREATION AND PLACEMENT OF PRINT, ELECTRONIC, TELEVISION, BILLBOARDS AND
20 OTHER FORMS OF ADVERTISING TO PROMOTE THE ACCREDITED THEATER PRODUCTION.

21 (4) "PAYROLL" MEANS ALL SALARIES, WAGES, FEES, AND OTHER COMPENSATION
22 INCLUDING RELATED BENEFITS FOR SERVICES PERFORMED AND COSTS INCURRED
23 WITHIN THE STATE.

24 (5) "PRE-BROADWAY PRODUCTION" MEANS A LIVE STAGE PRODUCTION THAT, IN
25 ITS ORIGINAL OR ADAPTIVE VERSION, IS PERFORMED IN A QUALIFIED PRODUCTION
26 FACILITY HAVING A PRESENTATION SCHEDULED FOR BROADWAY'S THEATER DISTRICT
27 IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK WITHIN TWELVE MONTHS AFTER ITS PRESENTATION
28 OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

29 (6) "POST-BROADWAY PRODUCTION" MEANS A LIVE STAGE PRODUCTION THAT, IN
30 ITS ORIGINAL OR ADAPTIVE VERSION, IS PERFORMED IN A QUALIFIED PRODUCTION
31 FACILITY AND OPENS ITS NATIONAL TOUR IN THIS STATE, BUT OUTSIDE OF THE
32 CITY OF NEW YORK, AFTER A PRESENTATION SCHEDULED FOR BROADWAY'S THEATER
33 DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

34 (7) "PRODUCTION AND PERFORMANCE EXPENDITURES" MEANS A CONTEMPORANEOUS
35 EXCHANGE OF CASH OR CASH EQUIVALENT FOR GOODS OR SERVICES RELATED TO
36 DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, PERFORMANCE OR OPERATING EXPENDITURES INCURRED
37 IN THIS STATE FOR A QUALIFIED THEATER PRODUCTION INCLUDING, BUT NOT
38 LIMITED TO, EXPENDITURES FOR DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION, INCLUD-
39 ING SETS, SPECIAL AND VISUAL EFFECTS, COSTUMES, WARDROBES, MAKE-UP,
40 ACCESSORIES, COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SOUND, LIGHTING, STAGING, PAYROLL,
41 TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES, ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS EXPENDI-
42 TURES, FACILITY EXPENSES, RENTALS, PER DIEMS, ACCOMMODATIONS AND OTHER
43 RELATED COSTS.

44 (8) "QUALIFIED PRODUCTION FACILITY" MEANS A FACILITY LOCATED IN THE
45 STATE IN WHICH LIVE THEATRICAL PRODUCTIONS ARE, OR ARE INTENDED TO BE,
46 EXCLUSIVELY PRESENTED THAT CONTAINS AT LEAST ONE STAGE, A SEATING CAPAC-
47 ITY OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED OR MORE SEATS, AND DRESSING ROOMS,
48 STORAGE AREAS, AND OTHER ANCILLARY AMENITIES NECESSARY FOR THE ACCRED-
49 ITED THEATER PRODUCTION.

50 (9) (I) "TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES" MEANS EXPENDITURES FOR THE PACK-
51 AGING, CRATING, AND TRANSPORTATION BOTH TO THE STATE FOR USE IN A QUALI-
52 FIED THEATER PRODUCTION OF SETS, COSTUMES, OR OTHER TANGIBLE PROPERTY
53 CONSTRUCTED OR MANUFACTURED OUT OF STATE, AND/OR FROM THE STATE AFTER
54 USE IN A QUALIFIED THEATER PRODUCTION OF SETS, COSTUMES, OR OTHER TANGI-
55 BLE PROPERTY CONSTRUCTED OR MANUFACTURED IN THIS STATE AND THE TRANSPOR-
56 TATION OF THE CAST AND CREW TO AND FROM THE STATE. SUCH TERM SHALL

1 INCLUDE THE PACKAGING, CRATING, AND TRANSPORTING OF PROPERTY AND EQUIP-
2 MENT USED FOR SPECIAL AND VISUAL EFFECTS, SOUND, LIGHTING, AND STAGING,
3 COSTUMES, WARDROBES, MAKE-UP AND RELATED ACCESSORIES AND MATERIALS, AS
4 WELL AS ANY OTHER PERFORMANCE OR PRODUCTION-RELATED PROPERTY AND EQUIP-
5 MENT.

6 (II) TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES SHALL NOT INCLUDE ANY COSTS TO TRANS-
7 PORT PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT TO BE USED ONLY FOR FILMING AND NOT IN A
8 QUALIFIED THEATER PRODUCTION, ANY INDIRECT COSTS, AND EXPENDITURES THAT
9 ARE LATER REIMBURSED BY A THIRD PARTY, OR ANY AMOUNTS THAT ARE PAID TO
10 PERSONS OR ENTITIES AS A RESULT OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN PROFITS FROM
11 THE EXPLOITATION OF THE PRODUCTION.

12 (C) CROSS-REFERENCES. FOR APPLICATION OF THE CREDIT PROVIDED FOR IN
13 THIS SECTION, SEE THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER:

14 (1) ARTICLE 9-A: SECTION 210: SUBDIVISION 36-A.

15 (2) ARTICLE 22: SECTION 606: SUBSECTION (U).

16 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS CHAPTER, EMPLOYEES AND OFFI-
17 CERS OF THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION DEVELOP-
18 MENT AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE ALLOWED AND ARE DIRECTED TO SHARE AND
19 EXCHANGE INFORMATION REGARDING THE CREDITS APPLIED FOR, ALLOWED, OR
20 CLAIMED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND TAXPAYERS WHO ARE APPLYING FOR
21 CREDITS OR WHO ARE CLAIMING CREDITS, INCLUDING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN
22 OR DERIVED FROM CREDIT CLAIM FORMS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND
23 APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
24 MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION DEVELOPMENT.

25 S 2. Section 210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivision
26 36-a to read as follows:

27 36-A. MUSICAL AND THEATRICAL PRODUCTION CREDIT. (A) ALLOWANCE OF CRED-
28 IT. A TAXPAYER WHO IS ELIGIBLE PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-FOUR-A OF
29 THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT TO BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN
30 SUCH SECTION AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE.

31 (B) THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR
32 SHALL NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR SUCH YEAR TO LESS THAN THE AMOUNT
33 PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (D) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION.
34 PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS
35 SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR REDUCES THE TAX TO SUCH AMOUNT, THE
36 EXCESS SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDITED OR
37 REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND
38 EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, FURTHER, THE PROVISIONS OF
39 SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER
40 NOTWITHSTANDING, NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

41 S 3. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (i) of section 606
42 of the tax law is amended by adding a new clause (xxxvii) to read as
43 follows:

44 (XXXVII) MUSICAL AND THEATRICAL
45 PRODUCTION CREDIT UNDER
46 SUBSECTION (U)

AMOUNT OF CREDIT FOR
THE SUM OF THE PRODUCTION AND
PERFORMANCE EXPENDITURES AND
THE TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES
IN AN ACCREDITED THEATRE
PRODUCTION UNDER SUBDIVISION
THIRTY-SIX-A OF SECTION TWO
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52 S 4. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection
53 (u) to read as follows:

54 (U) MUSICAL AND THEATRICAL PRODUCTION CREDIT. (1) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT.
55 A TAXPAYER WHO IS ELIGIBLE PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY-FOUR-A OF THIS

1 CHAPTER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT TO BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN SUCH
2 SECTION AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE.

3 (2) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWABLE UNDER
4 THIS SUBSECTION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR EXCEEDS THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH
5 YEAR, THE EXCESS SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDIT-
6 ED OR REFUNDED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS
7 ARTICLE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

8 S 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 2015.