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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to creating a wage tax credit for employers who employ New York national guard men and women, reservists, volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel

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

Section 1. Section 210-B of the tax law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 49 and 51 to read as follows:

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- 49. EMPLOYMENT OF NEW YORK NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE MEMBERS WAGE TAX CREDIT. (A) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE, IF IT EMPLOYS MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, SUCH TAXPAYER SHALL COMPLY WITH THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT, AS FOUND IN SECTION 4301 ET SEQ. OF TITLE 18 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.
- (B) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER 10 THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR SUCH YEAR TO LESS 11 SUBDIVISION 12 THAN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (D) OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED TEN OF THIS ARTICLE. IF, HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF 13 14 CREDITS ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR REDUCES TO SUCH AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT THUS NOT DEDUCTIBLE IN SUCH 15 TAXABLE YEAR SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDITED OR 16 17 REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND 18 EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS OF 19 SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER 20 NOTWITHSTANDING, NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.

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

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EMPLOYMENT OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) FIRST RESPONDER PERSONNEL WAGE CREDIT. (A) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, TO BE COMPUTED AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE, IF IT EMPLOYS VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMS FIRST RESPONDER PERSONNEL.

- (B) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL NOT REDUCE THE TAX DUE FOR SUCH YEAR TO LESS THAN THE MINIMUM AMOUNT PRESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (D) OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION TWO HUNDRED TEN OF THIS ARTICLE. IF, HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR REDUCES THE TAX TO SUCH AMOUNT, ANY AMOUNT OF CREDIT THUS NOT DEDUCTIBLE IN SUCH TAXABLE YEAR SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDITED OR 12 REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND 13 EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS CHAPTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THE PROVISIONS OF 14 SUBSECTION (C) OF SECTION ONE THOUSAND EIGHTY-EIGHT OF THIS CHAPTER NOTWITHSTANDING, NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.
- S 2. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (i) of section 606 17 of the tax law is amended by adding two new clauses (xli) and (xliii) to 18

19 read as follows:

- 20 (XLI) EMPLOYMENT OF NEW
 21 YORK NATIONAL
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 4 MOUNT OF CREDIT
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 SECTION TWO HUNDRE
- SECTION TWO HUNDRED TEN-B
- UNDER SUB-
- 25 SECTION (CCC)
- (XLIII) EMPLOYMENT OF VOLUNTEER AMOUNT OF CREDIT UNDER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMS SUBDIVISION FIFTY-ONE OF FIRST RESPONDER SECTION TWO HUNDRED TEN-B 26
- FIREFIGHTERS AND EMS 27
- FIRST RESPONDER 28
- 29 PERSONNEL WAGE
- 30 CREDIT UNDER SUB-
- 31 SECTION (EEE)

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- S 3. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding two new 32 subsections (ccc) and (eee) to read as follows: 33
- (CCC) EMPLOYMENT OF NEW YORK NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE MEMBER CREDIT. 34 (1) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT, AS HERE-INAFTER PROVIDED, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE IF THEY EMPLOY 36 NEW YORK NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE MEMBERS. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THEY 37 SHALL COMPLY WITH THE UNIFORMED SERVICES EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ACT, AS FOUND IN SECTION 4301 ET SEQ. OF TITLE 18 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE. THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT SHALL BE FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS 40 41 FOR EACH NATIONAL GUARD MEMBER OR RESERVIST EMPLOYED.
 - (2) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL EXCEED THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH YEAR, THE EXCESS SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS ARTICLE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.
- (3) CARRYOVER. IF THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION 48 FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL EXCEED THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH YEAR, THE 49 EXCESS MAY BE CARRIED OVER TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR OR YEARS, AND MAY BE 51 DEDUCTED FROM THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH YEAR OR YEARS.
- (EEE) EMPLOYMENT OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMS FIRST RESPONDER 53 PERSONNEL WAGE CREDIT. (1) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT. A TAXPAYER SHALL BE

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ALLOWED A CREDIT, AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED, AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE IF THEY EMPLOY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND EMS FIRST RESPONDER PERSONNEL. THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT SHALL BE FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER AND EMS FIRST RESPONDER EMPLOYED.

- (2) APPLICATION OF CREDIT. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL EXCEED THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH YEAR, THE EXCESS SHALL BE TREATED AS AN OVERPAYMENT OF TAX TO BE CREDITED OR REFUNDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX OF THIS ARTICLE, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO INTEREST SHALL BE PAID THEREON.
- 11 (3) CARRYOVER. IF THE AMOUNT OF CREDIT ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION 12 FOR ANY TAXABLE YEAR SHALL EXCEED THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH YEAR, THE 13 EXCESS MAY BE CARRIED OVER TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR OR YEARS, AND MAY BE 14 DEDUCTED FROM THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH YEAR OR YEARS.
- 15 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately and apply to taxable years 16 beginning on and after January 1, 2019.