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Introduced by Sens. FUNKE, YOUNG -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Investigations and Government Operations

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to enacting the "New York state sportsmen's weekend act" and creating a limited exemption of the sale of certain firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and hunting supplies from state sales and compensating use taxes and granting municipalities the option to grant such limited exemption

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

Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "New York state sportsmen's weekend act".

§ 2. Subdivision (a) of section 1115 of the tax law is amended by adding a new paragraph 44 to read as follows:

(44) Firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and hunting supplies during the three-day period each year commencing on the third Friday of August, and ending on the following Monday. For purposes of this paragraph firearms shall mean any pistol, revolver, rifle or shotgun used for the predominant use of hunting, as determined by the commissioner of the department of environmental conservation. Ammunition, archery equipment and hunting supplies shall mean any crossbows, long bows and their respective supplies used for the predominant use of hunting, as determined by the commissioner of the department of environmental conservation. This paragraph shall only apply to pistols or revolvers on the condition that the purchasing individual has obtained the license required to purchase such a firearm, pursuant to section 400.00 of the penal law, prior to the three-day period provided in this paragraph.

§ 3. Subdivision (b) of section 1107 of the tax law is amended by adding a new clause 12 to read as follows:

(12) Except as otherwise provided by law, the exemption on firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and hunting supplies during the three-day

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

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period each year commencing on the third Friday of August and ending on the following Monday, provided in paragraph forty-four of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this article, shall be applicable pursuant to a local law, ordinance or resolution adopted by a city subject to the provisions of this section. Such city is empowered to adopt or repeal such a local law, ordinance or resolution. Such adoption or repeal shall also be deemed to amend any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by such a city imposing taxes pursuant to the authority of subdivision (a) of section twelve hundred ten of this chapter.

§ 4. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 1210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (iii) to read as follows:

(iii) Any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any city, county or school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivision, shall omit the firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and hunting supplies exemption during the three-day period each year commencing on the third Friday of August, and ending on the following Monday, as provided for in paragraph forty-four of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, unless such city, county or school district elects otherwise; provided that if such a city having a population of one million or more enacts the resolution described in subdivision (q) of this section or repeals such resolution, such repeal or resolution shall also be deemed to amend any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by such a city imposing such tax pursuant to the authority of this subdivision, whether or not such taxes are suspended at the time such city enacts its resolution pursuant to subdivision (q) of this section or at the time of any such repeal; provided further that any such local law, ordinance or resolution and section eleven hundred seven of this chapter, as deemed to be amended in the event a city of one million or more enacts a resolution pursuant to the authority of subdivision (q) of this section, shall be further amended, as provided in section twelve hundred eighteen of this subpart, so that the firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and hunting supplies exemption during the three-day period each year commencing on the third Friday of August, and ending on the following Monday, in any such local law, ordinance or resolution or in section eleven hundred seven of this chapter is the same as the state firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and hunting supplies exemption during the three-day period each year commencing on the third Friday of August, and ending on the following Monday, in paragraph forty-four of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter.

§ 5. Subdivision (d) of section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by section 4 of part WW of chapter 60 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

(d) A local law, ordinance or resolution imposing any tax pursuant to this section, increasing or decreasing the rate of such tax, repealing or suspending such tax, exempting from such tax the energy sources and services described in paragraph three of subdivision (a) or of subdivision (b) of this section or changing the rate of tax imposed on such energy sources and services or providing for the credit or refund described in clause six of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this chapter, or electing or repealing the exemption for residential solar equipment and electricity in subdivision (ee) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this article, or the exemption for commercial solar equipment and electricity in subdivision (ii) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this article, or electing or repealing the exemption for commercial fuel cell electricity generating systems equipment and electricity generated by such equipment in subdivision (kk) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this article must go into effect only on one of the following dates: March first, June first, September first or December first; provided, that a local law, ordinance or resolution providing for the exemption described in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter or repealing any such exemption or a local law, ordinance or resolution providing for a refund or credit described in subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this chapter or repealing such provision so provided must go into effect only on March first**; provided further that a local law, ordinance or resolution providing for the exemption described in paragraph forty-four of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter or repealing any such exemption so provided and a resolution enacted pursuant to the authority of subdivision (q) of this section provided such exemption or repealing such exemption so provided may go into effect immediately**. No such local law, ordinance or resolution shall be effective unless a certified copy of such law, ordinance or resolution is mailed by registered or certified mail to the commissioner at the commissioner's office in Albany at least ninety days prior to the date it is to become effective. However, the commissioner may waive and reduce such ninety-day minimum notice requirement to a mailing of such certified copy by registered or certified mail within a period of not less than thirty days prior to such effective date if the commissioner deems such action to be consistent with the commissioner's duties under section twelve hundred fifty of this article and the commissioner acts by resolution. Where the restriction provided for in section twelve hundred twenty-three of this article as to the effective date of a tax and the notice requirement provided for therein are applicable and have not been waived, the restriction and notice requirement in section twelve hundred twenty-three of this article shall also apply.

§ 6. Section 1210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivision (q) to read as follows:

(q) Notwithstanding any other provision of state or local law, ordinance or resolution to the contrary:

(1) Any city having a population of one million or more in which the taxes imposed by section eleven hundred seven of this chapter are in effect, acting through its local legislative body, is hereby authorized and empowered to elect to provide the same exemption from such taxes as the firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and hunting supplies exemption during a three-day period each year commencing on the third Friday of August, and ending on the following Monday, from state sales and compensating use taxes described in paragraph forty-four of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter by enacting a resolution in the form set forth in paragraph two of this subdivision; whereupon, upon compliance with the provisions of subdivisions (d) and (e) of this section, such enactment of such resolution shall be deemed to be an amendment to such section eleven hundred seven and such section eleven hundred seven shall be deemed to incorporate such exemption as if it had been duly enacted by the state legislature and approved by the governor.

(2) Form of Resolution: Be it enacted by the (insert proper title of local legislative body) as follows:

Section 1. Receipts from sales of and consideration given or contracted to be given for purchases of firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and hunting supplies exempt from state sales and compensating

use taxes during a three-day period each year commencing on the third Friday of August and ending on the following Monday, pursuant to paragraph forty-four of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of the tax law shall also be exempt from sales and compensating use taxes imposed in this jurisdiction.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect, (insert the date) and shall apply to sales made and uses occurring on and after that date although made or occurring under a prior contract.

§ 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sales tax quarterly period, as described in subdivision (b) of section 1136 of the tax law, beginning at least 90 days after the date this act shall have become a law and shall apply in accordance with the applicable transitional provisions of sections 1106 and 1217 of the tax law; and provided that the commissioner of taxation and finance shall be authorized on and after the date this act shall have become a law to adopt and amend any rules or regulations necessary to implement this act on its effective date.