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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Rules

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to providing a tax abatement for electric energy storage equipment

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

1 Section 1. The title heading of title 4-c of article 4 of the real  
2 property tax law, as added by chapter 473 of the laws of 2008, is  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM AND ELECTRIC ENERGY STORAGE  
5 EQUIPMENT TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN A CITY OF ONE  
6 MILLION OR MORE PERSONS

7 § 2. Subdivisions 2 and 8 of section 499-aaaa of the real property tax  
8 law, as added by chapter 473 of the laws of 2008, are amended and a new  
9 subdivision 11 is added to read as follows:

10 2. "Application for tax abatement" shall mean an application for a  
11 solar electric generating system or electric energy storage equipment  
12 tax abatement pursuant to section four hundred ninety-nine-cccc of this  
13 title.

14 8. "Eligible solar electric generating system expenditures" and  
15 "eligible electric energy storage equipment expenditures" shall mean  
16 reasonable expenditures for materials, labor costs properly allocable to  
17 on-site preparation, assembly and original installation, architectural  
18 and engineering services, and designs and plans directly related to the  
19 construction or installation of a solar electric generating system or  
20 electric energy storage equipment installed in connection with an eligi-  
21 ble building. Such eligible expenditures shall not include interest or  
22 other finance charges, or any expenditures incurred using a federal,  
23 state or local grant.

24 11. "Electric energy storage equipment" means a set of technologies  
25 capable of storing electric energy and releasing that energy as electric  
26 power at a later time. Electric energy storage technologies may store  
27 energy as potential, kinetic, chemical or thermal energy that can be  
28 released as electric power, and include, but are not limited to, various

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

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1 types of batteries, flywheels, electrochemical capacitors, compressed  
2 air storage and thermal storage devices.

3 § 3. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 1 of section 499-bbbb of  
4 the real property tax law, paragraph (c) as amended by chapter 396 of  
5 the laws of 2014 and paragraph (d) as amended by chapter 393 of the laws  
6 of 2016, are amended and a new paragraph (e) is added to read as  
7 follows:

8 (c) if the solar electric generating system is placed in service on or  
9 after January first, two thousand thirteen, and before January first,  
10 two thousand fourteen, for each year of the compliance period such tax  
11 abatement shall be the lesser of (i) two and five-tenths percent of  
12 eligible solar electric generating system expenditures, (ii) the amount  
13 of taxes payable in such tax year, or (iii) sixty-two thousand five  
14 hundred dollars[-]; or

15 (d) if the solar electric generating system is placed in service on or  
16 after January first, two thousand fourteen, and before January first,  
17 two thousand nineteen, for each year of the compliance period such tax  
18 abatement shall be the lesser of (i) five percent of eligible solar  
19 electric generating system expenditures, (ii) the amount of taxes paya-  
20 ble in such tax year, or (iii) sixty-two thousand five hundred  
21 dollars[-]; or

22 (e) if electric energy storage equipment is placed in service on or  
23 after January first, two thousand nineteen, and before January first,  
24 two thousand twenty-one, for each year of the compliance period such tax  
25 abatement shall be the lesser of (i) ten percent of eligible electric  
26 energy storage equipment expenditures, (ii) the amount of taxes payable  
27 in such tax year, or (iii) sixty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

28 § 4. Subdivisions 1 and 3 of section 499-cccc of the real property tax  
29 law, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 393 of the laws of 2016 and  
30 subdivision 3 as added by chapter 473 of the laws of 2008, are amended  
31 to read as follows:

32 1. To obtain a tax abatement pursuant to this title, an applicant must  
33 file an application for tax abatement, which may be filed on or after  
34 January first, two thousand nine, and on or before March fifteenth, two  
35 thousand [~~nineteen~~] twenty-one.

36 3. Such application shall contain the following:

37 (a) The name and address of the applicant and the location of the  
38 solar electric generating system or the electric energy storage equip-  
39 ment.

40 (b) Proof that the applicant received all required certifications,  
41 permits and other approvals to construct the solar electric generating  
42 system or the electric energy storage equipment.

43 (c) Certifications in a form prescribed by a designated agency, from  
44 an architect, engineer or other certified or licensed professional whom  
45 a designated agency designates by rule, that (i) a solar electric gener-  
46 ating system or electric energy storage equipment has been placed in  
47 service in connection with an eligible building in accordance with this  
48 title, the rules promulgated hereunder, and local construction and fire  
49 codes, and (ii) if the solar electric generating system or electric  
50 energy storage equipment has been placed on the roof of a building or  
51 other structure, that a structural analysis has been performed estab-  
52 lishing that such building or structure can sustain the load of such  
53 solar electric generating system or electric energy storage equipment.  
54 All certifications required by this title or the rules promulgated here-  
55 under shall set forth the specific findings upon which the certification  
56 is based, and shall include information sufficient to identify the

1 eligible building, the certifying engineer, architect or other profes-  
2 sional, and such other information as may be prescribed by a designated  
3 agency.

4 (d) An agreement to permit a designated agency or its designee to  
5 inspect the solar electric generating system or electric energy storage  
6 equipment and any related structures and equipment upon reasonable  
7 notice.

8 (e) Any other information or certifications required by a designated  
9 agency pursuant to this title and the rules promulgated hereunder.

10 § 5. Subdivision 1 of section 499-dddd of the real property tax law,  
11 as added by chapter 473 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 1. continuing compliance during the compliance period with all appli-  
14 cable provisions of law, including without limitation the local  
15 construction and fire codes, maintaining the solar electric generating  
16 system or electric energy storage equipment in such a manner that it  
17 continuously constitutes a solar electric generating system or electric  
18 energy storage equipment within the meaning of this title and the rules  
19 promulgated hereunder, and permitting a designated agency or its desig-  
20 nee to inspect the solar electric generating system or electric energy  
21 storage equipment and any related structures and equipment upon reason-  
22 able notice; and

23 § 6. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 1 of section 499-eeee of  
24 the real property tax law, as added by chapter 473 of the laws of 2008,  
25 are amended to read as follows:

26 (c) the solar electric generating system or electric energy storage  
27 equipment for which a tax abatement was granted has at any time during  
28 the compliance period failed to meet any requirement for a solar elec-  
29 tric generating system or electric energy storage equipment pursuant to  
30 this title or any rule promulgated hereunder;

31 (d) the solar electric generating system or electric energy storage  
32 equipment has become a fire or safety hazard at any time during the  
33 compliance period; or

34 § 7. Paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subdivision 2 of section 499-ffff  
35 of the real property tax law, as added by chapter 473 of the laws of  
36 2008, are amended to read as follows:

37 (b) to inspect solar electric generating systems or electric energy  
38 storage equipment and any related structures and equipment;

39 (c) to establish permit or certification requirements to determine  
40 when the solar electric generating system or electric energy storage  
41 equipment has been placed in service, such as certification by an archi-  
42 tect, engineer or other certified or licensed professional whom a desig-  
43 nated agency designates by rule;

44 (d) to establish guidance and procedures for determining or certifying  
45 eligible solar electric generating system or electric energy storage  
46 equipment expenditures;

47 § 8. This act shall take effect immediately.