AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a tax on the transfer of certain real property within two years of the prior transfer of such property

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

Section 1. Section 11-2101 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding four new subdivisions 19, 20, 21 and 22 to read as follows:

19. "Prior conveyance of the property." The most recent conveyance of the real property, whether conveyed on its own or as part of a larger conveyance.

20. "Family member." A person's child, spouse, domestic partner, parent, sibling, grandchild or grandparent, or the child or parent of a person's spouse or domestic partner.

21. "Principal place of residence." A person's permanent or primary home that the person occupies for more than a temporary or transitory purpose.

22. "New housing." A residential unit or units that did not exist at the time of the prior conveyance of the property to the extent that the property had no residential units at the time of the prior conveyance and at least one residential unit was subsequently added.

§ 2. The administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 11-2120 to read as follows:

§ 11-2120 Imposition of flip tax. a. In addition to the tax imposed by section 11-2102 of this chapter, there is hereby imposed on each deed, instrument or transaction at the time of the transfer whereby any prop-
erties of one to five separate residential units are transferred by a
grantor to a grantee and such transfer is made within two years from the
prior conveyance of the property, including but not limited to transfers
which are all cash transactions and transfers of property which has been
rented out during such two-year time period. The tax, which shall be
paid by the grantor, shall be at the rate of:
(1) twenty percent when the time since the prior conveyance of the
property is less than one year; and
(2) fifteen percent when the time since the prior conveyance of the
property is greater than or equal to one year but less than two years.
b. The tax imposed pursuant to subdivision a of this section shall not
be incurred on any transfer which occurs more than two years after the
prior conveyance of the property.
c. All revenues resulting from the imposition of the tax under this
section shall be paid to the state comptroller and shall be distributed
to the division of housing and community renewal to be used to support
neighborhood preservation companies in a city with a population of one
million or more.
d. (1) The following persons shall be exempt from the payment of the
tax imposed by this section:
(i) Property owners conveying property to a family member.
(ii) Property owners who can demonstrate a financial hardship which
justifies a conveyance of property in less than or equal to two years.
(2) The following properties shall be exempt from the payment of the
tax imposed by this section:
(i) Property which was conveyed within one year of the death of the
property owner.
(ii) Property being sold as new housing.
(iii) Property which the consideration or value conveyed, which is
otherwise subject to the tax imposed in this section, is less than or
equal to the consideration or value of such property conveyed at the
time of the prior conveyance of property.
(iv) Property which is otherwise exempt from payment of a real proper-
ty transfer tax, as defined in this chapter.
§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
have become a law and shall apply to conveyances occurring on or after
such date.