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Introduced by M. of A. LAVINE, BRINDISI, SEPULVEDA, McDONALD -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ENGLEBRIGHT -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 January first, two thousand eighteen, until December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-two, a taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this article for a portion of the total purchase price paid by such taxpayer for a principal residence attributable to universal visitability or the total amount expended by a taxpayer to retrofit an existing principal residence to achieve universal visitability provided that the 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. For the purpose of this subsection, principal residence shall mean such residence pursuant to section one hundred twenty-one of the internal revenue code.

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

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

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1 hundred fifty dollars for the retrofitting or renovation of each exist-  
2 ing residence or unit.

3 3. No credit shall be allowed under this section for the purchase,  
4 retrofitting or renovation of residential rental property.

5 4. If the amount of the credit allowable under this subsection shall  
6 exceed the taxpayer's tax for such year, the excess may be carried over  
7 to the following year or years and may be deducted from the taxpayer's  
8 tax for such year or years.

9 5. Eligible taxpayers shall apply for the credit by making application  
10 to the division of code enforcement and administration within the  
11 department of state. The division of code enforcement and administration  
12 within the department of state shall issue a certification for an  
13 approved application to the taxpayer. The taxpayer shall submit the  
14 certification together with their personal income return.

15 6. (A) The aggregate amount of tax credits allowed pursuant to the  
16 authority of this subsection shall be one million dollars each year  
17 during the period two thousand eighteen through two thousand twenty-two.  
18 Such aggregate amounts of credits shall be allocated by the department  
19 of state among taxpayers in order of priority based upon the date of  
20 filing an application for allocation of credit with the division of code  
21 enforcement and administration. If the total amount of allocated credits  
22 applied for in any particular year exceeds the aggregate amount of tax  
23 credits allowed for such year under this section, such excess shall be  
24 treated as having been applied for on the first day of the subsequent  
25 year.

26 (B) The secretary of state, after consulting with the commissioner,  
27 shall promulgate regulations by October thirty-first, two thousand  
28 seventeen to establish procedures for the allocation of tax credits as  
29 required by this subparagraph. Such rules and regulations shall include  
30 provisions describing the application process, the due days for such  
31 applications, the standards which shall be used to evaluate the applica-  
32 tions, the documentation that will be provided to taxpayers to substan-  
33 tiate to the department the amount of tax credits allocated to such  
34 taxpayers, and such other provisions as deemed necessary and appropri-  
35 ate. Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary in the state  
36 administrative procedure act, such rules and regulations may be adopted  
37 on an emergency basis if necessary to meet such October thirty-first,  
38 two thousand seventeen deadline.

39 7. The department of state shall submit to the governor, the temporary  
40 president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly, an annual  
41 report to be submitted by February first of each year evaluating the  
42 effectiveness of the universal visitability tax credit provided by this  
43 section. Such report shall be based on data available from the applica-  
44 tion filed with the division of code enforcement and administration for  
45 universal visitability credits. Notwithstanding any provision of law to  
46 the contrary, the information contained in the report shall be public  
47 information. The report may also include any recommendations of changes  
48 in the calculation or administration of the credit, and any other recom-  
49 mendation of the commissioner of the department of state or the division  
50 of code enforcement and administration regarding continuing modifica-  
51 tion, repeal of such act, and such other information regarding the act  
52 as the division may feel useful and appropriate.

53 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be  
54 deemed repealed December 31, 2022.