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Introduced by M. of A. CRESPO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the public service law and the tax law, in relation to the personal income tax credit for solar and wind energy systems

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section  
2 73 to read as follows:

3 § 73. Coordination with certain provisions of the tax law. The depart-  
4 ment may request from the department of taxation and finance a summary  
5 of tax credits granted in a calendar year pursuant to the provisions of  
6 subsections (g-1) and (g-3) of section six hundred six of the tax law.  
7 Such summary shall include the total number of residences that have been  
8 granted a solar energy system equipment credit or a wind energy system  
9 equipment credit, a description of the improvements to which the credit  
10 relates, and an indication of the combined rated capacity of each such  
11 improvement in terms of kilowatts.

12 § 2. Paragraph 1 of subsection (g-1) of section 606 of the tax law, as  
13 amended by chapter 375 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 (1) General. An individual taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against  
16 the tax imposed by this article equal to twenty-five percent of quali-  
17 fied solar energy system equipment expenditures, except as provided in  
18 subparagraph (D) of paragraph two of this subsection. This credit shall  
19 not exceed (A) three thousand seven hundred fifty dollars for qualified  
20 solar energy equipment placed in service before September first, two  
21 thousand six, and (B) five thousand dollars for qualified solar energy  
22 equipment placed in service on or after September first, two thousand  
23 six, but prior to January first, two thousand nineteen, and (C) five  
24 thousand dollars for qualified solar energy equipment that is a solar  
25 thermal energy system placed in service on or after January first, two

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

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1 thousand nineteen, and (D) five thousand dollars for qualified solar  
2 energy equipment that is a solar electric energy system placed in  
3 service on or after January first, two thousand nineteen.

4 § 3. Subparagraph (A) of paragraph 2 of subsection (g-1) of section  
5 606 of the tax law, as amended by chapter 375 of the laws of 2012, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (A) The term "qualified solar energy system equipment expenditures"  
8 means expenditures for:

9 (i) the purchase of solar energy system equipment, a solar thermal  
10 energy system, or a solar electric energy system which is installed in  
11 connection with residential property which is (I) located in this state  
12 and (II) which is used by the taxpayer as any of his or her [~~principal~~  
13 ~~residence~~] residences at the time the solar energy system equipment, a  
14 solar thermal energy system, or a solar electric energy system is placed  
15 in service;

16 (ii) the lease of solar energy system equipment, a solar thermal ener-  
17 gy system, or a solar electric energy system under a written agreement  
18 that spans at least ten years where such equipment owned by a person  
19 other than the taxpayer is installed in connection with residential  
20 property which is (I) located in this state and (II) which is used by  
21 the taxpayer as any of his or her [~~principal-residence~~] residences at  
22 the time the solar energy system equipment, a solar thermal energy  
23 system, or a solar electric energy system is placed in service; or

24 (iii) the purchase of power under a written agreement that spans at  
25 least ten years whereunder the power purchased is generated by solar  
26 energy system equipment, a solar thermal energy system, or a solar elec-  
27 tric energy system owned by a person other than the taxpayer which is  
28 installed in connection with residential property which is (I) located  
29 in this state and (II) which is used by the taxpayer as any of his or  
30 her [~~principal-residence~~] residences at the time the solar energy system  
31 equipment, a solar thermal energy system, or a solar electric energy  
32 system is placed in service.

33 § 4. Paragraph 3 of subsection (g-1) of section 606 of the tax law, as  
34 amended by chapter 128 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as  
35 follows:

36 (3) Solar energy system equipment. (A) The term "solar energy system  
37 equipment" shall mean an arrangement or combination of components  
38 utilizing solar radiation, which, when installed in a residence, produc-  
39 es energy designed to provide heating, cooling, hot water or electricity  
40 for use in such residence. Such arrangement or components shall not  
41 include equipment connected to solar energy system equipment that is a  
42 component of part or parts of a non-solar energy system or which uses  
43 any sort of recreational facility or equipment as a storage medium.  
44 [~~Solar energy system equipment that generates electricity for use in a~~  
45 ~~residence~~]

46 (B) The term "solar thermal energy system" shall mean solar energy  
47 equipment that is an arrangement or combination of components utilizing  
48 solar radiation, which, when installed in a residence, produces energy  
49 designed to provide heating, cooling or hot water for use in such resi-  
50 dence.

51 (C) The term "solar electric energy system" shall mean solar energy  
52 equipment that is an arrangement or combination of components utilizing  
53 solar radiation, which, when installed in a residence, produces energy  
54 designed to provide electricity for use in such residence. Such systems  
55 must conform to applicable requirements set forth in section sixty-six-j  
56 of the public service law. Provided, however, where a solar electric

1 energy system [~~equipment~~] is purchased and installed by a condominium  
2 management association or a cooperative housing corporation, for  
3 purposes of this subsection only, the term "ten kilowatts" in such  
4 section sixty-six-j shall be read as "fifty kilowatts."

5 § 5. Paragraph 4 of subsection (g-1) of section 606 of the tax law, as  
6 amended by chapter 378 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as  
7 follows:

8 (4) Multiple taxpayers. Where solar energy system equipment is  
9 purchased and installed in a [~~principal~~] residence shared by two or more  
10 taxpayers, the amount of the credit allowable under this subsection for  
11 each such taxpayer shall be prorated according to the percentage of the  
12 total expenditure for such solar energy system equipment contributed by  
13 each taxpayer.

14 § 6. Paragraph 5 of subsection (g-1) of section 606 of the tax law, as  
15 added by chapter 128 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

16 (5) Proportionate share. Where solar energy system equipment is  
17 purchased and installed by a condominium management association or a  
18 cooperative housing corporation, a taxpayer who is a member of the  
19 condominium management association or who is a tenant-stockholder in the  
20 cooperative housing corporation may for the purpose of this subsection  
21 claim a proportionate share of the total expense as the expenditure for  
22 the purposes of the credit attributable to his [~~principal~~] or her resi-  
23 dence.

24 § 7. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection  
25 (g-3) to read as follows:

26 (g-3) Wind energy system equipment credit. (1) General. An individual  
27 taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this arti-  
28 cle equal to twenty-five percent of qualified wind energy system equip-  
29 ment expenditures. This credit shall not exceed five thousand dollars  
30 for qualified wind energy equipment.

31 (2) Qualified wind energy system equipment expenditures. (A) The term  
32 "qualified wind energy system equipment expenditures" means expenditures  
33 for the purchase of wind energy system equipment which is installed in  
34 connection with residential property which is (i) located in this state  
35 and (ii) which is used by the taxpayer as any of his or her residences  
36 at the time the wind energy system equipment is placed in service.

37 (B) Such qualified expenditures shall include expenditures for materi-  
38 als, labor costs properly allocable to on-site preparation, assembly and  
39 original installation, architectural and engineering services, and  
40 designs and plans directly related to the construction or installation  
41 of the wind energy system equipment.

42 (C) Such qualified expenditures shall not include interest or other  
43 finance charges.

44 (3) Wind energy system equipment. The term "wind energy system equip-  
45 ment" shall mean an arrangement or combination of components utilizing  
46 wind, which, when installed in a residence, produces energy designed to  
47 provide electricity for use in such residence. Such arrangement or  
48 components shall not include equipment connected to wind energy system  
49 equipment that is a component of part or parts of a non-wind energy  
50 system or which uses any sort of recreational facility or equipment as a  
51 storage medium. Wind energy system equipment that generates electricity  
52 for use in a residence must conform to applicable requirements set forth  
53 in section sixty-six-l of the public service law. Provided, however,  
54 where wind energy system equipment is purchased and installed by a  
55 condominium management association or a cooperative housing corporation,

1 for purposes of this subsection only, the term "twenty-five kilowatts"  
2 in such section sixty-six-1 shall be read as "fifty kilowatts."

3 (4) Multiple taxpayers. Where wind energy system equipment is  
4 purchased and installed in a residence shared by two or more taxpayers,  
5 the amount of the credit allowable under this subsection for each such  
6 taxpayer shall be prorated according to the percentage of the total  
7 expenditure for such wind energy system equipment contributed by each  
8 taxpayer.

9 (5) Proportionate share. Where wind energy system equipment is  
10 purchased and installed by a condominium management association or a  
11 cooperative housing corporation, a taxpayer who is a member of the  
12 condominium management association or who is a tenant-stockholder in the  
13 cooperative housing corporation may for the purpose of this subsection  
14 claim a proportionate share of the total expense as the expenditure for  
15 the purposes of the credit attributable to his or her residence.

16 (6) Grants. For purposes of determining the amount of the expenditure  
17 incurred in purchasing and installing wind energy system equipment, the  
18 amount of any federal, state or local grant received by the taxpayer,  
19 which was used for the purchase and/or installation of such equipment  
20 and which was not included in the federal gross income of the taxpayer,  
21 shall not be included in the amount of such expenditures.

22 (7) When credit allowed. The credit provided for in this subsection  
23 shall be allowed with respect to the taxable year, commencing after two  
24 thousand nineteen, in which the wind energy system equipment is placed  
25 in service.

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

32 § 8. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020 and shall apply to  
33 taxable years beginning on and after such date.