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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to the authority of counties to impose sales and compensating use taxes pursuant to the authority of article 29 of such law; and to repeal certain provisions of sections 1210 and 1224 and section 1210-E of such law relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (i) of the opening paragraph of section 1210  
2 of the tax law is REPEALED and a new subparagraph (i) is added to read  
3 as follows:

4 (I) WITH RESPECT TO A CITY OF ONE MILLION OR MORE AND THE FOLLOWING  
5 COUNTIES (1) ANY SUCH CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE IS  
6 HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO ADOPT AND AMEND LOCAL LAWS, ORDI-  
7 NANCES OR RESOLUTIONS IMPOSING SUCH TAXES IN ANY SUCH CITY, AT THE RATE  
8 OF FOUR AND ONE-HALF PERCENT;

9 (2) THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES THAT IMPOSE TAXES DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION  
10 (A) OF THIS SECTION AT THE RATE OF THREE PERCENT AS AUTHORIZED ABOVE IN  
11 THIS PARAGRAPH FOR SUCH COUNTIES ARE HEREBY FURTHER AUTHORIZED AND  
12 EMPOWERED TO ADOPT AND AMEND LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES, OR RESOLUTIONS  
13 IMPOSING SUCH TAXES DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION AT THE  
14 FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL RATES, IN QUARTER PERCENT INCREMENTS, WHICH RATES  
15 ARE ADDITIONAL TO THE THREE PERCENT RATE AUTHORIZED ABOVE IN THIS PARA-  
16 GRAPH, AND, IN THE CASE OF A COUNTY AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE MORE THAN ONE  
17 ADDITIONAL RATE, ALSO IN ADDITION TO EACH OTHER, FOR EACH SUCH COUNTY,  
18 PROVIDED THAT (A) THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND MAY IMPOSE ADDITIONAL RATES OF  
19 FIVE-EIGHTHS PERCENT AND THREE-EIGHTHS PERCENT, IN LIEU OF IMPOSING SUCH  
20 ADDITIONAL RATE IN QUARTER PERCENT INCREMENTS; (B) THE COUNTY OF ONTARIO  
21 MAY IMPOSE ADDITIONAL RATES OF ONE-EIGHTH PERCENT AND THREE-EIGHTHS  
22 PERCENT, IN LIEU OF IMPOSING SUCH ADDITIONAL RATE IN QUARTER PERCENT

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

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1 INCREMENTS; (C) THREE-QUARTERS PERCENT OF THE ADDITIONAL RATE AUTHORIZED  
 2 TO BE IMPOSED BY THE COUNTY OF NASSAU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATION  
 3 SET FORTH IN SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO-E OF THIS ARTICLE:

4 (I) ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT - NONE.

5 (II) ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT - CHAUTAUQUA, ONTARIO, SCHENECTADY.

6 (III) THREE-QUARTERS OF ONE PERCENT - DUTCHESS, ESSEX, JEFFERSON,  
 7 LEWIS, ORANGE.

8 (IV) ONE PERCENT - ALBANY, BROOME, CATTARAUGUS, CAYUGA, CHEMUNG,  
 9 CHENANGO, CLINTON, COLUMBIA, CORTLAND, DELAWARE, FRANKLIN, FULTON, GENE-  
 10 SEE, GREENE, LIVINGSTON, MADISON, MONROE, MONTGOMERY, NIAGARA, ONONDAGA,  
 11 ORLEANS, OSWEGO, OTSEGO, PUTNAM, RENSSELAER, ROCKLAND, SCHOHARIE,  
 12 SCHUYLER, SENECA, STEUBEN, SUFFOLK, SULLIVAN, TIOGA, TOMPKINS, ULSTER,  
 13 WAYNE, WYOMING, YATES.

14 (V) ONE AND ONE-QUARTER PERCENT - HERKIMER, NASSAU.

15 (VI) ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT - ALLEGANY.

16 (VII) ONE AND THREE-QUARTERS PERCENT - ERIE, ONEIDA.

17 S 2. Subparagraph (ii) of the opening paragraph of section 1210 of the  
 18 tax law is REPEALED and a new subparagraph (ii) is added to read as  
 19 follows:

20 (II) THE FOLLOWING CITIES THAT IMPOSE TAXES DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION  
 21 (A) OF THIS SECTION AT THE RATE OF ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OR HIGHER AS  
 22 AUTHORIZED ABOVE IN THIS PARAGRAPH FOR SUCH CITIES ARE HEREBY FURTHER  
 23 AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO ADOPT AND AMEND LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES, OR  
 24 RESOLUTIONS IMPOSING SUCH TAXES DESCRIBED IN SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS  
 25 SECTION AT THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL RATES, IN QUARTER PERCENT INCRE-  
 26 MENTS, WHICH RATES ARE ADDITIONAL TO THE ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OR  
 27 HIGHER RATES AUTHORIZED ABOVE IN THIS PARAGRAPH AND, IN THE CASE OF A  
 28 CITY AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE MORE THAN ONE ADDITIONAL RATE, ALSO IN ADDI-  
 29 TION TO EACH OTHER, FOR EACH SUCH CITY:

30 (1) ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT - NONE.

31 (2) ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT - NONE.

32 (3) THREE-QUARTERS OF ONE PERCENT - NONE.

33 (4) ONE PERCENT - MOUNT VERNON; YONKERS; OSWEGO, FOR THE PERIOD BEGIN-  
 34 NING DECEMBER FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, AND ENDING NOVEMBER THIRTI-  
 35 ETH, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN; NEW ROCHELLE, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING  
 36 JANUARY FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN, AND ENDING DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST,  
 37 TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN; WHITE PLAINS, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER  
 38 FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, AND ENDING AUGUST THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOU-  
 39 SAND SEVENTEEN.

40 (5) ONE AND ONE-QUARTER PERCENT - NONE.

41 (6) ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT - NONE.

42 (7) ONE AND THREE-QUARTERS PERCENT - NONE.

43 S 3. Subparagraph (iii) of the opening paragraph of section 1210 of  
 44 the tax law is REPEALED and a new subparagraph (iii) is added to read as  
 45 follows:

46 (III) THE MAXIMUM RATE REFERRED TO IN SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED  
 47 TWENTY-FOUR OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE CALCULATED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE  
 48 ADDITIONAL RATES AUTHORIZED FOR COUNTIES, OTHER THAN THE COUNTIES OF  
 49 CAYUGA, CORTLAND, FULTON, MADISON, AND OTSEGO IN SUBPARAGRAPH (I) AND  
 50 THE CITIES IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

51 S 4. Section 1210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivi-  
 52 sion (q) to read as follows:

53 (Q) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION OR ANY OTHER LAW, A  
 54 COUNTY MAY, BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF ITS GOVERNING BODY, PASS A LOCAL LAW,  
 55 ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE THE ADDITIONAL RATE OR RATES OF SUCH  
 56 SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES AUTHORIZED BY CLAUSE TWO OF SUBPARA-

1 GRAPH (I) OF THE OPENING PARAGRAPH OF THIS SECTION FOR A PERIOD NOT TO  
2 EXCEED TWO YEARS. ANY SUCH LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE, OR RESOLUTION SHALL  
3 ALSO BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS  
4 SECTION.

5 S 5. Section 1210-E of the tax law is REPEALED.

6 S 6. Subdivisions (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l), (m),  
7 (n), (o), (p), (q), (r), (t), (u), (v), (w), (x), (y), (z), (z-1), (aa),  
8 (bb), (cc), (dd), (ee), (ff) and (gg) of section 1224 of the tax law are  
9 REPEALED.

10 S 7. Section 1224 of the tax law is amended by adding four new subdi-  
11 visions (d), (e), (f), and (g) to read as follows:

12 (D) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "PRIOR RIGHT" SHALL MEAN  
13 THE PREFERENTIAL RIGHT TO IMPOSE ANY TAX DESCRIBED IN SECTIONS TWELVE  
14 HUNDRED TWO AND TWELVE HUNDRED THREE, OR TWELVE HUNDRED TEN AND TWELVE  
15 HUNDRED ELEVEN, OF THIS ARTICLE AND THEREBY TO PREEMPT SUCH TAX AND TO  
16 PRECLUDE ANOTHER MUNICIPAL CORPORATION FROM IMPOSING OR CONTINUING THE  
17 IMPOSITION OF SUCH TAX TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH RIGHT IS EXERCISED.  
18 HOWEVER, THE RIGHT OF PREEMPTION SHALL ONLY APPLY WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL  
19 LIMITS OF THE TAXING JURISDICTION HAVING THE RIGHT OR PREEMPTION.

20 (E) EACH OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES AND CITIES SHALL HAVE THE SOLE  
21 RIGHT TO IMPOSE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL RATE OF SALES AND COMPENSATING  
22 USE TAXES IN EXCESS OF THREE PERCENT THAT SUCH COUNTY OR CITY IS AUTHOR-  
23 IZED TO IMPOSE PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION  
24 TWELVE HUNDRED TEN OF THIS ARTICLE. SUCH ADDITIONAL RATES OF TAX SHALL  
25 NOT BE SUBJECT TO PREEMPTION.

26 (1) COUNTIES:

27 (A) ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT - NONE.

28 (B) ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT - CHAUTAUQUA, ONTARIO, SCHENECTADY.

29 (C) THREE-QUARTERS OF ONE PERCENT - DUTCHESS, ESSEX, JEFFERSON, LEWIS,  
30 ORANGE.

31 (D) ONE PERCENT - ALBANY, BROOME, CATTARAUGUS, CHEMUNG, CHENANGO,  
32 CLINTON, COLUMBIA, DELAWARE, FRANKLIN, GENESEE, GREENE, LIVINGSTON,  
33 MONROE, MONTGOMERY, NIAGARA, ONONDAGA, ORLEANS, OTSEGO, PUTNAM, RENSSE-  
34 LAER, ROCKLAND, SCHOHARIE, SCHUYLER, SENECA, STEUBEN, SUFFOLK, SULLIVAN,  
35 TIOGA, TOMPKINS, ULSTER, WAYNE, WYOMING, YATES.

36 (E) ONE AND ONE-QUARTER PERCENT - HERKIMER, NASSAU.

37 (F) ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT - ALLEGANY.

38 (G) ONE AND THREE-QUARTERS PERCENT - ERIE, ONEIDA.

39 (2) CITIES:

40 (A) ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT - NONE.

41 (B) ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT - NONE.

42 (C) THREE-QUARTERS OF ONE PERCENT - NONE.

43 (D) ONE PERCENT - MOUNT VERNON, NEW ROCHELLE, WHITE PLAINS, YONKERS.

44 (F) EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CITIES IS AUTHORIZED TO PREEMPT THE TAXES  
45 IMPOSED BY THE COUNTY IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY  
46 OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED TEN OF THIS ARTICLE, TO THE  
47 EXTENT OF ONE-HALF THE MAXIMUM AGGREGATE RATE AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION  
48 TWELVE HUNDRED TEN OF THIS ARTICLE, INCLUDING THE ADDITIONAL RATE THAT  
49 THE COUNTY IN WHICH SUCH CITY IS LOCATED IS AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE:  
50 AUBURN, IN CAYUGA COUNTY; CORTLAND, IN CORTLAND COUNTY; GLOVERSVILLE AND  
51 JOHNSTOWN, IN FULTON COUNTY; ONEIDA, IN MADISON COUNTY; ONEONTA, IN  
52 OTSEGO COUNTY. AS OF THE DATE THIS SUBDIVISION TAKES EFFECT, ANY SUCH  
53 PREEMPTION BY SUCH A CITY IN EFFECT ON SUCH DATE SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL  
54 FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF A LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE, OR  
55 RESOLUTION ADOPTED OR AMENDED BY THE CITY TO CHANGE SUCH PREEMPTION,  
56 PROVIDED SUCH A CITY'S RATE OF TAX IN EXCESS OF ONE AND ONE-HALF PERCENT

1 SHALL NOT CONTINUE IN EFFECT IF THE COUNTY IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED DOES  
2 NOT EXTEND ITS ADDITIONAL RATE IN EXCESS OF THREE PERCENT. ANY  
3 PREEMPTION BY SUCH A CITY TO TAKE EFFECT UNDER THIS SUBDIVISION AFTER  
4 THE DATE THIS SUBDIVISION TAKES EFFECT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE NOTICE  
5 REQUIREMENTS IN SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE OF THIS SUBPART AND  
6 TO THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE.

7 (G) NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION OR OTHER  
8 LAW, IF THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, THE COUNTY OF ORANGE OR THE COUNTY OF  
9 ROCKLAND WITHDRAWS FROM THE METROPOLITAN COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION  
10 DISTRICT AND IMPOSES THE ADDITIONAL THREE-EIGHTHS PERCENT RATE OF TAX,  
11 THE NET COLLECTIONS FROM WHICH THE COUNTY HAS SET ASIDE FOR MASS TRANS-  
12 PORTATION PURPOSES, AS AUTHORIZED BY SUBPARAGRAPH (IV) OF THE OPENING  
13 PARAGRAPH OF SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED TEN OF THIS ARTICLE, SUCH ADDITIONAL  
14 THREE-EIGHTHS PERCENT RATE OF TAX SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER  
15 ADDITIONAL RATE OF TAX SUCH COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE AND SHALL NOT  
16 BE SUBJECT TO PREEMPTION AND SUCH COUNTY SHALL NOT INCLUDE SUCH ADDI-  
17 TIONAL THREE-EIGHTHS PERCENT RATE OF TAX IN DETERMINING ITS ADDITIONAL  
18 RATE OF TAX ON THE AREA OF THE COUNTY OUTSIDE ANY CITY IN THE COUNTY  
19 IMPOSING TAX FOR PURPOSES OF SUBDIVISION (D) OF SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED  
20 SIXTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE.

21 S 8. The tax law is amended by adding three new sections 1262-t,  
22 1262-u and 1262-v to read as follows:

23 S 1262-T. ONEIDA COUNTY NET COLLECTIONS FROM ADDITIONAL RATE OF TAX.  
24 NET COLLECTIONS FROM AN ADDITIONAL THREE-QUARTERS PERCENT RATE OF ONEIDA  
25 COUNTY'S SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THE  
26 AUTHORITY OF CLAUSE TWO OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THE OPENING PARAGRAPH OF  
27 SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED TEN OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY  
28 REVENUE DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE COUNTY AND THE CITIES  
29 IN THE COUNTY UNDER SUBDIVISION (C) OF SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO  
30 OF THIS PART.

31 S 1262-U. CLINTON COUNTY NET COLLECTIONS FROM ADDITIONAL RATE OF TAX.  
32 NET COLLECTIONS FROM ANY ADDITIONAL RATE OF SALES AND COMPENSATING USE  
33 TAXES CLINTON COUNTY IMPOSES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF CLAUSE TWO OF  
34 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THE OPENING PARAGRAPH OF SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED TEN  
35 OF THIS ARTICLE SHALL BE PAID TO THE COUNTY AND THE COUNTY SHALL SET  
36 ASIDE SUCH NET COLLECTIONS AND USE THEM SOLELY FOR COUNTY PURPOSES. SUCH  
37 NET COLLECTIONS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION AGREE-  
38 MENT ENTERED INTO BY THE COUNTY AND THE CITY IN THE COUNTY UNDER SUBDI-  
39 VISION (C) OF SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO OF THIS PART.

40 S 1262-V. ONTARIO COUNTY NET COLLECTIONS FROM ADDITIONAL RATE OF TAX.  
41 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, AFTER ONTARIO COUNTY ALLOCATES  
42 NET COLLECTIONS FROM ITS ADDITIONAL ONE-EIGHTH OF ONE PERCENT RATE OF  
43 SALES AND COMPENSATING USE TAXES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF SECTION  
44 TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO-R OF THIS PART, AS ADDED BY CHAPTER THIRTY-SEV-  
45 EN OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND SIX, NET COLLECTIONS FROM THE COUNTY'S  
46 ADDITIONAL THREE-EIGHTHS OF ONE PERCENT RATE OF SUCH TAXES SHALL BE SET  
47 ASIDE FOR COUNTY PURPOSES AND SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY AGREEMENT  
48 ENTERED INTO BY THE COUNTY AND THE CITIES IN THE COUNTY UNDER SUBDIVI-  
49 SION (C) OF SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO OR SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED  
50 SIXTY-TWO-R OF THIS PART, AS ADDED BY CHAPTER THIRTY-SEVEN OF THE LAWS  
51 OF TWO THOUSAND SIX.

52 S 9. Section 1262-s of the tax law, as amended by chapter 328 of the  
53 laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

54 S 1262-s. Disposition of net collections from the additional one-quar-  
55 ter of one percent rate of sales and compensating use taxes in the coun-  
56 ty of Herkimer. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, if the

1 county of Herkimer imposes the additional one-quarter of one percent  
2 rate of sales and compensating use taxes IN EXCESS OF FOUR PERCENT  
3 authorized by THE OPENING PARAGRAPH OF section twelve hundred [ten-E]  
4 TEN of this article [for all or any portion of the period beginning  
5 December first, two thousand seven and ending November thirtieth, two  
6 thousand fifteen], the county shall use all net collections from such  
7 additional one-quarter of one percent rate to pay the county's expenses  
8 for the construction of additional correctional facilities. The net  
9 collections from [the] SUCH additional rate imposed [pursuant to section  
10 twelve hundred ten-E] shall be deposited in a special fund to be created  
11 by such county separate and apart from any other funds and accounts of  
12 the county. Any and all remaining net collections from such additional  
13 tax, after the expenses of such construction are paid, shall be deposit-  
14 ed by the county of Herkimer in the general fund of such county for any  
15 county purpose.

16 S 10. The tax law is amended by adding a new section 1265 to read as  
17 follows:

18 S 1265. REFERENCES TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL RATES  
19 OR TO EXPIRATIONS OF A PERIOD. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO  
20 THE CONTRARY: ANY REFERENCE IN ANY SECTION OF THIS CHAPTER OR OTHER LAW,  
21 OR IN ANY LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE, OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE  
22 AUTHORITY OF THIS ARTICLE, OR IN ANY AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY A COUNTY  
23 AND ALL THE CITIES IN THAT COUNTY UNDER SUBDIVISION (C) OF SECTION  
24 TWELVE HUNDRED SIXTY-TWO OF THIS PART, TO NET COLLECTIONS OR REVENUES  
25 FROM A TAX IMPOSED BY A COUNTY OR CITY PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF A  
26 CLAUSE, OR TO A SUBCLAUSE OF A CLAUSE, OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OR (II) OF  
27 THE OPENING PARAGRAPH OF SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED TEN OF THIS ARTICLE  
28 REPEALED BY SECTION ONE OR TWO OF THE CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOU-  
29 SAND FIFTEEN THAT ADDED THIS SECTION OR TO SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED TEN-E  
30 OF THIS ARTICLE REPEALED BY SECTION FIVE OF SUCH CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF  
31 TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A REFERENCE TO NET  
32 COLLECTIONS OR REVENUES FROM A TAX IMPOSED BY THAT COUNTY OR CITY PURSU-  
33 ANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE EQUIVALENT PROVISION OF CLAUSE TWO OF  
34 SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OR TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THE OPENING PARAGRAPH OF  
35 SUCH SECTION TWELVE HUNDRED TEN AS ADDED BY SUCH SECTION ONE OR TWO OF  
36 SUCH CHAPTER OF THE LAWS OF TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN.

37 S 11. Severability. If any provision of this act shall for any reason  
38 be finally adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be inval-  
39 id, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder  
40 of this act, but shall be confined in its operation to the provision  
41 directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have  
42 been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the legislature  
43 that this act would have been enacted even if such invalid provision had  
44 not been included in this act.

45 S 12. This act shall take effect immediately.