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Introduced by Sens. RITCHIE, YOUNG, AKSHAR, O'MARA, ORTT, VALESKY -- (at request of the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Environmental Conservation

AN ACT to amend the soil and water conservation districts law, in relation to designating rent, building expenses and utilities as expenses which are reimbursable by the state

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 11-a of the soil and water conservation districts law, as amended by chapter 316 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Reimburse each soil and water conservation district to the extent of fifty percent of the amount expended by the district for the items specified in this paragraph, up to sixty thousand dollars per district in any fiscal year. Reimbursement pursuant to this paragraph shall be limited to: expenditures for the employment of conservation field technicians or district managers[,]; RENT, BUILDING EXPENSES AND THE COST OF UTILITIES; and the purchase of supplies and equipment related to [these] SUCH positions, for the purpose of supervising or providing technical assistance for the establishment and implementation of soil and water conservation practices in accordance with programs undertaken by the district. At the end of each calendar year, verified and detailed claims for such reimbursement shall be submitted to the state soil and water conservation committee in such form and manner and containing such information as the state soil and water conservation committee, the commissioner of agriculture and markets and the state comptroller may require. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the soil and water conservation district of New York city shall be considered the equivalent of five districts when reimbursed in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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