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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to providing a credit against tax for the purchase of low vision devices

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

1     Section 1. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new  
2     subsection (ccc) to read as follows:  
3     (CCC) LOW VISION DEVICE CREDIT. (1) A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A  
4     CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, AGAINST THE TAX  
5     IMPOSED PURSUANT TO SECTION SIX HUNDRED ONE OF THIS PART. THE AMOUNT OF  
6     CREDIT SHALL EQUAL THE AMOUNT PAID BY THE TAXPAYER DURING THE TAXABLE  
7     YEAR AND NOT COMPENSATED BY INSURANCE OR OTHERWISE, FOR THE PURCHASE OF  
8     ANY QUALIFIED LOW VISION DEVICE.  
9     (2) FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUBSECTION, "QUALIFIED LOW VISION DEVICE"  
10    SHALL MEAN A LOW VISION DEVICE FOR THE USE OF MAGNIFYING, ENHANCING OR  
11    OTHERWISE AUGMENTING A VISUAL IMAGE AND WHICH IS INTENDED FOR USE BY THE  
12    TAXPAYER OR AN INDIVIDUAL WITH RESPECT TO WHOM THE TAXPAYER, FOR THE  
13    TAXABLE YEAR, IS ALLOWED A PERSONAL EXEMPTION FOR DEPENDENTS.  
14    (3) THIS SUBSECTION SHALL APPLY TO ANY INDIVIDUAL FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR  
15    ONLY IF SUCH INDIVIDUAL ELECTS TO HAVE THIS SECTION APPLY FOR SUCH TAXA-  
16    BLE YEAR. AN ELECTION TO HAVE THIS SECTION APPLY MAY NOT BE MADE FOR ANY  
17    TAXABLE YEAR IF SUCH ELECTION IS IN EFFECT WITH RESPECT TO SUCH INDIVID-  
18    UAL FOR EITHER OF THE TWO TAXABLE YEARS PRECEDING SUCH TAXABLE YEAR.  
19    (4) NO CREDIT SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR ANY LOW VISION DEVICE EXPENSES FOR  
20    WHICH A DEDUCTION OR CREDIT IS ALLOWED UNDER ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS  
21    CHAPTER.  
22    (5) IN NO EVENT SHALL THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT PROVIDED BY THIS  
23    SUBSECTION EXCEED THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR. HOWEVER, IF  
24    THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT OTHERWISE ALLOWABLE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION FOR

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

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1 ANY TAXABLE YEAR RESULTS IN SUCH EXCESS AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT NOT  
2 DEDUCTIBLE IN SUCH TAXABLE YEAR MAY BE CARRIED OVER TO THE FOLLOWING  
3 YEAR OR YEARS AND MAY BE DEDUCTED FROM THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH YEAR  
4 OR YEARS.

5 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to taxable  
6 years beginning on and after the first of January next succeeding the  
7 date on which it shall have become a law.