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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to establishing a tax deduction for the adoption of a child with special needs

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 615 of the tax law is amended by
2 adding a new paragraph 5 to read as follows:
3 (5) AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE ADOPTION OF A
4 CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS. THE AMOUNT ALLOWED BY THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE
5 USED BY A TAXPAYER TO INCREASE HIS OR HER DEDUCTION IN EACH YEAR THAT
6 THE TAXPAYER IS THE LEGAL PARENT OF A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.
7 FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A CHILD WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SHALL MEAN
8 ANY CHILD WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE AND WHO POSSESSES A SPECIF-
9 IC PHYSICAL, MENTAL, OR EMOTIONAL CONDITION OR DISABILITY OF SUCH SEVER-
10 ITY OR KIND THAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
11 SERVICES, WOULD CONSTITUTE A SIGNIFICANT OBSTACLE TO THE CHILD'S
12 ADOPTION.
13 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to taxable
14 years commencing on and after January 1, 2015.

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

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