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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to enacting the "New York state sportsmen's weekend act and creating a limited exemption of the sale of certain firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and supplies from state sales and compensating use taxes and granting municipalities the option to grant such limited exemption

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York 2 state sportsmen's weekend act".

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- S 2. Subdivision (a) of section 1115 of the tax law is amended by adding a new paragraph 44 to read as follows:
- (44) FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND HUNTING SUPPLIES DURING THE THREE-DAY PERIOD EACH YEAR COMMENCING ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF AND ENDING ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARA-GRAPH FIREARMS SHALL MEAN ANY PISTOL, REVOLVER, RIFLE OR SHOTGUN USED FOR THE PREDOMINANT USE OF HUNTING, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION. DEPARTMENT OF AMMUNITION, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND HUNTING SUPPLIES SHALL MEAN ANY CROSSBOWS, LONG BOWS THEIR RESPECTIVE SUPPLIES USED FOR THE PREDOMINANT USE OF HUNTING, AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION. THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL ONLY APPLY TO PISTOLS OR REVOLVERS ON THAT THE PURCHASING INDIVIDUAL HAS OBTAINED THE LICENSE CONDITION REQUIRED TO PURCHASE SUCH A FIREARM, PURSUANT TO SECTION 400.00 OF
- PENAL LAW, PRIOR TO THE THREE-DAY PERIOD PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH. 18 3. Subdivision (b) of section 1107 of the tax law is amended by 19 adding a new clause 12 to read as follows:

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

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(12) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, THE EXEMPTION ON FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND HUNTING SUPPLIES DURING THE THREE-DAY PERIOD EACH YEAR COMMENCING ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF AUGUST AND ENDING ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY, PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH FORTY-FOUR OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THIS ARTICLE, SHALL BE APPLICABLE PURSUANT TO A LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY A CITY SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION. SUCH CITY IS EMPOWERED TO ADOPT OR REPEAL SUCH A LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION. SUCH ADOPTION OR REPEAL SHALL ALSO BE DEEMED TO AMEND ANY LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ENACTED BY SUCH A CITY IMPOSING TAXES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED TEN OF THIS CHAPTER.

- S 4. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 13 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:
- (1) Either, all of the taxes described in article twenty-eight of this chapter, at the same uniform rate, as to which taxes all provisions of the local laws, ordinances or resolutions imposing such taxes shall be identical, except as to rate and except as otherwise provided, with the corresponding provisions in such article twenty-eight, including the definition and exemption provisions of such article, so far as the provisions of such article twenty-eight can be made applicable to taxes imposed by such city or county and with such limitations and special provisions as are set forth in this article. The taxes authorized under this subdivision may not be imposed by a city or county unless the local law, ordinance or resolution imposes such taxes so as include all portions and all types of receipts, charges or rents, subject to state tax under sections eleven hundred five and eleven hundred ten of this chapter, except as otherwise provided. (i) Any local ordinance or resolution enacted by any city of less than one million or by any county or school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivision, shall, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, exclude from the operation of such local taxes all sales of tangible personal property for use or consumption directly predominantly in the production of tangible personal property, gas, electricity, refrigeration or steam, for sale, by manufacturing, processing, generating, assembly, refining, mining or extracting; and all sales of tangible personal property for use or consumption predominantly either in the production of tangible personal property, for sale, by farming or in a commercial horse boarding operation, or in both; and, unless such city, county or school district elects otherwise, shall omit the provision for credit or refund contained in clause six of subdivision (a) or subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this chapter. (ii) Any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by city, county or school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivision, shall omit the residential solar energy systems equipment exemption provided for in subdivision (ee), the commercial solar energy systems equipment exemption provided for in subdivision (ii) and the clothing and footwear exemption provided for in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this unless such city, county or school district elects otherwise as to either such residential solar energy systems equipment exemption, commercial solar energy systems equipment exemption or such clothing and footwear exemption. (III) ANY LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ENACTED BY ANY CITY, COUNTY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT, IMPOSING THE TAXES AUTHORIZED BY THIS SUBDIVISION, SHALL OMIT THE FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND HUNTING SUPPLIES EXEMPTION DURING THE THREE-DAY PERIOD EACH YEAR

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COMMENCING ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF AUGUST, AND ENDING ON THE FOLLOWING PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH FORTY-FOUR OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF 3 SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER, UNLESS SUCH CITY, COUNTY OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTS OTHERWISE; PROVIDED THAT IF SUCH A CITY HAVING 5 POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE ENACTS THE RESOLUTION DESCRIBED IN 6 SUBDIVISION (Q) OF THIS SECTION OR REPEALS SUCH RESOLUTION, SUCH REPEAL 7 RESOLUTION SHALL ALSO BE DEEMED TO AMEND ANY LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR 8 RESOLUTION ENACTED BY SUCH A CITY IMPOSING SUCH TAX PURSUANT 9 AUTHORITY OF THIS SUBDIVISION, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH TAXES ARE SUSPENDED 10 AT THE TIME SUCH CITY ENACTS ITS RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION OF THIS SECTION OR AT THE TIME OF ANY SUCH REPEAL; PROVIDED FURTHER THAT 11 SUCH LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION AND SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED 12 13 SEVEN OF THIS CHAPTER, AS DEEMED TO BE AMENDED IN THE EVENT A CITY 14 MILLION OR MORE ENACTS A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF 15 SUBDIVISION (Q) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE FURTHER AMENDED, AS 16 SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN OF THIS SUBPART, SO THAT THE 17 FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND HUNTING SUPPLIES EXEMPTION 18 DURING THE THREE-DAY PERIOD EACH YEAR COMMENCING ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF 19 AUGUST, AND ENDING ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY, IN ANY SUCH LOCAL LAW, ORDI-20 NANCE OR RESOLUTION OR IN SUCH SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN OF 21 CHAPTER IS THE SAME AS THE STATE FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT 22 SUPPLIES EXEMPTION DURING THE THREE-DAY PERIOD EACH YEAR HUNTING COMMENCING ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF AUGUST, AND ENDING ON THE FOLLOWING 23 24 MONDAY. IN PARAGRAPH FORTY-FOUR OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN 25 HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER. 26

- S 5. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by section 3 of part Z of chapter 59 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:
- (1) Either, all of the taxes described in article twenty-eight of this chapter, at the same uniform rate, as to which taxes all provisions of the local laws, ordinances or resolutions imposing such taxes shall be identical, except as to rate and except as otherwise provided, with the corresponding provisions in such article twenty-eight, including definition and exemption provisions of such article, so far as the provisions of such article twenty-eight can be made applicable to the taxes imposed by such city or county and with such limitations and special provisions as are set forth in this article. The taxes authorized under this subdivision may not be imposed by a city or county unless the local law, ordinance or resolution imposes such taxes so include all portions and all types of receipts, charges or rents, subject to state tax under sections eleven hundred five and eleven hundred ten of this chapter, except as otherwise provided. (i) Any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any city of less than one million or by any county or school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivision, shall, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, exclude from the operation of such local taxes all sales of tangible personal property for use or consumption directly and predominantly in the production of tangible personal property, gas, electricity, refrigeration or steam, for sale, by manufacturing, essing, generating, assembly, refining, mining or extracting; and all sales of tangible personal property for use or consumption predominantly either in the production of tangible personal property, for sale, by farming or in a commercial horse boarding operation, or in both; and, unless such city, county or school district elects otherwise, shall omit the provision for credit or refund contained in clause six of subdivision (a) or subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this

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chapter. (ii) Any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any city, county or school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivision, shall omit the residential solar energy systems equipment and electricity exemption provided for in subdivision (ee), the commercial solar energy systems equipment and electricity exemption provided for in subdivision (ii) and the clothing and footwear exemption provided 7 in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, unless such city, county or school elects otherwise as to either such residential solar energy systems 9 10 equipment and electricity exemption, such commercial solar systems equipment and electricity exemption or such clothing and foot-11 12 wear exemption. (III) ANY LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ENACTED ANY CITY, COUNTY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT, IMPOSING THE TAXES AUTHORIZED BY 13 14 THIS SUBDIVISION, SHALL OMIT THE FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT 15 AND HUNTING SUPPLIES EXEMPTION DURING THE THREE-DAY PERIOD EACH YEAR COMMENCING ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF AUGUST, AND ENDING ON THE FOLLOWING 16 17 MONDAY, AS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH FORTY-FOUR OF SUBDIVISION 18 SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER, UNLESS SUCH CITY, COUNTY 19 OR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTS OTHERWISE; PROVIDED THAT IF SUCH A CITY HAVING 20 POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE ENACTS THE RESOLUTION DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (Q) OF THIS SECTION OR REPEALS SUCH RESOLUTION, SUCH REPEAL 21 22 RESOLUTION SHALL ALSO BE DEEMED TO AMEND ANY LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR 23 RESOLUTION ENACTED BY SUCH A CITY IMPOSING SUCH TAX PURSUANT 24 AUTHORITY OF THIS SUBDIVISION, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH TAXES ARE SUSPENDED 25 AT THE TIME SUCH CITY ENACTS ITS RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION 26 OF THIS SECTION OR AT THE TIME OF ANY SUCH REPEAL; PROVIDED FURTHER THAT 27 SUCH LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION AND SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED ANY 28 SEVEN OF THIS CHAPTER, AS DEEMED TO BE AMENDED IN THE EVENT A CITY 29 MILLION OR MORE ENACTS A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SUBDIVISION (Q) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE FURTHER AMENDED, AS 30 PROVIDED SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED EIGHTEEN OF THIS SUBPART, 31 SO THAT THE 32 FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND HUNTING SUPPLIES EXEMPTION 33 DURING THE THREE-DAY PERIOD EACH YEAR COMMENCING ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF 34 AUGUST, AND ENDING ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY, IN ANY SUCH LOCAL LAW, 35 ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION OR IN SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN OF THIS CHAP-TER IS THE SAME AS THE STATE FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND 36 37 HUNTING SUPPLIES EXEMPTION DURING THE THREE-DAY PERIOD EACH 38 COMMENCING ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF AUGUST, AND ENDING ON THE FOLLOWING 39 MONDAY, IN PARAGRAPH FORTY-FOUR OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN 40 HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER. 41

- S 6. Subdivision (d) of section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by section 37 of part S-1 of chapter 57 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:
- (d) A local law, ordinance or resolution imposing any tax pursuant to this section, increasing or decreasing the rate of such tax, repealing or suspending such tax, exempting from such tax the energy sources and services described in paragraph three of subdivision (a) or of subdivision (b) of this section or changing the rate of tax imposed on such energy sources and services or providing for the credit or refund described in clause six of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this chapter must go into effect only on one of the following dates: March first, June first, September first or December first; provided, that a local law, ordinance or resolution providing for the exemption described in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter or repealing any such exemption or a local law, ordinance or resolution providing for a refund or credit

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described in subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this chapter or repealing such provision so provided must go into effect only 3 March first; PROVIDED FURTHER THAT A LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOL-PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH FORTY-FOUR OF 5 SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER 6 REPEALING ANY SUCH EXEMPTION SO PROVIDED AND A RESOLUTION ENACTED PURSU-7 THE AUTHORITY OF SUBDIVISION (Q) OF THIS SECTION PROVIDED SUCH 8 EXEMPTION OR REPEALING SUCH EXEMPTION SO PROVIDED MAY GO INTO EFFECT 9 IMMEDIATELY. No such local law, ordinance or resolution shall be effec-10 unless a certified copy of such law, ordinance or resolution is 11 mailed by registered or certified mail to the commissioner at 12 commissioner's office in Albany at least ninety days prior to the date 13 it is to become effective. However, the commissioner may waive 14 reduce such ninety-day minimum notice requirement to a mailing of such 15 certified copy by registered or certified mail within a period of not less than thirty days prior to such effective date if the commissioner 16 17 deems such action to be consistent with the commissioner's duties under 18 section twelve hundred fifty of this article and the commissioner acts 19 by resolution. Where the restriction provided for in section twelve 20 hundred twenty-three of this article as to the effective date of a tax 21 and the notice requirement provided for therein are applicable and have 22 been waived, the restriction and notice requirement in section 23 twelve hundred twenty-three of this article shall also apply. 24

- S 7. Subdivision (d) of section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by section 4-a of part Z of chapter 59 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:
- (d) A local law, ordinance or resolution imposing any tax pursuant to section, increasing or decreasing the rate of such tax, repealing or suspending such tax, exempting from such tax the energy sources services described in paragraph three of subdivision (a) or of subdivision (b) of this section or changing the rate of tax imposed energy sources and services or providing for the credit or refund described in clause six of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this chapter, or electing or repealing the exemption for residential solar equipment and electricity in subdivision section eleven hundred fifteen of this article, or the exemption for commercial solar equipment and electricity in subdivision (ii) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this article must go into effect only on one of the following dates: March first, June first, September first December first; provided, that a local law, ordinance or resolution providing for the exemption described in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter or repealing such exemption or a local law, ordinance or resolution providing for a refund or credit described in subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this chapter or repealing such provision so provided must go effect only on March first; PROVIDED FURTHER THAT A LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE EXEMPTION DESCRIBED GRAPH FORTY-FOUR OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF CHAPTER OR REPEALING ANY SUCH EXEMPTION SO PROVIDED AND A RESOL-UTION ENACTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SUBDIVISION (Q) OF SECTION PROVIDED SUCH EXEMPTION OR REPEALING SUCH EXEMPTION SO PROVIDED MAY GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. No such local law, ordinance or ution shall be effective unless a certified copy of such law, ordinance or resolution is mailed by registered or certified mail to the commissioner at the commissioner's office in Albany at least ninety days prior the date it is to become effective. However, the commissioner may

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- S 8. Section 1210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivision (q) to read as follows:
- (Q) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF STATE OR LOCAL LAW, ORDI-NANCE OR RESOLUTION TO THE CONTRARY:
- CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE IN WHICH THE TAXES IMPOSED BY SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN OF THIS CHAPTER ACTING THROUGH ITS LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODY, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO ELECT TO PROVIDE THE SAME EXEMPTION FROM SUCH TAXES FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND HUNTING SUPPLIES EXEMPTION DURING A THREE-DAY PERIOD EACH YEAR COMMENCING ON $_{
 m THE}$ THIRD AUGUST, AND ENDING ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY, FROM STATE SALES OF AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH FORTY-FOUR OF SUBDIVI-SION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THIS CHAPTER BY ENACTING A RESOLUTION IN THE FORM SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF THIS SUBDIVISION; UPON COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS (D) AND WHEREUPON, (E) OF THIS SECTION, SUCH ENACTMENT OF SUCH RESOLUTION SHALL BE TO BE AN AMENDMENT TO SUCH SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN AND SUCH SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED SEVEN SHALL BE DEEMED TO INCORPORATE SUCH EXEMPTION AS IF HAD BEEN DULY ENACTED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR.
- (2) FORM OF RESOLUTION: BE IT ENACTED BY THE (INSERT PROPER TITLE OF LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODY) AS FOLLOWS:
- SECTION 1. RECEIPTS FROM SALES OF AND CONSIDERATION GIVEN OR CONTRACTED TO BE GIVEN FOR PURCHASES OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND HUNTING SUPPLIES EXEMPT FROM STATE SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES DURING A THREE-DAY PERIOD EACH YEAR COMMENCING ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF AUGUST AND ENDING ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY, PURSUANT TO PARAGRAPH FORTY-FOUR OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF THE TAX LAW SHALL ALSO BE EXEMPT FROM SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES IMPOSED IN THIS JURISDICTION.
- SECTION 2. THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT, (INSERT THE DATE) AND SHALL APPLY TO SALES MADE AND USES OCCURRING ON AND AFTER THAT DATE ALTHOUGH MADE OR OCCURRING UNDER A PRIOR CONTRACT.
- S 9. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sales tax quarterly period, as described in subdivision (b) of section 1136 of the tax law, beginning at least 90 days after the date this act shall have become a law and shall apply in accordance with the applicable transitional provisions of sections 1106 and 1217 of the tax law; provided that sections five and seven of this act shall apply to sales made on or after the date such sections shall have taken effect; and provided further that the amendments to paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 1210 of the tax law made by section five of this act shall take effect on the same date as section 3 of part Z of chapter 59 of the laws of 2015 takes effect; and the amendments to subdivision (d) of section 1210 of the tax law made by section seven of this act shall take effect on the same date as section 4-a of part Z of chapter 59 of the laws of

2015, takes effect; and provided, further, that the commissioner of taxation and finance shall be authorized on and after the date this act

3 shall have become a law to adopt and amend any rules or regulations 4 necessary to implement this act on its effective date.