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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to establishing a hire-now tax  
credit

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

1     Section 1. The tax law is amended by adding a new section 42 to read  
2     as follows:  
3     S 42. HIRE-NOW TAX CREDIT. (A) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER, WHICH  
4     IS SUBJECT TO TAX UNDER ARTICLE NINE-A OR TWENTY-TWO OF THIS CHAPTER AND  
5     WHICH CREATES A NEW JOB, SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT AGAINST SUCH TAX. THE  
6     AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE EQUAL TO THE  
7     PRODUCT OF 6.85 PERCENT AND THE GROSS WAGES PAID FOR EACH NEW EMPLOYEE.  
8     THE CREDIT SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ANY NEW  
9     EMPLOYEE FOR ONE FULL YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT; IF A NEW EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN  
10    HIRED FOR LESS THAN A FULL TAX YEAR THIS AMOUNT SHALL BE PRORATED AND  
11    APPORTIONED TO EACH TAX YEAR BUT SHALL IN NO WAY DECREASE THE FULL THREE  
12    CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF CREDIT ELIGIBILITY. THE TAXPAYER MAY CLAIM THIS  
13    CREDIT FOR EACH NEW EMPLOYEE FOR A PERIOD OF THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF  
14    EMPLOYMENT. THE TAXPAYER MAY OFFSET QUARTERLY ESTIMATED TAX RETURNS  
15    WITH THE AMOUNT OF THIS CREDIT EARNED IN ANY PREVIOUS QUARTER.  
16    (B) UNEMPLOYMENT ENHANCEMENT. FOR CALENDAR YEARS TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN  
17    AND TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN IF A NEW EMPLOYEE WAS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT  
18    INSURANCE BENEFITS AT THE TIME OF HIRE, AN ADDITIONAL THREE THOUSAND  
19    DOLLAR CREDIT WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THE FIRST FULL YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT.  
20    (C) DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL  
21    HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:  
22    (1) "NEW EMPLOYEE" SHALL MEAN ANY FULL TIME EMPLOYEE THAT IS HIRED BY  
23    THE TAXPAYER AFTER JULY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN AND BEFORE APRIL  
24    FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, THAT CAUSES THE TOTAL NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

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

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1 TO INCREASE ABOVE BASE EMPLOYMENT OR CREDIT EMPLOYMENT, WHICHEVER IS  
2 HIGHER.

3 (2) "BASE YEAR" SHALL MEAN CALENDAR YEAR TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.

4 (3) "BASE EMPLOYMENT" SHALL MEAN THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF FULL TIME  
5 EMPLOYEES OR FULL TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES DURING THE BASE YEAR. FOR A  
6 NEW BUSINESS, BASE EMPLOYMENT SHALL BEGIN AT ZERO.

7 (4) "CREDIT EMPLOYMENT" SHALL MEAN BASE EMPLOYMENT PLUS THE NUMBER OF  
8 NEW EMPLOYEES FOR WHICH A CREDIT IS EARNED FOR THE PRIOR TAX YEARS.

9 (D) REPLACEMENT EMPLOYEES. IF A NEW EMPLOYEE FOR WHICH A CREDIT WAS  
10 EARNED LEAVES THE PAYROLL AND AN EMPLOYEE IS HIRED WHICH BRINGS TOTAL  
11 EMPLOYMENT ABOVE BASE EMPLOYMENT BUT AT OR BELOW CREDIT EMPLOYMENT  
12 LEVEL, THE CREDIT ELIGIBILITY PERIOD FOR SUCH EMPLOYEE SHALL BE THREE  
13 YEARS MINUS THE AMOUNT OF TIME (ROUNDED TO THE NEXT FULL MONTH) THE  
14 EMPLOYER RECEIVED THE CREDIT FOR THE DEPARTING EMPLOYEE.

15 (E) NO CREDIT SHALL BE ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION TO A TAXPAYER FOR  
16 ANY NEW EMPLOYEE IF THE TAXPAYER CLAIMS ANY OTHER CREDIT UNDER THIS  
17 ARTICLE FOR SUCH NEW EMPLOYEE WHERE THE BASIS OF SUCH OTHER CREDIT IS AN  
18 INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT.

19 S 2. Section 210-B of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivi-  
20 sion 49 to read as follows:

21 49. HIRE-NOW TAX CREDIT. (A) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER WILL BE  
22 ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION FORTY-TWO OF  
23 THIS CHAPTER, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE.

24 (B) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION  
25 FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR MAY NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR SUCH YEAR TO LESS  
26 THAN THE HIGHER OF THE AMOUNTS PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS (C) AND (D) OF  
27 SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED TEN OF THIS ARTICLE. HOWEVER, IF  
28 THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR  
29 REDUCES THE TAX TO SUCH AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT THUS NOT DEDUCTIBLE  
30 IN SUCH TAXABLE YEAR WILL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE  
31 CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE  
32 THOUSAND EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS  
33 OF SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER  
34 NOTWITHSTANDING, NO INTEREST WILL BE PAID THEREON.

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

37 (CCC) HIRE-NOW TAX CREDIT. (1) A TAXPAYER WILL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO  
38 THE EXTENT ALLOWED UNDER SECTION FORTY-TWO OF THIS CHAPTER, AGAINST THE  
39 TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE.

40 (2) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER  
41 THIS SUBSECTION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR EXCEEDS THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH  
42 YEAR, THE EXCESS WILL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDITED  
43 OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SIX HUNDRED  
44 EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS ARTICLE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO INTEREST WILL BE  
45 PAID THEREON.

46 S 4. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (i) of section 606  
47 of the tax law is amended by adding a new clause (xli) to read as  
48 follows:

49 (XLI) HIRE-NOW TAX CREDIT	AMOUNT OF CREDIT UNDER
50 UNDER SUBSECTION (CCC)	SUBDIVISION FORTY-NINE OF SECTION
51	TWO HUNDRED TEN-B

52 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.