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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to establishing a homeownership rehabilitation credit

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

1 Section 1. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new
2 subsection (o-1) to read as follows:

3 (o-1) Homeownership rehabilitation credit. (1) A taxpayer shall be
4 allowed a credit of fifteen percent of the qualified rehabilitation
5 expenses made by the taxpayer with respect to a qualified residence
6 against the tax imposed by this article. For the purposes of this
7 subsection:

8 (A) "Qualified residence" means any residence which is located:

9 (i) in a census tract in which seventy percent or more of the families
10 have income that is less than ninety percent of the greater of area or
11 statewide median gross income;

12 (ii) in a rural area as defined under section 520 of the federal hous-
13 ing act of 1949;

14 (iii) on a reservation for a federally recognized Indian tribe; or

15 (iv) in an area of chronic economic distress, as defined by section
16 143 of the internal revenue code.

17 (B) "Residence" means:

18 (i) a single family home containing one to four housing units;

19 (ii) a condominium unit, or stock in a cooperative housing corpo-
20 ration; or

21 (iii) that is owned or purchased by a taxpayer or his or her principal
22 residence and is at least forty years old in the case of a single family

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

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1 home or in the case of a multiple dwelling containing condominium or
2 cooperative housing units the exterior is at least forty years old.

3 (C) "Qualified rehabilitation expenses" means any amount properly
4 chargeable to capital account that exceeds five thousand dollars for
5 both interior and exterior work.

6 (2) The qualified residence must be used by the taxpayer as his or her
7 principal residence during the taxable year in which the taxpayer claims
8 the credit.

9 (3) In the case of a qualified purchased residence, the taxpayer shall
10 be treated as having made, on the date of purchase, the qualified reha-
11 ilitation expenditures made by the seller of such home. Expenditures
12 made by the seller shall be deemed qualified rehabilitation expenditures
13 of such expenditures if made by the purchaser would have so qualified.

14 For purposes of this paragraph, the term "qualified purchased resi-
15 dence" means any rehabilitated residence purchased by the taxpayer if:

16 (A) the taxpayer is the first purchaser of such structure after the
17 date rehabilitation is completed and the purchase occurs within five
18 years after such date;

19 (B) the structure or a portion thereof shall, within a reasonable
20 period, be the principal residence of the taxpayer;

21 (C) no credit was allowed to the seller under this paragraph with
22 respect to such rehabilitation; and

23 (D) the taxpayer is furnished with such information as the commission-
24 er decides is necessary to determine the credit under this paragraph.

25 (4)(A) If before the end of the five-year period beginning on the date
26 in which the rehabilitation of the residence is completed or, if para-
27 graph three of this subsection applies, the date of purchase of such
28 building by the taxpayer, (i) the taxpayer disposes of such taxpayer's
29 interest in such building, or (ii) such building ceases to be used as
30 the principal residence of the taxpayer, the taxpayer's tax imposed by
31 this article for the taxable year in which such disposition or cessation
32 occurs shall be increased by the recapture percentage of the credit
33 allowed under this subsection for all prior taxable years with respect
34 to such rehabilitation.

35 (B) For purposes of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, the recapture
36 percentage shall be the product of the amount of credit claimed by the
37 taxpayer multiplied by a ratio, the numerator of which is the number of
38 months the building is used as the taxpayer's principal residence and
39 the denominator of which is sixty.

40 (5) If the credit allowed under paragraph one of this subsection for
41 any taxable year exceeds the taxpayer's tax for such year and the
42 taxpayer's New York adjusted gross income for such year does not exceed
43 one hundred thousand dollars, the excess credit shall be treated as an
44 overpayment of tax to be credited or refunded in accordance with the
45 provisions of section six hundred eighty-six of this article, provided,
46 however, that no interest shall be paid thereon. If the taxpayer's New
47 York adjusted gross income for such year exceeds one hundred thousand
48 dollars, the excess credit may be carried over to the following year or
49 years and may be deducted from the taxpayer's tax for such year or
50 years.

51 (6) The commissioner shall prescribe such regulations as may be appro-
52 priate to carry out the purposes of this subsection, including, but not
53 limited to, regulations concerning valid proof of rehabilitation
54 expenses by a taxpayer and regulations where more than one taxpayer uses
55 the same dwelling unit on their principal residence.

1 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to taxable
2 years commencing on and after the first of January in the year in which
3 this act shall have become a law.