STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. BENEDETTO -- read once and referred to the Committee on Real Property Taxation

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to a rebate of real property taxes on certain residential real property in a city having a population of one million or more

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

1 Section 1. The section heading of section 467-e of the real property 2 tax law, as added by section 1 of part V of chapter 60 of the laws of 3 2004, is amended to read as follows:

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Rebate for owners or tenant-stockholders of one, two [ex], three, four, five or six family residences or residential property held in the condominium or cooperative form of ownership in a city having a population of one million or more.

- § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 467-e of the real property tax law, as amended by chapter 483 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:
- 10 11 1. Generally. Notwithstanding any provision of any general, special or 12 local law to the contrary, any city having a population of one million 13 or more is hereby authorized and empowered to adopt and amend local laws 14 in accordance with this section to grant a rebate of real property taxes 15 for the fiscal [years] year beginning on the first of July, two thousand 16 [three] nineteen and ending on the thirtieth of June, two thousand [nine] twenty in the amount of the lesser of four hundred dollars or the 17 18 annual tax liability imposed on the property. [No such local law may be adopted unless, as originally adopted, it authorizes such rebate to be 19 granted in accordance with this section for three consecutive fiscal 20 years beginning with the fiscal year beginning on the first of July, two 21 22 thousand three. No such rebate shall be granted by local law for any 23 fiscal year beginning on or after the first of July, two thousand [nine] 24 twenty, unless the council of such city, in fixing the annual tax rates for any such fiscal year, shall have uniformly reduced such rates for 26 all classes of property in order to produce real property tax relief among such classes of property in an amount not less than, in the aggre-

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

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gate, the aggregate amount of rebate paid in such fiscal year. [No such local law implementing the provisions of this section, as amended by the chapter of the laws of two thousand seven which added this sentence, may 3 be adopted unless, as originally adopted, such local law authorizes such 4 rebate to be granted in accordance with this section for three consecutive fiscal years beginning with the fiscal year beginning on the first of July, two thousand six.] Any rebate authorized by local law in 7 accordance with this section shall be paid in the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the rebate is granted. If, with respect to the 9 10 fiscal year of such city beginning on the first of July, two thousand 11 [eight] nineteen and ending on the thirtieth of June, two thousand [nine] twenty, an increase in average real property tax rates would 12 13 otherwise be necessary in the resolution of such city council fixing 14 real property tax rates for such fiscal year pursuant to the charter of 15 such city, then the rebate to be paid for such fiscal year shall be 16 reduced or eliminated as follows: where the sum to be raised by such 17 increase is less than seven hundred fifty million dollars, then such rebate shall be reduced by fifty cents for each dollar of increase, and 18 where the sum to be raised by such increase is seven hundred fifty 19 20 million dollars or more, then such rebate shall be eliminated. The 21 determination of the reduction or elimination of such rebate shall be set forth in such resolution after consultation with the department of 22 finance of such city and shall take effect upon the final adoption of 23 such resolution. Such rebate shall be paid to an owner or tenant-stock-24 25 holder who, as of the date the application provided for in subdivision four of this section is due, owns a one, two [ex], three, four, five or 27 six family residence or a dwelling unit in residential property held in the condominium or cooperative form of ownership that is the owner or 28 29 tenant-stockholder's primary residence and meets all other eligibility 30 requirements of this section. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary 31 in sections four hundred twenty-one-a, four hundred twenty-one-b or four 32 hundred twenty-one-g of this title, an owner or tenant-stockholder whose 33 property is receiving benefits pursuant to such sections shall not be 34 prohibited from receiving a rebate pursuant to this section if such 35 owner or tenant-stockholder is otherwise eligible to receive such 36 rebate. Tenant-stockholders of dwelling units in a cooperative apart-37 ment corporation incorporated as a mutual company pursuant to article 38 two, four, five or eleven of the private housing finance law shall not 39 be entitled to the rebate authorized by this section. Such rebate shall be paid by the commissioner of finance to eligible owners or tenant-40 41 stockholders in accordance with rules promulgated by the commissioner of 42 finance.

- § 3. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 467-e of the real property tax law, as added by section 1 of part V of chapter 60 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:
- (1) the property must be a one, two [ex], three, four, five or six family residence or residential property held in the condominium or cooperative form of ownership;
- § 4. Paragraph c of subdivision 3 of section 467-e of the real property tax law, as added by section 1 of part V of chapter 60 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:
- 52 c. "Property" means a one, two [ex], three, four, five or six family 53 residence or a dwelling unit in residential property held in the condo-54 minium or cooperative form of ownership.

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§ 5. Paragraph a of subdivision 4 of section 467-e of the real property tax law, as amended by chapter 483 of the laws of 2007, is amended to read as follows:

4 a. Generally. Notwithstanding any provision of any general, special or local law to the contrary, an application for a rebate pursuant to this section for the fiscal year beginning the first of July, two thousand [three] nineteen, shall be made no later than the date published by the commissioner of finance in the city record and in other appropriate 9 general notices pursuant to this subdivision, which date shall be no 10 earlier than thirty days after the effective date of this subdivision. 11 [An application for a rebate pursuant to this section for fiscal years beginning on or after the first of July, two thousand four and ending on 12 13 the thirtieth of June, two thousand six, shall be made no later than the 14 fifteenth of March of the fiscal year for which the rebate is claimed. 15 An application for a rebate pursuant to this section for fiscal years 16 beginning on or after the first of July, two thousand six, shall be made 17 no later than the first of September following the fiscal year for which 18 the rebate is glaimed. All owners or tenant-stockholders of property who primarily reside thereon must jointly file an application for the 19 20 rebate on or before the application deadline, unless such owners or 21 tenant-stockholders currently receive a real property tax exemption 22 pursuant to section four hundred twenty-five, four hundred fifty-eight, four hundred fifty-eight-a, four hundred fifty-nine-c or four hundred 23 24 sixty-seven of this title, in which case no separate application for a 25 rebate pursuant to this section shall be required. Such application may 26 be filed by mail if it is enclosed in a postpaid envelope properly 27 addressed to the commissioner of finance, deposited in a post office or 28 official depository under the exclusive care of the United States postal 29 service, and postmarked by the United States postal service on or before 30 the application deadline. Each such application shall be made on a form 31 prescribed by the commissioner of finance, which shall require the 32 applicant to agree to notify the commissioner of finance if his, her or 33 their primary residence changes after receiving the rebate pursuant to this section, or after filing an application for such rebate, if his, 34 35 her or their primary residence changes after filing such application, 36 but before receiving such rebate. The commissioner of finance may request that proof of primary residence be submitted with the applica-38 tion. No rebate pursuant to this section shall be granted unless the applicant, if required to do so by this subdivision, files an applica-39 tion within the time [periods prescribed in this subdivision. 40 41

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.