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Introduced by M. of A. RYAN, ENGLEBRIGHT, THIELE -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. LUPARDO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to establishing a credit for geothermal energy systems

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 (g-3) to read as follows:

(g-3) Geothermal energy systems credit. (1) General. An individual taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this article equal to twenty-five percent of qualified geothermal energy system expenditures, except as provided in subparagraph (D) of paragraph two of this subsection. This credit shall not exceed five thousand dollars for a qualified geothermal energy system placed in service on or after September first, two thousand nineteen.

(2) Qualified geothermal energy systems expenditures. (A) The term "qualified geothermal energy system expenditures" means expenditures for:

(i) the purchase of geothermal energy system equipment which is installed in connection with residential property which is (I) located in this state and (II) which is used by the taxpayer as his or her principal residence at the time the geothermal energy system equipment is placed in service;

(ii) the lease of geothermal energy system equipment under a written agreement that spans at least ten years where such equipment owned by a person other than the taxpayer is installed in connection with residential property which is (I) located in this state and (II) which is used

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

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1 by the taxpayer as his or her principal residence at the time the geoth-
2 ermal energy system equipment is placed in service; or

3 (iii) the purchase of power under a written agreement that spans at
4 least ten years whereunder the power purchased is generated by geother-
5 mal energy system equipment owned by a person other than the taxpayer
6 which is installed in connection with residential property which is (I)
7 located in this state and (II) used by the taxpayer as his or her prin-
8 cipal residence at the time the geothermal energy system equipment is
9 placed in service.

10 (B) Such qualified expenditures shall include expenditures for materi-
11 als, labor costs properly allocable to on-site preparation, assembly and
12 original installation, architectural and engineering services, and
13 designs and plans directly related to the construction or installation
14 of the geothermal energy system equipment.

15 (C) Such qualified expenditures for the purchase of geothermal energy
16 system equipment shall not include interest or other finance charges.

17 (D) Such qualified expenditures for the lease of geothermal energy
18 system equipment or the purchase of power under an agreement described
19 in clause (ii) or (iii) of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall
20 include an amount equal to all payments made during the taxable year
21 under such agreement. Provided, however, such credits shall only be
22 allowed for fourteen years after the first taxable year in which such
23 credit is allowed. Provided further, however, the twenty-five percent
24 limitation in paragraph one of this subsection shall only apply to the
25 total aggregate amount of all payments to be made pursuant to an agree-
26 ment referenced in clause (ii) or (iii) of subparagraph (A) of this
27 paragraph, and shall not apply to individual payments made during a
28 taxable year under such agreement except to the extent such limitation
29 on an aggregate basis has been reached.

30 (3) Geothermal energy system equipment. The term "geothermal energy
31 system equipment" shall mean a system whose original use begins with the
32 taxpayer; which meets the eligibility criteria, if any, prescribed by
33 the department; and which is a ground coupled solar thermal system that
34 utilizes the solar thermal energy stored in the ground or in bodies of
35 water to produce heat, and which is commonly known as or referred to as
36 a ground source heat pump system.

37 (4) Multiple taxpayers. Where geothermal energy system equipment is
38 purchased and installed in a principal residence shared by two or more
39 taxpayers, the amount of the credit allowable under this subsection for
40 each such taxpayer shall be prorated according to the percentage of the
41 total expenditure for such geothermal energy system equipment contrib-
42 uted by each taxpayer.

43 (5) Proportionate share. Where geothermal energy system equipment is
44 purchased and installed by a condominium management association or a
45 cooperative housing corporation, a taxpayer who is a member of the
46 condominium management association or who is a tenant-stockholder in the
47 cooperative housing corporation may for the purpose of this subsection
48 claim a proportionate share of the total expense as the expenditure for
49 the purposes of the credit attributable to his principal residence.

50 (6) Grants. For purposes of determining the amount of the expenditure
51 incurred in purchasing and installing geothermal energy system equip-
52 ment, the amount of any federal, state or local grant received by the
53 taxpayer, which was used for the purchase and/or installation of such
54 equipment and which was not included in the federal gross income of the
55 taxpayer, shall not be included in the amount of such expenditures.

1 (7) When credit allowed. The credit provided for herein shall be
2 allowed with respect to the taxable year, commencing after two thousand
3 nineteen, in which the geothermal energy system equipment is placed in
4 service.

5 (8) Carryover of credit. If the amount of the credit, and carryovers
6 of such credit, allowable under this subsection for any taxable year
7 shall exceed the taxpayer's tax for such year, such excess amount may be
8 carried over to the five taxable years next following the taxable year
9 with respect to which the credit is allowed and may be deducted from the
10 taxpayer's tax for such year or years.

11 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to taxable
12 years commencing on and after January 1, 2019.