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Introduced by M. of A. L. ROSENTHAL -- read once and referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to providing an exemption for  
drugs and medicines for companion and farm animals

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 1115 of the tax law is amended  
2 by adding a new paragraph 3-c to read as follows:

3 (3-c) Drugs and medicines intended for use, internally or externally,  
4 in the cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of illnesses or  
5 diseases in companion animals, as defined by subdivision five of section  
6 three hundred fifty of the agriculture and markets law, and farm  
7 animals, as defined by subdivision four of section three hundred fifty  
8 of the agriculture and markets law, medical equipment (including compo-  
9 nent parts thereof) and supplies required for such use or to correct or  
10 alleviate physical incapacity.

11 § 2. Subdivision (b) of section 1107 of the tax law is amended by  
12 adding a new clause 12 to read as follows:

13 (12) Except as otherwise provided by law, the exemption provided by  
14 paragraph three-c of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen  
15 of this article relating to drugs and medicines intended for use in  
16 companion animals and farm animals shall be applicable pursuant to a  
17 local law, ordinance or resolution adopted by a city subject to the  
18 provisions of this clause. Such city is empowered to adopt or repeal  
19 such a local law, ordinance or resolution. Such adoption or repeal shall  
20 also be deemed to amend any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted  
21 by such a city imposing taxes pursuant to the authority of subdivision  
22 (a) of section twelve hundred ten of this chapter.

23 § 3. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section  
24 1210 of the tax law, as amended by section 5 of part J of chapter 59 of

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

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1 the laws of 2021, is amended and a new subparagraph (iii) is added to  
2 read as follows:

3 (ii) Any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any city, coun-  
4 ty or school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivi-  
5 sion, shall omit the residential solar energy systems equipment and  
6 electricity exemption provided for in subdivision (ee) of section eleven  
7 hundred fifteen of this chapter, the commercial solar energy systems  
8 equipment and electricity exemption provided for in subdivision (ii) of  
9 section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, the commercial fuel cell  
10 electricity generating systems equipment and electricity generated by  
11 such equipment exemption provided for in subdivision (kk) of section  
12 eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter and the clothing and footwear  
13 exemption provided for in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) of section  
14 eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, unless such city, county or  
15 school district elects otherwise as to such residential solar energy  
16 systems equipment and electricity exemption, such commercial solar ener-  
17 gy systems equipment and electricity exemption, commercial fuel cell  
18 electricity generating systems equipment and electricity generated by  
19 such equipment exemption or such clothing and footwear exemption. (iii)  
20 Any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any city, county or  
21 school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this subdivision,  
22 shall omit medicines intended for use in companion animals and farm  
23 animals exemption provided for in paragraph three-c of subdivision (a)  
24 of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, unless such city,  
25 county or school district elects otherwise; provided that if such a city  
26 having a population of one million or more enacts the resolution  
27 described in subdivision (p) of this section or repeals such resolution,  
28 such resolution or repeal shall also be deemed to amend any local law,  
29 ordinance or resolution enacted by such a city imposing such taxes  
30 pursuant to the authority of this subdivision, whether or not such taxes  
31 are suspended at the time such city enacts its resolution pursuant to  
32 subdivision (p) of this section or at the time of any such repeal;  
33 provided, further, that any such local law, ordinance or resolution and  
34 section eleven hundred seven of this chapter, as deemed to be amended in  
35 the event a city of one million or more enacts a resolution pursuant to  
36 the authority of subdivision (p) of this section, shall be further  
37 amended, as provided in section twelve hundred eighteen of this subpart,  
38 so that the medicines intended for use in companion animals and farm  
39 animals exemption in any such local law, ordinance or resolution or in  
40 such section eleven hundred seven of this chapter is the same as the  
41 medicines intended for use in companion animals and farm animals in  
42 paragraph three-c of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen  
43 of this chapter.

44 § 4. Subdivision (d) of section 1210 of the tax law, as amended by  
45 section 4 of part WW of chapter 60 of the laws of 2016, is amended to  
46 read as follows:

47 (d) A local law, ordinance or resolution imposing any tax pursuant to  
48 this section, increasing or decreasing the rate of such tax, repealing  
49 or suspending such tax, exempting from such tax the energy sources and  
50 services described in paragraph three of subdivision (a) or of subdivi-  
51 sion (b) of this section or changing the rate of tax imposed on such  
52 energy sources and services or providing for the credit or refund  
53 described in clause six of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred  
54 nineteen of this chapter, or electing or repealing the exemption for  
55 residential solar equipment and electricity in subdivision (ee) of  
56 section eleven hundred fifteen of this ~~article~~ chapter, or the

1 exemption for commercial solar equipment and electricity in subdivision  
2 (ii) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this [~~article~~] chapter, or  
3 electing or repealing the exemption for commercial fuel cell electricity  
4 generating systems equipment and electricity generated by such equipment  
5 in subdivision (kk) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this [~~article~~]  
6 chapter must go into effect only on one of the following dates: March  
7 first, June first, September first or December first; provided, that a  
8 local law, ordinance or resolution providing for the exemption described  
9 in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen  
10 of this chapter or repealing any such exemption or a local law, ordi-  
11 nance or resolution providing for a refund or credit described in subdivi-  
12 sion (d) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this chapter or repeal-  
13 ing such provision so provided must go into effect only on March first;  
14 provided, further, that a local law, ordinance or resolution providing  
15 for the exemption described in paragraph three-c of subdivision (a) of  
16 section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter or repealing any such  
17 exemption so provided and a resolution enacted pursuant to the authority  
18 of subdivision (p) of this section providing such exemption or repealing  
19 such exemption so provided may go into effect immediately. No such  
20 local law, ordinance or resolution shall be effective unless a certified  
21 copy of such law, ordinance or resolution is mailed by registered or  
22 certified mail to the commissioner at the commissioner's office in Alba-  
23 ny at least ninety days prior to the date it is to become effective.  
24 However, the commissioner may waive and reduce such ninety-day minimum  
25 notice requirement to a mailing of such certified copy by registered or  
26 certified mail within a period of not less than thirty days prior to  
27 such effective date if the commissioner deems such action to be consist-  
28 ent with the commissioner's duties under section twelve hundred fifty of  
29 this article and the commissioner acts by resolution. Where the  
30 restriction provided for in section twelve hundred twenty-three of this  
31 article as to the effective date of a tax and the notice requirement  
32 provided for therein are applicable and have not been waived, the  
33 restriction and notice requirement in section twelve hundred twenty-  
34 three of this article shall also apply.

35 § 5. Section 1210 of the tax law is amended by adding a new subdivi-  
36 sion (p) to read as follows:

37 (p) Notwithstanding any other provision of state or local law, ordi-  
38 nance or resolution to the contrary:

39 (1) Any city having a population of one million or more in which the  
40 taxes imposed by section eleven hundred seven of this chapter are in  
41 effect, acting through its local legislative body, is hereby authorized  
42 and empowered to elect to provide the exemption from such taxes for the  
43 same medicines intended for use in companion animals and farm animals  
44 exempt from state sales and compensating use taxes described in para-  
45 graph three-c of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of  
46 this chapter by enacting a resolution in the form set forth in paragraph  
47 two of this subdivision; whereupon, upon compliance with the provisions  
48 of subdivisions (d) and (e) of this section, such enactment of such  
49 resolution shall be deemed to be an amendment to such section eleven  
50 hundred seven and such section eleven hundred seven shall be deemed to  
51 incorporate such exemption as if it had been duly enacted by the state  
52 legislature and approved by the governor.

53 (2) The resolution described in paragraph one of this subdivision  
54 shall read as follows: Be it enacted by the (insert proper title of  
55 local legislative body) as follows:

1     Section one. Receipts from sales of and consideration given or  
2     contracted to be given for purchases of medicines intended for use in  
3     companion animals and farm animals exempt from state sales and compen-  
4     sating use taxes pursuant to paragraph three-c of subdivision (a) of  
5     section eleven hundred fifteen of the tax law shall also be exempt from  
6     sales and compensating use taxes imposed in this jurisdiction.

7     Section two. This resolution shall take effect, (insert the date) and  
8     shall apply to sales made and uses occurring on and after that date  
9     although made or occurring under a prior contract.

10    § 6. The commissioner of taxation and finance is hereby authorized to  
11    implement the provisions of this act with respect to the elimination of  
12    the imposition of sales tax, additional taxes, and supplemental taxes on  
13    medicines intended for use in companion animals and farm animals and all  
14    other taxes so addressed by this act.

15    § 7. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sales tax  
16    quarterly period, as described in subdivision (b) of section 1136 of the  
17    tax law, next commencing at least 90 days after this act shall have  
18    become a law and shall apply in accordance with the applicable transi-  
19    tional provisions of sections 1106 and 1217 of the tax law.