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AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to the assessment of real property damaged by the severe storm that occurred on the twenty-ninth and thirtieth of October, 2012 in a city having a population of one million or more

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

1     Section 1. The real property tax law is amended by adding a new  
2     section 1805-a to read as follows:  
3     S 1805-A. ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY DAMAGED BY THE SEVERE STORM THAT  
4     OCCURRED ON THE TWENTY-NINTH AND THIRTIETH OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND  
5     TWELVE IN A CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE. 1. GENER-  
6     ALLY. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF ANY GENERAL, SPECIAL OR LOCAL LAW  
7     TO THE CONTRARY, ANY CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE IS  
8     HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO ADOPT AND AMEND LOCAL LAWS IN ACCORD-  
9     ANCE WITH THIS SECTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE ASSESSED VALUE OF AFFECTED  
10    REAL PROPERTY, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION THREE OF THIS SECTION, SHALL BE  
11    SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.  
12    2. DEFINITIONS. AS USED IN THIS SECTION:  
13    (A) "ACTUAL ASSESSED VALUE" MEANS THE ASSESSED VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY  
14    PRIOR TO THE CALCULATION OF ANY TRANSITIONAL ASSESSED VALUE, AND WHICH  
15    IS NOT REDUCED BY ANY EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES.

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

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(B) "AGGREGATE PHYSICAL INCREASE" MEANS THE SUM OF PHYSICAL INCREASES FOR ASSESSMENT ROLLS COMPLETED FROM TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN THROUGH TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.

(C) "ANNUAL TAX" MEANS THE AMOUNT OF REAL PROPERTY TAX THAT IS IMPOSED ON A PROPERTY FOR A FISCAL YEAR, DETERMINED AFTER REDUCTION FOR ANY AMOUNT FROM WHICH THE PROPERTY IS EXEMPT, OR WHICH IS ABATED, PURSUANT TO APPLICABLE LAW.

(D) "ANNUAL TAX ATTRIBUTABLE TO IMPROVEMENTS" MEANS THE ANNUAL TAX, MULTIPLIED BY A FRACTION, THE NUMERATOR OF WHICH IS EQUAL TO THE ASSESSED VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, AND THE DENOMINATOR OF WHICH IS THE TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY FOR SUCH FISCAL YEAR.

(E) "ASSESSED VALUE" MEANS THE ASSESSED VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY THAT WAS USED TO DETERMINE THE ANNUAL TAX, AND WHICH IS NOT REDUCED BY ANY EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES. FOR REAL PROPERTY CLASSIFIED AS CLASS TWO OR CLASS FOUR REAL PROPERTY, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED TWO OF THIS ARTICLE TO WHICH SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE APPLIES, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED, THE ASSESSED VALUE IS THE LOWER OF THE ACTUAL ASSESSED VALUE AND TRANSITIONAL ASSESSED VALUE.

(F) "ASSESSED VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO IMPROVEMENTS" MEANS THAT PORTION OF THE ASSESSED VALUE THAT WAS USED TO DETERMINE THE ANNUAL TAX ATTRIBUTABLE TO IMPROVEMENTS, AND WHICH IS NOT REDUCED BY ANY EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES.

(G) "COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE" MEANS THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE OF A CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE.

(H) "DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OF A CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE.

(I) "IMPROVEMENTS" MEANS BUILDINGS AND OTHER ARTICLES AND STRUCTURES, SUBSTRUCTURES AND SUPERSTRUCTURES ERECTED UPON, UNDER OR ABOVE THE LAND, OR AFFIXED THERETO, INCLUDING BRIDGES AND WHARVES AND PIERS AND THE VALUE OF THE RIGHT TO COLLECT WHARFAGE, CRANAGE OR DOCKAGE THEREON.

(J) "PHYSICAL DECREASE" MEANS THE DECREASE IN ASSESSED VALUE FROM THE ASSESSED VALUE ON THE PRECEDING ASSESSMENT ROLL AS A RESULT OF DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY CAUSED BY THE SEVERE STORM THAT OCCURRED ON THE TWENTY-NINTH AND THIRTIETH OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, SUCH DECREASE TO WHICH SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE APPLIES.

(K) "PHYSICAL INCREASE" MEANS THE INCREASE IN ASSESSED VALUE FROM THE ASSESSED VALUE ON THE PRECEDING ASSESSMENT ROLL AS A RESULT OF AN ADDITION TO OR IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING REAL PROPERTY AS PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR IN CONNECTION WITH THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE SEVERE STORM THAT OCCURRED ON THE TWENTY-NINTH AND THIRTIETH OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, SUCH INCREASE TO WHICH SUBDIVISION FIVE OF SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE APPLIES SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(L) "TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY" MEANS, WITH RESPECT TO AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, THE SQUARE FOOTAGE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE IN DETERMINING THE ASSESSED VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO IMPROVEMENTS ON THE REAL PROPERTY FOR SUCH ASSESSMENT ROLL.

(M) "TRANSITIONAL ASSESSED VALUE" IS THE TRANSITION ASSESSMENT CALCULATED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION THREE OF SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE, AND WHICH IS NOT REDUCED BY ANY EXEMPTION FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES.

1 3. AFFECTED REAL PROPERTY. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "AFFECTED  
2 REAL PROPERTY" MEANS ANY TAX LOT THAT CONTAINED, ON THE APPLICABLE TAXA-  
3 BLE STATUS DATE, CLASS ONE, CLASS TWO OR CLASS FOUR REAL PROPERTY AS  
4 SUCH CLASS OF REAL PROPERTY IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION  
5 EIGHTEEN HUNDRED TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, AS TO WHICH:

6 (A) THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE REDUCED THE ASSESSED VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE  
7 TO IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE ASSESSMENT ROLL COMPLETED IN TWO  
8 THOUSAND THIRTEEN FROM THE ASSESSED VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO IMPROVEMENTS  
9 ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE ASSESSMENT ROLL COMPLETED IN TWO THOUSAND TWELVE  
10 AS A RESULT OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE SEVERE STORM THAT OCCURRED ON THE  
11 TWENTY-NINTH AND THIRTIETH OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE; AND

12 (B) THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE INCREASED THE ASSESSED VALUE ATTRIBUT-  
13 ABLE TO IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY BY MEANS OF A PHYSICAL INCREASE FOR  
14 AN ASSESSMENT ROLL COMPLETED FROM TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN THROUGH TWO  
15 THOUSAND TWENTY.

16 4. LIMITATION ON INCREASES OF ASSESSED VALUE. NOTWITHSTANDING SUBDIVI-  
17 SION FIVE OF SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS ARTICLE AND ANY OTHER  
18 PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, INCREASES IN THE ASSESSED VALUE OF AFFECTED  
19 REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE LIMITED IN THE MANNER SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBDIVI-  
20 SION.

21 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (C) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, FOR  
22 AFFECTED REAL PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE ASSESSED VALUES ON THE ASSESSMENT  
23 ROLLS COMPLETED IN TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN AND TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN DO NOT  
24 REFLECT A PHYSICAL INCREASE, THE AMOUNT OF THE AGGREGATE PHYSICAL  
25 INCREASE SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF THE PHYSICAL DECREASE REFLECTED  
26 IN THE ASSESSED VALUE ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL COMPLETED IN TWO THOUSAND  
27 THIRTEEN. ANY INCREASE IN ASSESSED VALUE FROM THE PRECEDING YEAR IN  
28 EXCESS OF THE PHYSICAL INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE CURRENT ASSESSED VALUE,  
29 SUCH PHYSICAL INCREASE LIMITED AS PROVIDED IN THE PRECEDING SENTENCE,  
30 SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS ON INCREASES PROVIDED IN SUBDIVI-  
31 SIONS ONE, TWO AND THREE OF SECTION EIGHTEEN HUNDRED FIVE OF THIS ARTI-  
32 CLE. IN NO EVENT SHALL THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE AFFECTED REAL PROPERTY  
33 APPEARING ON AN ASSESSMENT ROLL COMPLETED FOR ANY GIVEN YEAR FROM TWO  
34 THOUSAND FIFTEEN TO TWO THOUSAND TWENTY EXCEED WHAT THE ASSESSED VALUE  
35 WOULD HAVE BEEN THAT YEAR BUT FOR ANY PHYSICAL DECREASES OR PHYSICAL  
36 INCREASES REFLECTED IN THE ASSESSED VALUES ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS  
37 COMPLETED FROM TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN TO TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.

38 (B) FOR AFFECTED REAL PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE ASSESSED VALUE ON THE  
39 ASSESSMENT ROLL COMPLETED IN TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN OR TWO THOUSAND  
40 FIFTEEN REFLECTS A PHYSICAL INCREASE, THE ASSESSED VALUE AS IT APPEARED  
41 ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL COMPLETED IN TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN SHALL BE RECAL-  
42 CULATED AS IF THE LIMITATION IN PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION HAD  
43 BEEN IN EFFECT FOR THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS COMPLETED IN TWO THOUSAND FOUR-  
44 TEEN AND TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN. THE RECALCULATION OF THE ASSESSED VALUE  
45 THAT APPEARED ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL COMPLETED IN TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN  
46 SHALL NOT AFFECT THE AMOUNT OF TAXES THAT WERE DUE AND PAYABLE FOR THE  
47 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST OF JULY, TWO THOUSAND FOURTEEN. THE  
48 ASSESSED VALUE ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS COMPLETED FOR EACH OF THE YEARS  
49 FROM TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN TO TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE  
50 LIMITATION ON INCREASES PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (A) OF THIS SUBDIVISION.  
51 NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION FIFTEEN HUNDRED TWELVE OF THE CHARTER OF THE  
52 CITY OF NEW YORK AND ANY OTHER PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY, THE COMMIS-  
53 SIONER OF FINANCE IS AUTHORIZED TO CORRECT AS PROVIDED IN THIS PARAGRAPH  
54 THE ASSESSED VALUE OF AFFECTED REAL PROPERTY APPEARING ON THE ASSESSMENT  
55 ROLL COMPLETED IN TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN. SUCH CORRECTION SHALL BE MADE NO

1 LATER THAN NINETY DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF A LOCAL LAW ADOPTED  
2 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

3 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPHS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION, IN THE  
4 EVENT THAT THE TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE AFFECTED  
5 REAL PROPERTY APPEARING ON ANY ASSESSMENT ROLL COMPLETED FROM TWO THOU-  
6 SAND FOURTEEN TO TWO THOUSAND TWENTY EXCEEDS THE TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE OF  
7 THE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY APPEARING ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL  
8 COMPLETED IN TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, THE AMOUNT OF THE AGGREGATE PHYSICAL  
9 INCREASE SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT COMPUTED BY MULTIPLYING THE SUM OF  
10 THE PHYSICAL INCREASES AS CALCULATED SUBJECT TO THIS SUBDIVISION BY A  
11 FRACTION, THE NUMERATOR OF WHICH IS EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL  
12 SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE CURRENT  
13 ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE DENOMINATOR OF WHICH IS EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF  
14 THE TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY FOR THE  
15 ASSESSMENT ROLL COMPLETED IN TWO THOUSAND TWELVE. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS  
16 PARAGRAPH, IF IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED BELOW GRADE WERE NOT  
17 INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON THE PROPERTY  
18 FOR THE ASSESSMENT ROLL COMPLETED IN TWO THOUSAND TWELVE, SUCH IMPROVE-  
19 MENTS SHALL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE FOR SUBSEQUENT  
20 ASSESSMENT ROLLS IF THE IMPROVEMENTS WERE MOVED ABOVE GRADE OR OTHER  
21 BUILDING ELEVATIONS WERE CONSTRUCTED ON THE PROPERTY TO PREVENT OR MITI-  
22 GATE FLOODING AS PART OF RECONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
23 DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE SEVERE STORM THAT OCCURRED ON THE TWENTY-NINTH AND  
24 THIRTIETH OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND TWELVE.

25 5. RULEMAKING. THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO  
26 PROMULGATE RULES NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION.

27 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.