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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. FELDER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Budget and Revenue

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to establishing a tax credit for certain volunteers providing at least twenty-five hours of service during the year

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

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

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(kkk) Volunteer organizations credit. (1) For taxable years beginning 4 on and after January first, two thousand twenty-one, a resident taxpayer who serves as an active volunteer for an established 501(c)(3) organization or an organization affiliated with NY Cares or NY Service shall be allowed a credit against the tax imposed by this article equal to two hundred dollars. In order to receive this credit a volunteer must have 9 completed at least twenty-five hours of service for such organization 10 during the taxable year for which the credit is sought.

(2) If a taxpayer receives a real property tax exemption relating to 11 12 <u>such service under title two of article four of the real property tax</u> 13 law, such taxpayer shall not be eligible for this credit; provided, 14 however (A) if the taxpayer receives such real property tax exemption in 15 the two thousand twenty-one taxable year as a result of making applica-16 tion therefor in a prior year or (B) if the taxpayer notifies his or her assessor in writing by December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-one of 17 18 the taxpayer's intent to discontinue such real property tax exemption by 19 not re-applying for such real property tax exemption by the next taxable 20 status date, such taxpayer shall be eligible for this credit for the two 21 <u>thousand twenty-one taxable year.</u>

22 (3) In the case of a husband and wife who file a joint return and who 23 both individually qualify for the credit under this subsection, the 24 amount of the credit allowed shall be four hundred dollars.

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

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1 (4) If the amount of the credit allowed under this subsection for any
2 taxable year shall exceed the taxpayer's tax for such year, the excess
3 shall be treated as an overpayment of tax to be credited or refunded in
4 accordance with the provisions of section six hundred eighty-six of this
5 article, provided, however, that no interest shall be paid thereon.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.