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2015-2016 Regular Sessions

I N   A S S E M B L Y

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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Cities

AN ACT in relation to authorizing the creation of a state debt in the amount of two billion dollars, in relation to creating the urban restoration bond act of 2015 for the purposes of funding capital projects to provide for improving the infrastructure of cities of this state; and providing for the submission to the people of a proposition or question therefor to be voted upon at the general election to be held in November, 2015

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

1     Section 1. The urban restoration bond act of 2015 is enacted to read  
2 as follows:

3                     URBAN RESTORATION BOND ACT OF 2015

4     Section 1. Short title.  
5             2. Creation of a state debt.  
6             3. Bonds of the state.  
7             4. Use of moneys received.

8     S 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the  
9 "urban restoration bond act of 2015".

10    S 2. Creation of a state debt. The creation of a state debt in an  
11 amount not exceeding in the aggregate two billion dollars  
12 (\$2,000,000,000) is hereby authorized to provide moneys for the single  
13 purpose of improving the infrastructure of cities of this state by fund-  
14 ing capital projects to repair, rehabilitate, construct, enhance, expand  
15 and modernize transportation systems, roads, bridges, water supply  
16 systems, drainage systems, and publicly owned storm and sanitary sewers.  
17 The legislature may, by appropriate legislation and subject to such  
18 conditions as it may impose, make available out of the proceeds of the  
19 sale of bonds authorized in this act, moneys disbursed or to be

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

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1 disbursed for the cost of approved capital projects undertaken by, or on  
2 behalf of, cities for such purposes.

3 S 3. Bonds of the state. The state comptroller is hereby authorized  
4 and empowered to issue and sell bonds of the state up to the aggregate  
5 amount of two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) for the purposes of this  
6 act, subject to the provisions of article five of the state finance law.  
7 The aggregate principal amount of such bonds shall not exceed two  
8 billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) excluding bonds issued to refund or  
9 otherwise repay bonds heretofore issued for such purpose; provided,  
10 however, that upon any such refunding or repayment, the total aggregate  
11 principal amount of outstanding bonds may be greater than two billion  
12 dollars (\$2,000,000,000) only if the present value of the aggregate debt  
13 service of the refunding or repayment bonds to be issued shall not  
14 exceed the present value of the aggregate debt service of the bonds to  
15 be refunded or repaid. The method for calculating present value shall be  
16 determined by law.

17 S 4. Use of moneys received. The moneys received by the state from the  
18 sale of bonds sold pursuant to this act shall be expended pursuant to  
19 appropriations for capital projects related to design, planning, site  
20 acquisition, demolition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation,  
21 or acquisition and/or installation of equipment for the following types  
22 of projects: capital projects related to repairing, rehabilitating,  
23 constructing, enhancing, expanding and modernizing transportation  
24 systems, roads, bridges, water supply systems, drainage systems, and  
25 publicly owned storm and sanitary sewers.

26 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the  
27 provisions of section one of this act shall not take effect unless and  
28 until this act shall have been submitted to the people at the general  
29 election to be held in November 2015 and shall have been approved by a  
30 majority of all votes cast for and against it at such election. Upon  
31 approval by the people, section one of this act shall take effect imme-  
32 diately. The ballots to be furnished for the use of voters upon  
33 submission of this act shall be in the form prescribed by the election  
34 law and the proposition or question to be submitted shall be printed  
35 thereon in substantially the following form, namely "The URBAN RESTORA-  
36 TION BOND ACT OF 2015, as set forth in section one of chapter (here  
37 insert the chapter number) of the laws of 2015, authorizes the sale of  
38 state bonds of up to two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000) to provide for  
39 improving the infrastructure of cities of this state. Shall the URBAN  
40 RESTORATION BOND ACT OF 2015 be approved?".