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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to providing a tax credit for universal visitability; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon the expiration thereof

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

Section 1. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection (ccc) to read as follows:

(CCC) UNIVERSAL VISITABILITY TAX CREDIT. 1. FOR TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING ON OR AFTER APRIL FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN, UNTIL DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE, A RESIDENT TAXPAYER SHALL BE ALLOWED A CREDIT AGAINST THE TAX IMPOSED BY THIS ARTICLE FOR A PORTION OF THE TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE PAID BY SUCH RESIDENT TAXPAYER FOR A NEW PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE ATTRIBUTABLE TO UNIVERSAL VISITABILITY OR THE TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED BY A RESIDENT TAXPAYER TO RETROFIT AN EXISTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE TO ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL VISITABILITY PROVIDED THAT THE NEW PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE OR THE RETROFITTING OF THE EXISTING PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE IS LOCATED WITHIN THIS STATE AND DESIGNED TO PROVIDE UNIVERSAL VISITABILITY AS DEFINED THROUGH THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY THE DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

2. THE CREDIT SHALL BE ALLOWED FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH THE RESIDENCE HAS BEEN PURCHASED OR CONSTRUCTED, OR THE RETROFITTING OR RENOVATION OF THE RESIDENCE OR RESIDENTIAL UNIT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL NOT EXCEED (I) TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW RESIDENCE, OR (II) FIFTY PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT EXPENDED, BUT NOT TO EXCEED TWENTY-SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR THE RETROFITTING OR RENOVATION OF EACH EXISTING RESIDENCE OR UNIT.

3. NO CREDIT SHALL BE ALLOWED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE PURCHASE, RETROFITTING OR RENOVATION OF RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY.

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

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4. IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWABLE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL EXCEED THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH YEAR, THE EXCESS MAY BE CARRIED OVER TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR OR YEARS AND MAY BE DEDUCTED FROM THE TAXPAYER'S TAX FOR SUCH YEAR OR YEARS.

5. ELIGIBLE TAXPAYERS SHALL APPLY FOR THE CREDIT BY MAKING APPLICATION TO THE DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATION FOR AN APPROVED APPLICATION TO THE TAXPAYER. THE TAXPAYER SHALL SUBMIT THE CERTIFICATION TOGETHER WITH THEIR PERSONAL INCOME RETURN.

6. (A) THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE ONE MILLION DOLLARS EACH YEAR DURING THE PERIOD TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN THROUGH TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-ONE. SUCH AGGREGATE AMOUNTS OF CREDITS SHALL BE ALLOCATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AMONG TAXPAYERS IN ORDER OF PRIORITY BASED UPON THE DATE OF FILING AN APPLICATION FOR ALLOCATION OF CREDIT WITH THE DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION. IF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF ALLOCATED CREDITS APPLIED FOR IN ANY PARTICULAR YEAR EXCEEDS THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS ALLOWED FOR SUCH YEAR UNDER THIS SECTION, SUCH EXCESS SHALL BE TREATED AS HAVING BEEN APPLIED FOR ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

(B) THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE COMMISSIONER, SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS BY OCTOBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF TAX CREDITS AS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBPARAGRAPH. SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS DESCRIBING THE APPLICATION PROCESS, THE DUE DAYS FOR SUCH APPLICATIONS, THE STANDARDS WHICH SHALL BE USED TO EVALUATE THE APPLICATIONS, THE DOCUMENTATION THAT WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAXPAYERS TO SUBSTANTIATE TO THE DEPARTMENT THE AMOUNT OF TAX CREDITS ALLOCATED TO SUCH TAXPAYERS, AND SUCH OTHER PROVISIONS AS DEEMED NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS TO THE CONTRARY IN THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT, SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY BE ADOPTED ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS IF NECESSARY TO MEET SUCH OCTOBER THIRTY-FIRST, TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN DEADLINE.

7. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY, AN ANNUAL REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED ON FEBRUARY FIRST OF EACH YEAR EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE UNIVERSAL VISITABILITY TAX CREDIT PROVIDED BY THIS SECTION. SUCH REPORT SHALL BE BASED ON DATA AVAILABLE FROM THE APPLICATION FILED WITH THE DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION FOR UNIVERSAL VISITABILITY CREDITS. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REPORT SHALL BE PUBLIC INFORMATION. THE REPORT MAY ALSO INCLUDE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF CHANGES IN THE CALCULATION OR ADMINISTRATION OF THE CREDIT, AND ANY OTHER RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR THE DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION REGARDING CONTINUING MODIFICATION, REPEAL OF SUCH ACT, AND SUCH OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACT AS THE DIVISION MAY FEEL USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed December 31, 2021.