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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Cities 1

AN ACT to amend chapter 696 of the laws of 1887 relating to providing hospitals, orphan asylums and other charitable institutions in the city of New York with water and remitting assessments therefor, in relation to exempting certain non-profit community gardens from payment for water usage and supply

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

1 Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 696 of the laws of 1887 relating to
2 providing hospitals, orphan asylums and other charitable institutions in
3 the city of New York with water and remitting assessments therefor, as
4 amended by chapter 950 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 ~~[§]~~ Section 1. Except as otherwise provided in section three of this
7 act, the several hospitals, dispensaries, orphan asylums, registered
8 volunteer ambulance corps, homes for the aged, non-profit community
9 gardens located on property in the city of New York and registered with
10 and licensed by such city's department of parks and recreation, houses
11 or homes for the reformation, protection or shelter of females, day
12 nurseries or corporations or societies for the care and instruction of
13 poor babies and needy children, any corporation which was created by an
14 act of congress of the United States to be non-profit and without capi-
15 tal stock and organized exclusively for the purpose of furnishing volun-
16 teer aid to the sick and wounded of armies in time of war and to contin-
17 ue and carry on a system of national international relief in time of
18 peace and to mitigate the suffering caused by fire, floods and other
19 great national calamities, and industrial homes, and any benevolent or
20 charitable corporation owning or maintaining an institution for medical
21 research, public baths, for free school societies or free circulating
22 libraries or veteran firemen's associations, and any social settlement,
23 whether incorporated or unincorporated, which shall own or lease for a
24 term not less than three years a building or buildings devoted exclu-
25 sively to the purposes of such social settlement work or any religious

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

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1 society owning or leasing for a period of not less than three years a
2 building devoted exclusively to social settlement work, now existing or
3 hereafter established in the city of New York, or the real estate owned
4 by any religious corporation located in the city of New York as now
5 constituted, actually dedicated and used by such corporation exclusively
6 as a place of public worship, or the real estate used exclusively for
7 education through and including the twelfth grade which is owned by any
8 corporation or association entitled to exemption under the provisions of
9 paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section four hundred twenty-a of the
10 real property tax law, or the real estate owned by an association of
11 honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines, devoted exclusively
12 to patriotic and charitable purposes, are hereby exempted from the
13 payment of any sum of money whatever to said city, for the use of water
14 taken by same from said city, and water shall be supplied to the same by
15 said city, in sufficient quantity for all purposes for which it is now
16 used by said corporations, societies and institutions, or which may be
17 necessary to be used by the same, free of all charge whatsoever, and the
18 real estate necessarily used for any hospital, dispensary, institution
19 for medical research, orphan asylum, registered volunteer ambulance
20 corps, home for the aged, free school or free circulating library,
21 veteran firemen's association, house or home for reformation, protection
22 or shelter of females, day nurseries or corporations or societies for
23 the care and instruction of poor babies and needy children, or any
24 corporation which was created by an act of the congress of the United
25 States to be non-profit and without capital stock and organized exclu-
26 sively for the purpose of furnishing volunteer aid to the sick and
27 wounded of armies in time of war and to continue and carry on a system
28 of national and international relief in time of peace and to mitigate
29 the suffering caused by fire, floods and other great national calami-
30 ties, or industrial homes, or social settlements maintained or conducted
31 by any incorporated or unincorporated social settlement, church or reli-
32 gious society, or occupied for such public bath, owned or leased for a
33 term of not less than three years, or held under any renewal or exten-
34 sion of such lease by any such corporation, societies and institutions
35 aforesaid, or the real estate owned by any religious corporation located
36 in the city of New York, as now constituted, actually dedicated and used
37 by such corporation exclusively as a place of public worship, or the
38 real estate used exclusively for education through and including the
39 twelfth grade which is owned by any corporation or association entitled
40 to exemption under the provisions of paragraph (a) of subdivision one of
41 section four hundred twenty-a of the real property tax law, or the real
42 estate used exclusively by non-profit community gardens located on prop-
43 erty in the city of New York and registered with and licensed by such
44 city's department of parks and recreation, is hereby released,
45 discharged and exempted from all lien and charge for water heretofore
46 used or which may hereafter be used by any such institution, society or
47 corporation. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, the mayor of the
48 city of New York, by executive order, may provide that such institution,
49 society or corporation shall not be exempt from payment for the use and
50 supply of water, except that such executive order shall apply only with
51 respect to those institutions, societies or corporations who are eligi-
52 ble to receive reimbursement from either the United States, the state of
53 New York, or the city of New York, or any agency thereof, for payments
54 for the use and supply of water.

55 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.