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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to procedures involving taxpayer  
interviews

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision (c) of section 3006 of the tax law, as added by  
2     chapter 770 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:  
3     (c) Representatives holding power of attorney. Any attorney, certified  
4     public accountant, an enrolled agent, or any other person permitted to  
5     represent the taxpayer who is not disbarred or suspended from practice  
6     and who has a written power of attorney executed by the taxpayer, may be  
7     authorized by such taxpayer to represent the taxpayer in any interview  
8     described in subdivision (a) of this section. An officer or employee of  
9     the division may not require a taxpayer to accompany the representative  
10    in the absence of a subpoena to examine and inspect the taxpayer or the  
11    taxpayer's books, records or other papers. [Such an officer or employee,  
12    with the consent of the immediate supervisor of such officer or employ-  
13    ee, may notify the taxpayer directly that such officer or employee  
14    believes such representative is responsible for unreasonable delay or  
15    hindrance of a division of taxation examination or investigation of the  
16    taxpayer.] WITHOUT THE PRIOR CONSENT OF THE TAXPAYER GIVEN DIRECTLY TO  
17    THE COMMISSIONER OR THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF A COURT OF COMPETENT  
18    JURISDICTION, THE COMMISSIONER MAY NOT COMMUNICATE OTHER THAN IN WRITING  
19    WITH A COPY TO THE HOLDER OF THE POWER OF ATTORNEY, BY TELEPHONE OR IN  
20    PERSON, WITH A TAXPAYER IN CONNECTION WITH THE COLLECTION OF ANY UNPAID  
21    TAX IF THE COMMISSIONER KNOWS THE TAXPAYER IS REPRESENTED BY ANY PERSON  
22    AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE BEFORE THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE WITH RESPECT  
23    TO SUCH UNPAID TAX AND HAS KNOWLEDGE OF, OR CAN READILY ASCERTAIN, SUCH  
24    PERSON'S NAME AND ADDRESS, UNLESS SUCH PERSON FAILS TO RESPOND WITHIN A  
25    REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME TO COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OR  
26    UNLESS SUCH PERSON CONSENTS TO DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH THE TAXPAYER.  
27    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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