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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. GRIFFIN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to establishing a tax credit for any equipment or product purchased by a small business that is used to comply with a COVID-19 health and safety plan

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

- Section 1. Section 210-B of the tax law is amended by adding a new 1 subdivision 58 to read as follows:
- 58. Sales tax paid on materials for COVID-19 health and safety plan compliance. (1) For the period beginning May fifteenth, two thousand twenty and ending on the effective date of this subdivision, a taxpayer who owns a small business shall be allowed a credit for sales tax paid 7 for any equipment or product, including materials used in the construction of physical barriers, including but not limited to plastic shielding walls, strip curtains, cubicle walls, plexiglass or similar 10 materials, or other impermeable dividers or partitions, purchased by 11 such small business in order to be in compliance with a COVID-19 health 12 and safety plan.
- (2) If the amount of the credit allowed under this subdivision for any 14 taxable year shall exceed the small business's tax for such year, the excess shall be treated as an overpayment of tax to be credited or 15 refunded in accordance with the provisions of section six hundred eighty-six of this chapter, provided, however, that no interest shall be paid 18 thereon.
- 19 (3) For purposes of this subdivision, the term "small business" shall 20 mean a business with one hundred or fewer employees.

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21 § 2. Section 606 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subsection 22 (nnn) to read as follows:

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

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- (2) If the amount of the credit allowed under this subsection for any taxable year shall exceed the taxpayer's tax for such year, the excess 12 shall be treated as an overpayment of tax to be credited or refunded in accordance with the provisions of section six hundred eighty-six of this article, provided, however, that no interest shall be paid thereon.
 - (3) For purposes of this subsection, the term "small business" shall mean a business with one hundred or fewer employees.
- 18 § 3. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (i) of section 606 19 of the tax law is amended by adding a new clause (xlix) to read as 20 follows:

21 (xlix) Sales tax paid on materials Sales tax paid on 22 <u>for COVID-19 health and safety</u> materials for 23 plan compliance under COVID-19 health 24 subsection (nnn) and safety plan 25 compliance under 26 subdivision fifty-eight 27 of section two hundred ten-B 28

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sales tax 30 quarterly period commencing after this act shall have become a law, and 31 shall apply to sales made and uses occurring on and after such date in 32 accordance with applicable transitional provisions of sections 1106 and 33 1217 of the tax law; provided that the commissioner of taxation and 34 finance shall be authorized on and after the date this act shall have 35 become a law to take steps necessary to implement the provisions of this 36 act on its effective date.