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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to a tax credit for employment  
of an individual who has successfully completed a judicial diversion  
program or graduated from a drug court

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

1     Section 1. Section 210-B of the tax law is amended by adding a new  
2     subdivision 50 to read as follows:  
3     50. CREDIT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM DRUG  
4     COURT OR HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A JUDICIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM. (A)  
5     ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE  
6     COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY  
7     THIS ARTICLE, IF IT EMPLOYS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS GRADUATED FROM DRUG  
8     COURT OR HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A JUDICIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM PURSU-  
9     ANT TO ARTICLE TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW,  
10    PROVIDED THAT SUCH INDIVIDUAL IS EMPLOYED FOR THIRTY-FIVE HOURS OR MORE  
11    PER WEEK AND REMAINS IN THE EMPLOY OF SUCH TAXPAYER FOR A MINIMUM OF  
12    TWELVE MONTHS.  
13    (B) AMOUNT OF CREDIT. A CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION SHALL EQUAL  
14    THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER HIRED INDIVIDUAL FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF  
15    EMPLOYMENT AND AN ADDITIONAL ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IF THE INDIVIDUAL  
16    REMAINS IN EMPLOY FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWELVE MONTHS.  
17    (C) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION  
18    FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR SUCH YEAR TO LESS  
19    THAN THE AMOUNT PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (D) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS  
20    SECTION. IF, HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVI-  
21    SION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR REDUCES THE TAX TO SUCH AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF  
22    CREDIT THUS NOT DEDUCTIBLE IN SUCH TAXABLE YEAR SHALL BE TREATED AS AN  
23    OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
24    PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED,  
25    HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHT-

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

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Y-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER NOTWITHSTANDING, NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

S 2. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (i) of section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new clause (xli) to read as follows:

(XLI) EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS	AMOUNT OF CREDIT
WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM	UNDER SUBDIVISION
DRUG COURT OR HAVE	FIFTY OF SECTION
SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED	TWO HUNDRED TEN-B
A JUDICIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM	
TAX CREDIT UNDER	
SUBSECTION (CCC)	

S 3. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection (ccc) to read as follows:

(CCC) TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM DRUG COURT OR HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A JUDICIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM.

(1) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE, IF IT EMPLOYS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS GRADUATED FROM DRUG COURT OR WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A JUDICIAL DIVERSION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO ARTICLE TWO HUNDRED SIXTEEN OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW, PROVIDED THAT SUCH INDIVIDUAL IS EMPLOYED FOR THIRTY-FIVE HOURS OR MORE PER WEEK AND REMAINS IN THE EMPLOY OF SUCH TAXPAYER FOR TWELVE MONTHS.

(2) AMOUNT OF CREDIT. A CREDIT AUTHORIZED BY THIS SECTION SHALL EQUAL THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER HIRED INDIVIDUAL FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT AND AN ADDITIONAL ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS IF THE INDIVIDUAL REMAINS IN EMPLOY FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWELVE MONTHS.

(3) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR SUCH YEAR TO LESS THAN THE HIGHER OF THE AMOUNT PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS (C) AND (D) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED TEN-B OF THIS CHAPTER. IF, HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR REDUCES THE TAX TO SUCH AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT THUS NOT DEDUCTIBLE IN SUCH TAXABLE YEAR SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER NOTWITHSTANDING, NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

S 4. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as part A of chapter 59 of the laws of 2014 takes effect and shall apply to taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2015 and shall apply to those employees hired after this act shall take effect.