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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to owner liability for failure of operator to comply with bus operation-related local law or regulation traffic restrictions and to the adjudication of certain parking infractions; to amend part II of chapter 59 of the laws of 2010, amending the vehicle and traffic law and the public officers law relating to establishing a bus rapid transit demonstration program to restrict the use of bus lanes by means of bus lane photo devices, in relation to the effectiveness thereof; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon expiration thereof (Part A); to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing a Triborough bridge and tunnel authority photo speed violation monitoring system demonstration program; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof (Part B); to amend part PP of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, amending the public authorities law relating to the New York transit authority and the metropolitan transportation authority, in relation to making permanent certain tax increment financing provisions; to amend the public authorities law, in relation to contracts entered into by the metropolitan commuter transportation district; to amend part OO of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, amending the public authorities law relating to procurements by the New York City transit authority and the metropolitan transportation authority, in relation to extending certain metropolitan transportation authority procurement provisions; to amend the public authorities law, in relation to making conforming changes; and to repeal subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of section 1209 of the public authorities law, relating to contracts for public work and purchasing contracts (Part C); to amend the public authorities law and the state

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finance law, in relation to alignment of transit fare costs; to amend the state finance law, in relation to establishing the Metropolitan transportation authority schoolfare assistance fund; and to amend part UUU of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020 amending the state finance law relating to providing funding for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority 2020-2024 capital program and paratransit operating expenses, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part D); to amend the insurance law, in relation to extending owner controlled insurance programs in certain instances (Part E); to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to increasing the penalties for purposefully obstructed license plates (Part F); to amend chapter 929 of the laws of 1986 amending the tax law and other laws relating to the metropolitan transportation authority, in relation to extending certain provisions thereof applicable to the resolution of labor disputes (Part G); to amend the penal law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to assaults upon certain employees of a transit agency or authority, highway workers, motor vehicle inspectors, motor carrier investigators, and certain classes of public employees (Part H); to amend the penal law, in relation to transit crimes and prohibition orders relating to such crimes (Part I); to amend part FF of chapter 55 of the laws of 2017 relating to motor vehicles equipped with autonomous vehicle technology, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part J); to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing speed limits in cities with populations in excess of one million people (Part K); to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to certain convictions which shall preclude relicensing of drivers (Part L); to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to county clerk retention of fees (Part M); to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the increasing fees for violations, to notices of violations and dismissal of violations, and to appeals of final determinations of a hearing examiner (Part N); to amend the transportation law, in relation to allowing for the immediate suspension, seizure, and impoundment of certain passenger carrying vehicles regulated by the department of transportation (Part O); to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident involving no personal injury or death, to move the vehicle to a safe location in the vicinity of the incident (Part P); to amend the tax law, in relation to the metropolitan commuter transportation mobility tax rate; and providing for the repeal of certain provisions upon the expiration thereof (Part Q); to amend the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, the state finance law and the public authorities law, in relation to the disposition of money from certain gaming activity; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof (Part R); to amend the banking law, in relation to authorizing the department of financial services to promulgate regulations relating to the payment of debit and credit transactions and imposition of related fees by banking organizations (Part S); to amend the real property law, in relation to condominium declarations; and to repeal certain provisions of such law relating thereto (Part T); to amend chapter 495 of the laws of 2004, amending the insurance law and the public health law relating to the New York state health insurance continuation assistance demonstration project, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part U); to amend the general business law, the not-for-profit corporation law and the public health law, in relation to creating a natural organic reduction process (Part V); to amend the insurance law, in relation to inspections

of automobiles; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof (Part W); to amend the public officers law, in relation to providing virtual meeting flexibility for public bodies serving individuals with disabilities (Part X); to amend the general business law, in relation to reducing barriers to occupational licensing for cosmetologists (Part Y); to amend the New York state medical care facilities finance agency act, in relation to the ability to issue certain bonds and notes (Part Z); to amend the public authorities law, in relation to authorizing the dormitory authority to provide its services to recipients of grants and loans from the downtown revitalization program and NY forward program (Part AA); to amend chapter 97 of the laws of 2019 amending the public authorities law relating to the award of contracts to small businesses, minority-owned business enterprises and women-owned business enterprises, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof (Part BB); to amend the economic development law, the education law, the real property tax law, the tax law, the labor law and the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to creating the EPIC program (Part CC); to amend the urban development corporation act, in relation to the small business innovation research and small business technology transfer grant programs (Part DD); to amend the public authorities law, in relation to the Battery Park city authority (Part EE); to amend the state finance law, in relation to the excelsior linked deposit program (Part FF); to amend chapter 393 of the laws of 1994, amending the New York state urban development corporation act relating to the powers of the New York state urban development corporation to make loans, in relation to extending loan powers (Part GG); to amend the executive law, in relation to reciprocal minority and women-owned business enterprise certification; to amend the state finance law, in relation to discretionary purchases to certified minority and women-owned business enterprises; to amend the New York city charter, in relation to procurements of goods, services and construction; and to repeal certain provisions of the executive law relating thereto (Part HH); to amend the New York city public works investment act, in relation to authorizing the use of certain alternative project delivery methods (Part II); to amend the New York state urban development corporation act, in relation to extending the authority of the New York state urban development corporation to administer the empire state economic development fund (Part JJ); to amend the insurance law, in relation to exempting certain public construction projects from certain restrictions (Part KK); to amend part BB of chapter 58 of the laws of 2012, amending the public authorities law, relating to authorizing the dormitory authority to enter into certain design and construction management agreements, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part LL); to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the parks, recreation and historic preservation law, in relation to fees for the registration of snowmobiles and fees collected for the snowmobile trail and maintenance fund (Part MM); to amend the navigation law, in relation to equipment to be carried on vessels (Part NN); to amend the general municipal law, in relation to purchase contracts for New York State grown, harvested, or produced food and food products (Part OO); to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to enacting the "waste reduction and recycling infrastructure act"; and to amend the state finance law, in relation to creating the waste reduction, reuse, and recycling fund (Part PP); to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to environmental restoration projects; and to repeal

certain provisions of law relating thereto (Part QQ); to amend the environmental conservation law and chapter 55 of the laws of 2021 amending the environmental conservation law relating to establishing a deer hunting pilot program, in relation to making the youth deer hunting program permanent (Part RR); to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to pesticide registration timetables and fees and to amend chapter 67 of the laws of 1992, amending the environmental conservation law relating to pesticide product registration timetables and fees, in relation to the effectiveness thereof (Part SS); to amend the county law, in relation to enacting the "Suffolk County water quality restoration act", authorizing the county of Suffolk to establish a water quality restoration fund, and authorizing the county of Suffolk to form a county-wide sewer and wastewater management district; and to amend the local finance law, in relation to the period of probable usefulness of septic systems funded by programs established by the county of Suffolk (Part TT); to amend the local finance law, in relation to providing a period of probable usefulness for lead service line replacement programs as a capital asset (Part UU); to authorize utility and cable television assessments that provide funds to the department of health from cable television assessment revenues and to the department of agriculture and markets, department of environmental conservation, department of state, and the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation from utility assessment revenues (Part VV); to amend the energy law and the executive law, in relation to zero on-site greenhouse gas emissions building codes for new construction, phasing out heating and hot water equipment in existing buildings, and establishing building energy grades (Part WW); to amend the public authorities law and the public service law, in relation to advancing renewable energy development; establishing the renewable energy access and community help program; and providing funding to help prepare workers for employment in the renewable energy field (Part XX); to amend part LL of chapter 58 of the laws of 2019 amending the public authorities law relating to the provision of renewable power and energy by the Power Authority of the State of New York, in relation to extending the effectiveness thereof (Part YY); in relation to authorizing the New York state energy research and development authority to finance a portion of its research, development and demonstration, policy and planning, and Fuel NY program, as well as climate change related expenses of the department of environmental conservation from an assessment on gas and electric corporations (Part ZZ); and to amend the environmental conservation law, the public authorities law and the state finance law, in relation to the creation of the New York cap and invest program and climate action fund (Part AAA)

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

1 Section 1. This act enacts into law major components of legislation
2 necessary to implement the state transportation, economic development
3 and environmental conservation budget for the 2023-2024 state fiscal
4 year. Each component is wholly contained within a Part identified as
5 Parts A through AAA. The effective date for each particular provision
6 contained within such Part is set forth in the last section of such
7 Part. Any provision in any section contained within a Part, including

the effective date of the Part, which makes a reference to a section "of this act", when used in connection with that particular component, shall be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Part in which it is found. Section three of this act sets forth the general effective date of this act.

PART A

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1111-c-1 to read as follows:

§ 1111-c-1. Owner liability for failure of operator to comply with bus operation-related traffic regulations. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in accordance with the provisions of this section, the city of New York is hereby authorized and empowered to establish a demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with bus operation-related traffic regulations, as defined in subdivision (f) of this section. The department of transportation of the city of New York and/or an applicable mass transit agency, shall operate photo devices that may be stationary or mobile and shall be activated at locations determined by such department of transportation and/or on buses selected by the applicable mass transit agency.

(b) Any image or images captured by photo devices shall be inadmissible in any disciplinary proceeding convened by the applicable mass transit agency or any subsidiary thereof and any proceeding initiated by the department involving licensure privileges of bus operators. Any mobile bus photo device mounted on a bus shall be directed outwardly from such bus to capture images of vehicles operated in violation of bus operation-related traffic regulations, and images produced by such device shall not be used for any other purpose in the absence of a court order requiring such images to be produced.

(c) The city of New York shall adopt and enforce measures to protect the privacy of drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists whose identity and identifying information may be captured by a photo device pursuant to this section. Such measures shall include:

1. utilization of necessary technologies to ensure, to the extent practicable, that images produced by such photo devices shall not include images that identify the driver, the passengers, or the contents of a vehicle, provided, however, that no notice of liability issued pursuant to this section shall be dismissed solely because an image allows for the identification of the driver, the passengers or other contents of a vehicle;

2. a prohibition on the use or dissemination of vehicles' license plate information and other information and images captured by photo devices except:

(i) as required to establish liability under this section or collect payment of penalties;

(ii) as required by court order;

(iii) as required pursuant to a search warrant issued in accordance with the criminal procedure law or a subpoena; or

(iv) as otherwise required by law.

3. the installation of signage that is clearly visible to drivers at regular intervals along and adjacent to bus lanes stating that mobile and stationary photo devices are used to enforce restrictions relating to bus operation traffic restrictions including stopping, standing,

1 parking and turning movements, in conformance with standards established
2 in the MUTCD; and

3 4. oversight procedures to ensure compliance with the privacy
4 protection measures under this subdivision.

5 (d) Warning notices of violation shall be issued during the first
6 sixty days that photo devices pursuant to this section are active and in
7 operation.

8 (e) The owner of a vehicle shall be liable for a penalty imposed
9 pursuant to this section if such vehicle was used or operated with the
10 permission of the owner, express or implied, in violation of any bus
11 operation-related traffic regulations and such violation is evidenced by
12 information obtained from a photo device; provided however that no owner
13 of a vehicle shall be liable for a penalty imposed pursuant to this
14 section where the operator of such vehicle has been convicted of the
15 underlying violation of such bus operation-related traffic regulation.

16 (f) For purposes of this section the following terms shall have the
17 following meanings:

18 1. "owner" shall have the meaning provided in article two-B of this
19 chapter.

20 2. "photo device" shall mean a mobile or stationary device that is
21 capable of operating independently of an enforcement officer and produc-
22 es one or more images of each vehicle at the time it is in violation of
23 a bus operation-related traffic regulation.

24 3. "bus operation-related traffic regulations" shall mean the follow-
25 ing restrictions set forth in chapter four of title thirty-four of the
26 rules of the city of New York: 4-08(c)(3), violation of posted no
27 standing rules prohibited-bus stop; 4-08(e)(9), general no stopping
28 zones-bicycle lanes; 4-08(f)(1), general no standing zones-double park-
29 ing; and 4-08(f)(4), general no standing zones-bus lanes.

30 4. "lessor" means any person, corporation, firm, partnership, agency,
31 association or organization engaged in the business of renting or leas-
32 ing vehicles to any lessee or bailee under a rental agreement, lease or
33 otherwise, wherein the said lessee or bailee has the exclusive use of
34 said vehicle for any period of time.

35 5. "lessee" means any person, corporation, firm, partnership, agency,
36 association or organization that rents, bails, leases or contracts for
37 the use of one or more vehicles and has the exclusive use thereof for
38 any period of time.

39 6. "manual on uniform traffic control devices" or "MUTCD" means the
40 manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control
41 devices maintained by the commissioner of transportation pursuant to
42 section sixteen hundred eighty of this chapter.

43 (g) A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed by
44 the city of New York in which the charged violation occurred, or a
45 facsimile thereof, based upon inspection of photographs, microphoto-
46 graphs, videotape or other recorded images produced by a photo device,
47 shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein. Any
48 photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded images
49 evidencing such a violation shall be available for inspection in any
50 proceeding to adjudicate the liability for such violation pursuant to
51 this section.

52 (h) An owner liable for a violation under this section shall be liable
53 for monetary penalties in accordance with a schedule of fines and penal-
54 ties promulgated by the parking violations bureau of the city of New
55 York; provided, however, that the monetary penalty for violating a bus
56 operation-related traffic regulation pursuant to this section shall not

1 exceed fifty dollars for a first offense, one hundred dollars for a
2 second offense within a twelve-month period, one hundred fifty dollars
3 for a third offense within a twelve-month period, two hundred dollars
4 for a fourth offense within a twelve-month period, and two hundred fifty
5 dollars for each subsequent offense within a twelve-month period; and
6 provided, further, that an owner shall be liable for an additional
7 penalty not to exceed twenty-five dollars for each violation for the
8 failure to respond to a notice of liability within the prescribed time
9 period.

10 (i) An imposition of liability pursuant to this section shall not be
11 deemed a conviction of an operator and shall not be made part of the
12 operating record of the person upon whom such liability is imposed, nor
13 shall it be used for insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehi-
14 cle insurance coverage.

15 (j) 1. A notice of liability pursuant to this section shall be sent by
16 first class mail to each person alleged to be liable as an owner for a
17 violation under this section. Personal delivery to the owner shall not
18 be required. A manual or automatic record of mailing prepared in the
19 ordinary course of business shall be prima facie evidence of the facts
20 contained in such record of mailing.

21 2. A notice of liability pursuant to this section shall contain the
22 name and address of the person alleged to be liable as an owner for a
23 violation, the registration number of the vehicle involved in such
24 violation, the location where such violation took place including the
25 street address or cross streets, one or more images identifying the
26 violation, the date and time of such violation, the identification
27 number of the photo device which recorded the violation or other docu-
28 ment locator number, and whether the device was stationary or mobile. If
29 the photo device was mobile, an identity of the vehicle containing such
30 photo device shall be included in the notice.

31 3. A notice of liability pursuant to this section shall contain infor-
32 mation advising the person charged of the manner and the time in which
33 he or she may contest the liability alleged in the notice. Such notice
34 of liability shall also contain a warning to advise the persons charged
35 that failure to contest in the manner and time provided shall be deemed
36 an admission of liability and that a default judgment may be entered
37 thereon.

38 4. A notice of liability pursuant to this section shall be prepared
39 and mailed by the agency or agencies designated by the city of New York,
40 or any other entity authorized by such city to prepare and mail such
41 notification of violation.

42 (k) Adjudication of the liability imposed upon owners by this section
43 shall be conducted by the New York city parking violations bureau.

44 (l) If an owner of a vehicle receives a notice of liability pursuant
45 to this section for any time period during which such vehicle was
46 reported to the police department as having been stolen, it shall be a
47 valid defense to an allegation of liability that the vehicle had been
48 reported to the police as stolen prior to the time the violation
49 occurred and had not been recovered by such time. For purposes of
50 asserting the defense under this subdivision, it shall be sufficient
51 that a certified copy of the police report on the stolen vehicle be sent
52 by first class mail to the parking violations bureau of the city of New
53 York.

54 (m) 1. An owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which a notice of
55 liability was issued pursuant to this section shall not be liable for

1 the violation of a bus operation-related traffic regulation, provided
2 that:

3 (i) prior to such violation, the lessor has filed with the parking
4 violations bureau of the city of New York in accordance with the
5 provisions of section two hundred thirty-nine of this chapter; and

6 (ii) within thirty-seven days after receiving notice from the parking
7 violations bureau of the city of New York of the date and time of a
8 liability, together with the other information contained in the original
9 notice of liability, the lessor submits to such bureau the correct name
10 and address of the lessee of the vehicle identified in the notice of
11 liability at the time of such violation, together with such other addi-
12 tional information contained in the rental, lease or other contract
13 document, as may be reasonably required by such bureau pursuant to regu-
14 lations that may be promulgated for such purpose. Failure to timely
15 submit such information shall render the lessor liable for the penalty
16 prescribed in this section.

17 2. Where the lessor complies with the provisions of subparagraph (i)
18 of paragraph one of this subdivision, the lessee of such vehicle on the
19 date of such violation shall be deemed to be the owner of such vehicle
20 for purposes of this section, shall be subject to liability for such
21 violation pursuant to this section and shall be sent a notice of liabil-
22 ity pursuant to subdivision (j) of this section.

23 (n) If the owner liable for a violation under this section was not the
24 operator of the vehicle at the time of such violation, such owner may
25 maintain an action for indemnification against the operator of the vehi-
26 cle at the time of such violation.

27 (o) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the liability
28 of an operator of a vehicle for any violation of a bus operation-related
29 traffic regulation.

30 (p) The city of New York and the applicable mass transit agency shall
31 submit a report on the results of the use of photo devices pursuant to
32 this section to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and
33 the speaker of the assembly by April first, within twelve months of
34 operation of such photo devices and every two years thereafter. Such
35 report shall include, but not be limited to:

36 1. a description of the locations and/or buses where photo devices
37 were used under this section;

38 2. the total number of violations under this section recorded on a
39 monthly and annual basis;

40 3. the total number of notices of liability issued under this section;

41 4. the number of fines and total amount of fines paid after the first
42 notice of liability under this section;

43 5. the number of violations under this section adjudicated and results
44 of such adjudications including breakdowns of dispositions made;

45 6. the total amount of revenue realized by the city of New York and
46 any participating mass transit agency under this section;

47 7. the quality of the adjudication process under this section and its
48 results;

49 8. the total number of cameras by type of camera used under this
50 section;

51 9. the total cost to the city of New York and the total cost to any
52 participating mass transit agency under this section; and

53 10. a detailed report on the bus speeds, reliability, and ridership
54 before and after implementation of the demonstration program for each
55 bus route, including current statistics.

(q) Any revenue from fines and penalties collected pursuant to this section from mobile bus photo devices shall be remitted by the city of New York to the applicable mass transit agency on a quarterly basis to be deposited in the general transportation account of the New York city transportation assistance fund established pursuant to section twelve hundred seventy-i of the public authorities law.

§ 2. The opening paragraph of section 14 of part II of chapter 59 of the laws of 2010, amending the vehicle and traffic law and the public officers law relating to establishing a bus rapid transit demonstration program to restrict the use of bus lanes by means of bus lane photo devices, as amended by section 2 of part D of chapter 39 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law [~~and shall expire 15 years after such effective date when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed~~]; and provided that any rules and regulations related to this act shall be promulgated on or before such effective date, provided that:

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 235 of the vehicle and traffic law, as separately added by chapters 421, 460, and 773 of the laws of 2021, and paragraph (h) as relettered by chapter 258 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of any general, special or local law or administrative code to the contrary, in any city which heretofore or hereafter is authorized to establish an administrative tribunal: (a) to hear and determine complaints of traffic infractions constituting parking, standing or stopping violations, or (b) to adjudicate the liability of owners for violations of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eleven of this chapter imposed pursuant to a local law or ordinance imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with traffic-control indications through the installation and operation of traffic-control signal photo violation-monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter, or (c) to adjudicate the liability of owners for violations of subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter imposed pursuant to a demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such posted maximum speed limits through the installation and operation of photo speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of this chapter, or (d) to adjudicate the liability of owners for violations of bus lane restrictions as defined by article twenty-four of this chapter imposed pursuant to a bus rapid transit program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such bus lane restrictions through the installation and operation of bus lane photo devices, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter, or (e) to adjudicate the liability of owners for violations of toll collection regulations imposed by certain public authorities pursuant to the law authorizing such public authorities to impose monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with toll collection regulations of such public authorities through the installation and operation of photo-monitoring systems, in accordance with the provisions of section two thousand nine hundred eighty-five of the public authorities law and sections sixteen-a, sixteen-b and sixteen-c of chapter seven hundred seventy-four of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty, or (f) to adjudicate the liability of owners for violations of section eleven hundred seven-

ty-four of this chapter when meeting a school bus marked and equipped as provided in subdivisions twenty and twenty-one-c of section three hundred seventy-five of this chapter imposed pursuant to a local law or ordinance imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with school bus red visual signals through the installation and operation of school bus photo violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article twenty-nine of this chapter, or (g) to adjudicate the liability of owners for violations of section three hundred eighty-five of this chapter and the rules of the department of transportation of the city of New York in relation to gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight violations imposed pursuant to a weigh in motion demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such gross vehicle weight and/or axle weight restrictions through the installation and operation of weigh in motion violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article ten of this chapter, or (h) to adjudicate the liability of owners for violations of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this chapter imposed pursuant to a demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with such posted maximum speed limits within a highway construction or maintenance work area through the installation and operation of photo speed violation monitoring systems, in accordance with article thirty of this chapter, such tribunal and the rules and regulations pertaining thereto shall be constituted in substantial conformance with the following sections, or (i) to adjudicate the liability of owners for any other violation of a bus operation-related traffic restriction regulation, in accordance with article twenty-four of this chapter.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that section one of this act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed five years after it shall have become a law, provided, further, that effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of section one of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

PART B

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1180-f to read as follows:

§ 1180-f. Owner liability for failure of operator to comply with certain posted maximum speed limits. (a) 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision, the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority is hereby authorized to establish a demonstration program pursuant to which the city of New York shall impose monetary liability on the owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with posted maximum speed limits in TBTA bridge and tunnel zones as provided in subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article. The Triborough bridge and tunnel authority may install photo speed violation monitoring systems as appropriate, provided, however, in selecting where to install and operate a photo speed violation monitoring system, the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall consider criteria including, but not limited to, the speed data, crash history, and the roadway geometry applicable to such bridges and tunnels. The Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall prioritize the placement of photo speed violation moni-

1 toring systems in bridges and tunnels based upon speed data or the crash
2 history of a bridge and tunnel. A photo speed violation monitoring
3 system shall not be installed or operated on a controlled-access highway
4 exit ramp or within three hundred feet along a highway that continues
5 from the end of a controlled-access highway exit ramp.

6 2. No photo speed violation monitoring system shall be used in a
7 bridge or tunnel unless (i) on the day it is to be used it has success-
8 fully passed a self-test of its functions; and (ii) it has undergone an
9 annual calibration check performed pursuant to paragraph four of this
10 subdivision. The Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall install
11 signs bearing the words "photo enforced" below speed limit signs giving
12 written notice to approaching motor vehicle operators that a photo speed
13 violation monitoring system is in use, in conformance with standards
14 established in the MUTCD.

15 3. Operators of photo speed violation monitoring systems shall have
16 completed training in the procedures for setting up, testing, and oper-
17 ating such systems. Each such operator shall complete and sign a daily
18 set-up log for each such system that he or she operates that (i) states
19 the date and time when, and the location where, the system was set up
20 that day, and (ii) states that such operator successfully performed, and
21 the system passed, the self-tests of such system before producing a
22 recorded image that day. The city of New York shall retain each such
23 daily log until the later of the date on which the photo speed violation
24 monitoring system to which it applies has been permanently removed from
25 use or the final resolution of all cases involving notices of liability
26 issued based on photographs, microphotographs, video or other recorded
27 images produced by such system.

28 4. Each photo speed violation monitoring system shall undergo an annu-
29 al calibration check performed by an independent calibration laboratory
30 which shall issue a signed certificate of calibration. The city of New
31 York shall keep each such annual certificate of calibration on file
32 until the final resolution of all cases involving a notice of liability
33 issued during such year which were based on photographs, microphoto-
34 graphs, videotape or other recorded images produced by such photo speed
35 violation monitoring system.

36 5. (i) Such demonstration program shall utilize necessary technologies
37 to ensure, to the extent practicable, that photographs, microphoto-
38 graphs, videotape or other recorded images produced by such photo speed
39 violation monitoring systems shall not include images that identify the
40 driver, the passengers, or the contents of the vehicle. Provided, howev-
41 er, that no notice of liability issued pursuant to this section shall be
42 dismissed solely because such a photograph, microphotograph, videotape
43 or other recorded image allows for the identification of the driver, the
44 passengers, or the contents of vehicles where the city of New York shows
45 that it made reasonable efforts to comply with the provisions of this
46 paragraph in such case.

47 (ii) Photographs, microphotographs, videotape or any other recorded
48 image from a photo speed violation monitoring system shall be for the
49 exclusive use of the city of New York for the purpose of the adjudi-
50 cation of liability imposed pursuant to this section and of the owner
51 receiving a notice of liability pursuant to this section, and shall be
52 destroyed by the city of New York upon the final resolution of the
53 notice of liability to which such photographs, microphotographs, vide-
54 otape or other recorded images relate, or one year following the date of
55 issuance of such notice of liability, whichever is later. Notwithstand-
56 ing the provisions of any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary,

photographs, microphotographs, videotape or any other recorded image from a photo speed violation monitoring system shall not be open to the public, nor subject to civil or criminal process or discovery, nor used by any court or administrative or adjudicatory body in any action or proceeding therein except that which is necessary for the adjudication of a notice of liability issued pursuant to this section, and no public entity or employee, officer or agent thereof shall disclose such information, except that such photographs, microphotographs, videotape or any other recorded images from such systems:

(A) shall be available for inspection and copying and use by the motor vehicle owner and operator for so long as such photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded images are required to be maintained or are maintained by such public entity, employee, officer or agent; and

(B) (1) shall be furnished when described in a search warrant issued by a court authorized to issue such a search warrant pursuant to article six hundred ninety of the criminal procedure law or a federal court authorized to issue such a search warrant under federal law, where such search warrant states that there is reasonable cause to believe such information constitutes evidence of, or tends to demonstrate that, a misdemeanor or felony offense was committed in this state or another state, or that a particular person participated in the commission of a misdemeanor or felony offense in this state or another state, provided, however, that if such offense was against the laws of another state, the court shall only issue a warrant if the conduct comprising such offense would, if occurring in this state, constitute a misdemeanor or felony against the laws of this state; and

(2) shall be furnished in response to a subpoena duces tecum signed by a judge of competent jurisdiction and issued pursuant to article six hundred ten of the criminal procedure law or a judge or magistrate of a federal court authorized to issue such a subpoena duces tecum under federal law, where the judge finds and the subpoena states that there is reasonable cause to believe such information is relevant and material to the prosecution, or the defense, or the investigation by an authorized law enforcement official, of the alleged commission of a misdemeanor or felony in this state or another state, provided, however, that if such offense was against the laws of another state, such judge or magistrate shall only issue such subpoena if the conduct comprising such offense would, if occurring in this state, constitute a misdemeanor or felony in this state; and

(3) may, if lawfully obtained pursuant to this clause and clause (A) of this subparagraph and otherwise admissible, be used in such criminal action or proceeding.

(b) If the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority establishes a demonstration program pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section, the owner of a vehicle shall be liable for a penalty imposed pursuant to this section if such vehicle was used or operated with the permission of the owner, express or implied, within a TBTA bridge and tunnel zone in violation of subdivision (b), (g) or paragraph one of subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article, such vehicle was traveling at a speed of more than ten miles per hour above the posted speed limit in effect within such TBTA bridge and tunnel zone, and such violation is evidenced by information obtained from a photo speed violation monitoring system; provided however that no owner of a vehicle shall be liable for a penalty imposed pursuant to this section where the operator of such vehicle has been convicted of the underlying violation

1 of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of
2 this article.

3 (c) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the
4 following meanings:

5 1. "manual on uniform traffic control devices" or "MUTCD" shall mean
6 the manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic control
7 devices maintained by the commissioner of transportation pursuant to
8 section sixteen hundred eighty of this chapter;

9 2. "owner" shall have the meaning provided in article two-B of this
10 chapter.

11 3. "photo speed violation monitoring system" shall mean a vehicle
12 sensor installed to work in conjunction with a speed measuring device
13 which automatically produces two or more photographs, two or more micro-
14 photographs, a videotape or other recorded images of each vehicle at the
15 time it is used or operated in a school speed zone in violation of
16 subdivision (b), (c), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty
17 of this article in accordance with the provisions of this section; and

18 4. "TBTA bridge and tunnel zones" shall mean those bridges and tunnels
19 maintained and operated by the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority,
20 and any approach, entrance, or exit thereto.

21 (d) A certificate, sworn to or affirmed by a technician employed by
22 the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, or a facsimile thereof,
23 based upon inspection of photographs, microphotographs, videotape or
24 other recorded images produced by a photo speed violation monitoring
25 system, shall be prima facie evidence of the facts contained therein.
26 Any photographs, microphotographs, videotape or other recorded images
27 evidencing such a violation shall include at least two date and time
28 stamped images of the rear of the motor vehicle that include the same
29 stationary object near the motor vehicle and shall be available for
30 inspection reasonably in advance of and at any proceeding to adjudicate
31 the liability for such violation pursuant to this section.

32 (e) An owner liable for a violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or
33 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to a
34 demonstration program established pursuant to this section shall be
35 liable for monetary penalties not to exceed fifty dollars for a first
36 violation, seventy-five dollars for a second violation both of which
37 were committed within a period of eighteen months, and one hundred
38 dollars for a third or subsequent violation all of which were committed
39 within a period of eighteen months; provided, however, that an addi-
40 tional penalty not in excess of twenty-five dollars for each violation
41 may be imposed for the failure to respond to a notice of liability with-
42 in the prescribed time period.

43 (f) An imposition of liability under the demonstration program estab-
44 lished pursuant to this section shall not be deemed a conviction as an
45 operator and shall not be made part of the operating record of the
46 person upon whom such liability is imposed nor shall it be used for
47 insurance purposes in the provision of motor vehicle insurance coverage.

48 (g) 1. A notice of liability shall be sent by first class mail to each
49 person alleged to be liable as an owner for a violation of subdivision
50 (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article
51 pursuant to this section, within fourteen business days if such owner is
52 a resident of this state and within forty-five business days if such
53 owner is a non-resident. Personal delivery on the owner shall not be
54 required. A manual or automatic record of mailing prepared in the ordi-
55 nary course of business shall be prima facie evidence of the facts
56 contained therein.

1 2. A notice of liability shall contain the name and address of the
2 person alleged to be liable as an owner for a violation of subdivision
3 (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article
4 pursuant to this section, the registration number of the vehicle
5 involved in such violation, the location where such violation took
6 place, the date and time of such violation, the identification number of
7 the camera which recorded the violation or other document locator
8 number, at least two date and time stamped images of the rear of the
9 motor vehicle that include the same stationary object near the motor
10 vehicle, and the certificate charging the liability.

11 3. The notice of liability shall contain information advising the
12 person charged of the manner and the time in which he or she may contest
13 the liability alleged in the notice. Such notice of liability shall also
14 contain a prominent warning to advise the person charged that failure to
15 contest in the manner and time provided shall be deemed an admission of
16 liability and that a default judgment may be entered thereon.

17 4. The notice of liability shall be prepared and mailed by the Tribor-
18 ough bridge and tunnel authority, or by any other entity authorized by
19 the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority to prepare and mail such
20 notice of liability.

21 (h) Adjudication of the liability imposed upon owners by this section
22 shall be conducted by the New York city parking violations bureau.

23 (i) If an owner receives a notice of liability pursuant to this
24 section for any time period during which the vehicle or the number plate
25 or plates of such vehicle was reported to the police department as
26 having been stolen, it shall be a valid defense to an allegation of
27 liability for a violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section
28 eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this section that the
29 vehicle or the number plate or plates of such vehicle had been reported
30 to the police as stolen prior to the time the violation occurred and had
31 not been recovered by such time. For purposes of asserting the defense
32 provided by this subdivision, it shall be sufficient that a certified
33 copy of the police report on the stolen vehicle or number plate or
34 plates of such vehicle be sent by first class mail to the traffic
35 violations bureau, court having jurisdiction or parking violations
36 bureau.

37 (j) 1. Where the adjudication of liability imposed upon owners pursu-
38 ant to this section is by a traffic violations bureau or a court having
39 jurisdiction, an owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which a notice of
40 liability was issued pursuant to subdivision (g) of this section shall
41 not be liable for the violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of
42 section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to this section,
43 provided that he or she sends to the traffic violations bureau or court
44 having jurisdiction a copy of the rental, lease or other such contract
45 document covering such vehicle on the date of the violation, with the
46 name and address of the lessee clearly legible, within thirty-seven days
47 after receiving notice from the bureau or court of the date and time of
48 such violation, together with the other information contained in the
49 original notice of liability. Failure to send such information within
50 such thirty-seven day time period shall render the owner liable for the
51 penalty prescribed by this section. Where the lessor complies with the
52 provisions of this paragraph, the lessee of such vehicle on the date of
53 such violation shall be deemed to be the owner of such vehicle for
54 purposes of this section, shall be subject to liability for the
55 violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred

1 eighty of this article pursuant to this section and shall be sent a
2 notice of liability pursuant to subdivision (g) of this section.

3 2. (i) In a city which, by local law, has authorized the adjudication
4 of liability imposed upon owners by this section by a parking violations
5 bureau, an owner who is a lessor of a vehicle to which a notice of
6 liability was issued pursuant to subdivision (g) of this section shall
7 not be liable for the violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of
8 section eleven hundred eighty of this article, provided that:

9 (A) prior to the violation, the lessor has filed with the bureau in
10 accordance with the provisions of section two hundred thirty-nine of
11 this chapter; and

12 (B) within thirty-seven days after receiving notice from the bureau of
13 the date and time of a liability, together with the other information
14 contained in the original notice of liability, the lessor submits to the
15 bureau the correct name and address of the lessee of the vehicle identi-
16 fied in the notice of liability at the time of such violation, together
17 with such other additional information contained in the rental, lease or
18 other contract document, as may be reasonably required by the bureau
19 pursuant to regulations that may be promulgated for such purpose.

20 (ii) Failure to comply with clause (B) of subparagraph (i) of this
21 paragraph shall render the owner liable for the penalty prescribed in
22 this section.

23 (iii) Where the lessor complies with the provisions of this paragraph,
24 the lessee of such vehicle on the date of such violation shall be deemed
25 to be the owner of such vehicle for purposes of this section, shall be
26 subject to liability for such violation pursuant to this section and
27 shall be sent a notice of liability pursuant to subdivision (g) of this
28 section.

29 (k) 1. If the owner liable for a violation of subdivision (b), (d),
30 (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article pursuant to
31 this section was not the operator of the vehicle at the time of the
32 violation, the owner may maintain an action for indemnification against
33 the operator.

34 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, no owner of a
35 vehicle shall be subject to a monetary fine imposed pursuant to this
36 section if the operator of such vehicle was operating such vehicle with-
37 out the consent of the owner at the time such operator operated such
38 vehicle in violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section
39 eleven hundred eighty of this article. For purposes of this subdivision
40 there shall be a presumption that the operator of such vehicle was oper-
41 ating such vehicle with the consent of the owner at the time such opera-
42 tor operated such vehicle in violation of subdivision (b), (d), (f) or
43 (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article.

44 (l) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the liability
45 of an operator of a vehicle for any violation of subdivision (b), (d),
46 (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this article.

47 (m) If the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority adopts a demon-
48 stration program pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section, the
49 Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall conduct a study and submit
50 a report on or before May first, two thousand twenty-six and a report on
51 or before May first, two thousand twenty-eight on the results of the use
52 of photo devices to the governor, the temporary president of the senate
53 and the speaker of the assembly. The Triborough bridge and tunnel
54 authority shall also make such reports available on their public-facing
55 websites, provided that they may provide aggregate data from paragraph
56 one of this subdivision if the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority

1 finds that publishing specific location data would jeopardize public
2 safety. Such report shall include:

3 1. the locations where and dates when photo speed violation monitoring
4 systems were used;

5 2. the aggregate number, type and severity of crashes, fatalities,
6 injuries and property damage reported within TBTA bridge and tunnel
7 zones, to the extent the information is maintained by the Triborough
8 bridge and tunnel authority;

9 3. the aggregate number, type and severity of crashes, fatalities,
10 injuries and property damage reported within TBTA bridge and tunnel
11 zones where photo speed violation monitoring systems were used, to the
12 extent the information is maintained by the Triborough bridge and tunnel
13 authority;

14 4. the number of violations recorded within TBTA bridge and tunnel
15 zones, in the aggregate on a daily, weekly and monthly basis to the
16 extent the information is maintained by the Triborough bridge and tunnel
17 authority;

18 5. the number of violations recorded within each TBTA bridge and
19 tunnel zone where a photo speed violation monitoring system is used, in
20 the aggregate on a daily, weekly and monthly basis;

21 6. to the extent the information is maintained by the Triborough
22 bridge and tunnel authority, the number of violations recorded within
23 all TBTA bridge and tunnel zones that were:

24 (i) more than ten but not more than twenty miles per hour over the
25 posted speed limit;

26 (ii) more than twenty but not more than thirty miles per hour over the
27 posted speed limit;

28 (iii) more than thirty but not more than forty miles per hour over the
29 posted speed limit; and

30 (iv) more than forty miles per hour over the posted speed limit;

31 7. the number of violations recorded within each highway construction
32 or maintenance work area where a photo speed violation monitoring system
33 is used that were:

34 (i) more than ten but not more than twenty miles per hour over the
35 posted speed limit;

36 (ii) more than twenty but not more than thirty miles per hour over the
37 posted speed limit;

38 (iii) more than thirty but not more than forty miles per hour over the
39 posted speed limit; and

40 (iv) more than forty miles per hour over the posted speed limit;

41 8. the total number of notices of liability issued for violations
42 recorded by such systems;

43 9. the number of fines and total amount of fines paid after the first
44 notice of liability issued for violations recorded by such systems, to
45 the extent the information is maintained by the Triborough bridge and
46 tunnel authority;

47 10. the number of violations adjudicated and the results of such adju-
48 dications including breakdowns of dispositions made for violations
49 recorded by such systems, to the extent the information is maintained by
50 the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority;

51 11. the total amount of revenue realized by the Triborough bridge and
52 tunnel authority in connection with the program;

53 12. the expenses incurred by the Triborough bridge and tunnel authori-
54 ty and the city of New York in connection with the program;

1 13. an itemized list of expenditures made by the Triborough bridge and
2 tunnel authority on work zone safety projects undertaken in accordance
3 with this section; and

4 14. the quality of the adjudication process and its results, to the
5 extent the information is maintained by the Triborough bridge and tunnel
6 authority.

7 (n) It shall be a defense to any prosecution for a violation of subdivi-
8 vision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of this
9 article pursuant to this section that such photo speed violation moni-
10 toring system was malfunctioning at the time of the alleged violation.

11 § 2. Section 1803 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding
12 a new subdivision 13 to read as follows:

13 13. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph e of subdivision one of
14 this section, where the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority has
15 established a demonstration program imposing monetary liability on the
16 owner of a vehicle for failure of an operator thereof to comply with
17 subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred eighty of
18 this chapter in accordance with section eleven hundred eighty-f of this
19 chapter, any fine or penalty collected by a court, judge, magistrate or
20 other officer for an imposition of liability which occurs pursuant to
21 such program shall be paid to the state comptroller within the first ten
22 days of the month following collection. Every such payment shall be
23 accompanied by a statement in such form and detail as the comptroller
24 shall provide. The comptroller shall pay such fine or penalty imposed
25 for such liability to the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority.

26 § 3. For the purpose of informing and educating owners of motor vehi-
27 cles in this state, an agency or authority authorized to issue notices
28 of liability pursuant to the provisions of this act shall, during the
29 first thirty-day period in which the photo speed violation monitoring
30 systems are in operation pursuant to the provisions of this act, issue a
31 written warning in lieu of a notice of liability to all owners of motor
32 vehicles who would be held liable for failure of operators thereof to
33 comply with subdivision (b), (d), (f) or (g) of section eleven hundred
34 eighty of the vehicle and traffic law in accordance with section eleven
35 hundred eighty-e of the vehicle and traffic law.

36 § 4. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
37 law; provided, however, that sections one and two of this act shall
38 expire and be deemed repealed 5 years after such effective date when
39 upon such date the provisions of such sections shall be deemed repealed.
40 Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule
41 or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effec-
42 tive date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such
43 effective date.

44 PART C

45 Section 1. Section 3 of part PP of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016,
46 amending the public authorities law relating to the New York transit
47 authority and the metropolitan transportation authority, as amended by
48 section 1 of part J of chapter 58 of the laws of 2022, is amended to
49 read as follows:

50 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately~~;~~ ~~provided that the amend-~~
51 ~~ments to subdivision 1 of section 110-r of the general municipal law~~
52 ~~made by section two of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed~~
53 ~~April 1, 2023, and provided further that such repeal shall not affect~~

~~the validity or duration of any contract entered into before that date pursuant to paragraph f of such subdivision].~~

§ 2. Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of section 1209 of the public authorities law are REPEALED and subdivisions 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 are renumbered subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 1265-a of the public authorities law, as amended by section 1-a of subpart C of part ZZZ of chapter 59 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1. The provisions of this section shall [~~only~~] apply to procurements by the authority [~~commenced during the period from April first, nineteen hundred eighty seven until December thirty first, nineteen hundred ninety one, and during the period from December sixteenth, nineteen hundred ninety three until June thirtieth, two thousand twenty three; provided, however, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to (i) the award of any contract of the authority if the bid documents for such contract so provide and such bid documents are issued within sixty days of the effective date of this section or within sixty days of December sixteenth, nineteen hundred ninety three, or (ii) for a period of one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this section or for a period of one hundred eighty days after December sixteenth, nineteen hundred ninety three, the award of any contract for which an invitation to bid, solicitation, request for proposal, or any similar document has been issued by the authority prior to the effective date of this section or during the period from January first, nineteen hundred ninety two until December sixteenth, nineteen hundred ninety three~~], including those made on behalf of its subsidiaries and affiliates.

§ 4. Section 15 of part 00 of chapter 54 of the laws of 2016, amending the public authorities law relating to procurements by the New York City transit authority and the metropolitan transportation authority, as amended by section 1 of part YY of chapter 55 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

§ 15. This act shall take effect immediately[, ~~and shall expire and be deemed repealed April 1, 2024~~]; provided, however, sections three, nine, and twelve of this chapter shall expire and be deemed repealed April 1, 2024.

§ 5. Subdivision 1 of section 1207-a of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 655 of the laws of 1962, is amended to read as follows:

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections twelve hundred through twelve hundred twenty-one, inclusive, of this title or of any other provisions of law to the contrary, but subject to the provisions of section twelve hundred seven-j of this title, the authority shall have power to purchase no more than seven hundred twenty-four cars for the rapid transit lines under the jurisdiction of the authority and to finance the purchase price thereof by the issuance of bonds and notes of the authority in accordance with the provisions of section twelve hundred seven-b of this title. Any purchase contract for the purchase of such cars shall be made by the authority [~~only upon public letting founded on sealed bids~~] in accordance with the requirements of [~~subdivision two of~~] section twelve hundred nine of this title.

§ 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

1 Section 1. Section 1205 of the public authorities law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 9 to read as follows:

3 9. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law, regulation, or agreement
4 to the contrary in effect as of the effective date of this subdivision,
5 beginning on July first, two thousand twenty-three, the city of New York
6 shall fund one hundred percent of the net paratransit operating expenses
7 of the metropolitan transportation authority, provided that such
8 contribution shall not exceed the maximum paratransit funding contrib-
9 ution for the applicable year.

10 (i) Net paratransit operating expenses shall consist of the total
11 operating expenses of the paratransit program minus the six percent of
12 the urban tax dedicated to paratransit services as of the date of this
13 act and minus any money collected as passenger fares from paratransit
14 operations.

15 (ii) The maximum paratransit funding contribution shall be six hundred
16 two million dollars for two thousand twenty-four and shall increase by
17 ten percent each year through two thousand twenty-eight. During the
18 five-year period beginning two thousand twenty-nine and during each
19 subsequent five-year period, the maximum paratransit funding contrib-
20 ution for the first year shall be one hundred ten percent of the actual
21 amount of the paratransit funding contribution for the immediately
22 preceding year, and shall increase by ten percent each year for the
23 subsequent four years.

24 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law, regulation, or agreement to
25 the contrary in effect as of the effective date of this subdivision,
26 beginning on July first, two thousand twenty-three, the city of New York
27 shall fund one hundred percent of the metropolitan transportation
28 authority's net fare revenue differential resulting from reduced student
29 fare programs for students in grades kindergarten through twelve for
30 travel within the city. Net fare revenue differential shall consist
31 of the total operating expenses of the schoolfare program minus any
32 contribution from the state of New York. The city shall also fund one
33 hundred percent of the metropolitan transportation authority's total
34 administrative expenses for such programs.

35 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law, regulation, or agreement to
36 the contrary in effect as of the effective date of this subdivision,
37 beginning on July first, two thousand twenty-three, the city of New York
38 shall fund annually, in the manner provided by paragraph (f) of this
39 subdivision, an amount equal to forty-seven percent of the funds appro-
40 priated by the state for the purpose of funding the foregone revenues of
41 the metropolitan transportation authority resulting from employers
42 exempted from payment of the metropolitan commuter transportation mobil-
43 ity tax of section eight hundred one of the tax law, by section eight
44 hundred of the tax law.

45 (d) The city of New York shall pay to the metropolitan transportation
46 authority the funding amounts specified in paragraph (a) of this subdi-
47 vision on a monthly basis in the amounts calculated by the metropolitan
48 transportation authority. There shall be an annual reconciliation proc-
49 ess to adjust for any overpayment or underpayment. The city shall
50 provide certification of such payments to the state comptroller and the
51 New York state director of the budget no later than seven days after
52 making each payment. The city certification shall specify the date upon
53 which such payment was made, and the amounts paid pursuant to paragraph
54 (a) of this subdivision.

55 (e) The city of New York shall pay to the metropolitan transportation
56 authority the funding amounts specified in paragraph (b) of this

subdivision on a monthly basis in the amounts calculated by the metropolitan transportation authority. There shall be an annual reconciliation process to adjust for any overpayment or underpayment. The city shall provide certification of such payments to the state comptroller and the New York state director of the budget no later than seven days after making each payment. The city certification shall specify the date upon which such payment was made, and the amounts paid pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision.

(f) The city of New York shall pay to the metropolitan transportation authority the funding amounts specified in paragraph (c) of this subdivision on a monthly basis in the amounts calculated by the metropolitan transportation authority. There shall be an annual reconciliation process to adjust for any overpayment or underpayment. The city shall provide certification of such payments to the state comptroller and the New York state director of the budget no later than seven days after making each payment. The city certification shall specify the date upon which such payment was made, and the amounts paid pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subdivision.

§ 2. Section 92-jj of the state finance law, as added by section 8 of part UUU of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

§ 92-jj. Metropolitan transportation authority paratransit assistance fund. 1. There is hereby established in the custody of the comptroller a special fund to be known as the metropolitan transportation authority paratransit assistance fund.

2. Such fund shall consist of any monies directed thereto pursuant to the provisions of ~~[section seven of the part of the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty which added]~~ subdivision four of this section.

3. All monies deposited into the fund pursuant to ~~[the part of the chapter of the laws of two thousand twenty which added]~~ subdivision four of this section shall be paid to the metropolitan transportation authority by the comptroller, without appropriation, for use in the same manner as the payments required by ~~[section six of such part]~~ paragraph (d) of subdivision nine of section twelve hundred five of the public authorities law, as soon as practicable but not more than five days from the date the comptroller determines that the full amount of the unpaid balance of any payment required by ~~[section seven of such part]~~ subdivision four of this section has been deposited into the fund.

4. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in the event the city of New York fails to certify to the state comptroller and the New York state director of the budget that the city has paid in full any payment for net paratransit operating expenses of the metropolitan transportation authority as required by paragraph (d) of subdivision nine of section twelve hundred five of the public authorities law, the New York state director of the budget shall direct the state comptroller to transfer, collect, or deposit funds in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subdivision in an amount equal to the unpaid balance of any such payment required by paragraph (d) of subdivision nine of section twelve hundred five of the public authorities law, and any such deposits shall be counted against the city's funding obligation for net paratransit operating expenses of the metropolitan transportation authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision nine of section twelve hundred five of the public authorities law. Such direction shall be pursuant to a written plan or plans filed with the state comptroller, the chairperson of the senate finance committee and the chairperson of the assembly ways and means committee.

(b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and as set forth in a plan or plans submitted by the New York state director of the budget pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the state comptroller is hereby directed and authorized to: (i) transfer funds authorized by any undisbursed general fund aid to localities appropriations or state special revenue fund aid to localities appropriations, excluding debt service, fiduciary, and federal fund appropriations, to the city to the metropolitan transportation authority paratransit assistance fund established by this section in accordance with such plan; and/or (ii) collect and deposit into the metropolitan transportation authority paratransit assistance fund established by this section funds from any other revenue source of the city, including the sales and use tax, in accordance with such plan. The state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to make such transfers, collections and deposits as soon as practicable but not more than three days following the transmittal of such plan to the comptroller in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state's obligation and/or liability to fund any program included in general fund aid to localities appropriations or state special revenue fund aid to localities appropriations from which funds are transferred pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision shall be reduced in an amount equal to such transfer or transfers.

§ 3. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 92-kk to read as follows:

§ 92-kk. Metropolitan transportation authority schoolfare assistance fund. 1. There is hereby established in the custody of the comptroller a special fund to be known as the metropolitan transportation authority schoolfare assistance fund.

2. Such fund shall consist of any monies directed thereto pursuant to the provisions of subdivision four of this section.

3. All monies deposited into the fund pursuant to subdivision four of this section shall be paid to the metropolitan transportation authority by the comptroller, without appropriation, for use in the same manner as the payments required by paragraph (e) of subdivision nine of section twelve hundred five of the public authorities law, as soon as practicable but not more than five days from the date the comptroller determines that the full amount of the unpaid balance of any payment required by subdivision four of this section has been deposited into the fund.

4. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in the event the city of New York fails to certify to the state comptroller and the New York state director of the budget that the city has paid in full any payment for student fare expenses of the metropolitan transportation authority as required by paragraph (e) of subdivision nine of section twelve hundred five of the public authorities law, the New York state director of the budget shall direct the state comptroller to transfer, collect, or deposit funds in accordance with paragraph (b) of this subdivision in an amount equal to the unpaid balance of any such payment required by paragraph (e) of subdivision nine of section twelve hundred five of the public authorities law, and any such deposits shall be counted against the city's funding obligation for student fare expenses of the metropolitan transportation authority pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision nine of section twelve hundred five of the public authorities law. Such direction shall be pursuant to a written plan or plans filed with the state comptroller, the chairperson of the

1 senate finance committee and the chairperson of the assembly ways and
2 means committee.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and as set
4 forth in a plan or plans submitted by the New York state director of the
5 budget pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the state comp-
6 troller is hereby directed and authorized to: (i) transfer funds author-
7 ized by any undisbursed general fund aid to localities appropriations or
8 state special revenue fund aid to localities appropriations, excluding
9 debt service, fiduciary, and federal fund appropriations, to the city to
10 the metropolitan transportation authority schoolfare assistance fund
11 established by this section in accordance with such plan; and/or (ii)
12 collect and deposit into the metropolitan transportation authority
13 schoolfare assistance fund established by this section funds from any
14 other revenue source of the city, including the sales and use tax, in
15 accordance with such plan. The state comptroller is hereby authorized
16 and directed to make such transfers, collections and deposits as
17 soon as practicable but not more than three days following the trans-
18 mittal of such plan to the comptroller in accordance with paragraph
19 (a) of this subdivision.

20 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state's
21 obligation and/or liability to fund any program included in general fund
22 aid to localities appropriations or state special revenue fund aid to
23 localities appropriations from which funds are transferred pursuant to
24 paragraph (b) of this subdivision shall be reduced in an amount equal to
25 such transfer or transfers.

26 § 4. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 92-11 to
27 read as follows:

28 § 92-11. Metropolitan transportation authority assistance fund. 1.
29 There is hereby established in the custody of the comptroller a special
30 fund to be known as the metropolitan transportation authority assistance
31 fund.

32 2. Such fund shall consist of any monies directed thereto pursuant to
33 the provisions of subdivision four of this section.

34 3. All monies deposited into the fund pursuant to subdivision four of
35 this section shall be paid to the metropolitan transportation authority
36 by the comptroller, without appropriation, for use in the same manner as
37 the payments required by paragraph (f) of subdivision nine of section
38 twelve hundred five of the public authorities law, as soon as practica-
39 ble but not more than five days from the date the comptroller determines
40 that the full amount of the unpaid balance of any payment required by
41 subdivision four of this section has been deposited into the fund.

42 4. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, in the
43 event the city of New York fails to certify to the state comptroller and
44 the New York state director of the budget that the city has paid in full
45 any payment to the metropolitan transportation authority as required by
46 paragraph (f) of subdivision nine of section twelve hundred five of the
47 public authorities law, the New York state director of the budget shall
48 direct the state comptroller to transfer, collect, or deposit funds in
49 accordance with paragraph (b) of this subdivision in an amount equal to
50 the unpaid balance of any such payment required by paragraph (f) of
51 subdivision nine of section twelve hundred five of the public authori-
52 ties law, and any such deposits shall be counted against the city's
53 funding obligation to the metropolitan transportation authority pursuant
54 to paragraph (c) of subdivision nine of section twelve hundred five of
55 the public authorities law. Such direction shall be pursuant to a writ-
56 ten plan or plans filed with the state comptroller, the chairperson of

1 the senate finance committee and the chairperson of the assembly ways
2 and means committee.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and as set
4 forth in a plan or plans submitted by the New York state director of the
5 budget pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the state comp-
6 troller is hereby directed and authorized to: (i) transfer funds author-
7 ized by any undisbursed general fund aid to localities appropriations or
8 state special revenue fund aid to localities appropriations, excluding
9 debt service, fiduciary, and federal fund appropriations, to the city to
10 the metropolitan transportation authority assistance fund established by
11 this section in accordance with such plan; and/or (ii) collect and
12 deposit into the metropolitan transportation authority assistance fund
13 established by this section funds from any other revenue source of the
14 city, including the sales and use tax, in accordance with such plan. The
15 state comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to make such trans-
16 fers, collections and deposits as soon as practicable but not more than
17 three days following the transmittal of such plan to the comptroller in
18 accordance with paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

19 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the state's
20 obligation and/or liability to fund any program included in general fund
21 aid to localities appropriations or state special revenue fund aid to
22 localities appropriations from which funds are transferred pursuant to
23 paragraph (b) of this subdivision shall be reduced in an amount equal to
24 such transfer or transfers.

25 § 5. Section 9 of part UUU of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, amending
26 the state finance law relating to providing funding for the Metropolitan
27 Transportation Authority 2020-2024 capital program and paratransit oper-
28 ating expenses, is amended to read as follows:

29 § 9. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that sections
30 five through seven of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed June
31 30, ~~2024~~ 2023; and provided further that such repeal shall not affect
32 or otherwise reduce amounts owed to the metropolitan transportation
33 authority paratransit assistance fund to meet the city's share of the
34 net paratransit operating expenses of the MTA for services provided
35 prior to June 30, ~~2024~~ 2023.

36 § 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

37 PART E

38 Section 1. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 2 of subsection (a) of
39 section 2504 of the insurance law is amended to read as follows:

40 (B) the city of New York, a public corporation or public authority, in
41 connection with the construction of electrical generating and trans-
42 mission facilities or construction, reconstruction, extensions ~~[and]~~ or
43 additions of light rail or heavy rail rapid transit ~~[and]~~, commuter
44 railroads, bus facilities, bridges, tunnels, central business district
45 tolling facilities, and facilities related to or ancillary to any of the
46 foregoing. For the purposes of this section, light rail or heavy rail
47 rapid transit, commuter railroads, bus facilities, bridges, tunnels,
48 central business district tolling facilities, and facilities related to
49 or ancillary to any of the foregoing refer to projects delivered by the
50 metropolitan transportation authority and its subsidiaries and affil-
51 iates that are defined as "transportation facilities" in subdivision
52 seventeen of section twelve hundred sixty one of the public authorities
53 law, or "project" as defined in subdivision six of section five hundred
54 fifty one of the public authorities law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART F

Section 1. Subdivision 5-a of section 401 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph d to read as follows:

d. It shall be unlawful for any person to register, reregister, renew, replace or transfer the registration, change the name, address or other information of the registered owner, or change the registration classification of any vehicle whose vehicle identification number is associated with a vehicle whose registration has been suspended, or is subject to a pending request from a tolling authority to suspend the registration, under paragraph d of subdivision three of section five hundred ten of this chapter and 15 NYCRR 127.14. The commissioner or the commissioner's agent shall impose a vehicle identification number block and deny the registration, reregistration, renewal, replacement or transfer of the registration for such vehicle and vehicle identification number until the tolling authority advises, in such form and manner as the commissioner shall prescribe, that notices of violation have been responded to and any unpaid tolls, fees or other charges associated with the vehicle and the vehicle identification number have been paid to the tolling authority. Where an application is denied pursuant to this paragraph, the commissioner may, in the commissioner's discretion, deny a registration, reregistration, renewal, replacement or transfer of the registration for any other motor vehicle registered in the name of the applicant where the commissioner has determined that such registrant's intent has been to evade the purposes of this paragraph and where the commissioner has reasonable grounds to believe that such registration, reregistration, renewal, replacement or transfer of registration will have the effect of defeating the purposes of this paragraph. Such vehicle identification number block and denial shall only remain in effect until the tolling authority advises, in such form and manner as the commissioner shall prescribe, that notices of violation have been responded to and any unpaid tolls, fees or other charges associated with the vehicle and the vehicle identification number have been paid to the tolling authority.

§ 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 402 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 451 of the laws of 2021, is amended and a new paragraph (c) is added to read as follows:

(b) (i) Number plates shall be kept clean and in a condition so as to be easily readable and shall not be covered by glass or any plastic material.

(ii) Number plates shall not be knowingly covered or coated with any artificial or synthetic material or substance that conceals or obscures such number plates or that distorts a recorded or photographic image of such number plates.

(iii) The view of such number plates shall not be obstructed by any part of the vehicle or by anything carried thereon[, ~~except for a receiver-transmitter issued by a publicly owned tolling facility in connection with electronic toll collection when such receiver-transmitter is affixed to the exterior of a vehicle in accordance with mounting instructions provided by the tolling facility~~].

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision, it shall be unlawful for any person to operate, drive or park a motor vehicle on a toll highway, bridge and/or tunnel facility or enter or remain in the tolled central business district described in section seventeen hundred

four of this chapter, under the jurisdiction of the tolling authority, if such number plate is covered by glass or any plastic material, or covered or coated with any artificial or synthetic material or substance that conceals or obscures such number plates or that distorts a recorded or photographic image of such number plates. The view of such number plates shall not be obstructed by any part of the vehicle or by anything carried thereon, except for a receiver-transmitter issued by a publicly owned tolling authority in connection with electronic toll collection when such receiver-transmitter is affixed to the exterior of a vehicle in accordance with mounting instructions provided by the tolling authority. For purposes of this paragraph, "tolling authority" shall mean every public authority which operates a toll highway, bridge and/or tunnel or a central business district tolling program, as well as the port authority of New York and New Jersey, a bi-state agency created by compact set forth in chapter one hundred fifty-four of the laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one, as amended.

§ 3. Subdivision 8 of section 402 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 451 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

8. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars, except that: (a) a violation of subparagraph (ii) or subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than three hundred dollars; and (b) a violation of paragraph (c) of subdivision one of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than five hundred dollars. A police officer as defined in section one hundred thirty-two of this chapter acting pursuant to this section shall be authorized to seize and confiscate any covering affixed over the number plates which obscures the ability to easily read such number plates, except that in the event of such seizure and confiscation a violation of paragraph (b) or (c) of subdivision one of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars and the owner of the vehicle to whom such number plates were issued shall have one week from the date such violation is issued to remove, if not done by a police officer pursuant to this section, any artificial or synthetic material or substance that conceals or obscures such number plates or to purchase new number plates.

§ 4. Section 510 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4-h to read as follows:

4-h. Suspension of registration for failure to comply with removing any artificial or synthetic material or substance that conceals or obscures number plates or the purchase of new number plates. Upon the receipt of a notification from a court or an administrative tribunal that an owner of a motor vehicle failed to comply with subdivision eight of section four hundred two of this chapter, the commissioner or his or her agent shall suspend the registration of the vehicle involved in the violation and such suspension shall remain in effect until such time as the commissioner is advised that the owner of such vehicle has satisfied the requirements of such subdivision.

§ 5. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before such date.

1 Section 1. Section 45 of chapter 929 of the laws of 1986 amending the
2 tax law and other laws relating to the metropolitan transportation
3 authority, as amended by chapter 120 of the laws of 2021, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 § 45. This act shall take effect immediately; except that: (a) para-
6 graph (d) of subdivision 3 of section 1263 of the public authorities
7 law, as added by section twenty-six of this act, shall be deemed to have
8 been in full force and effect on and after August 5, 1986; (b) sections
9 thirty-three and thirty-four of this act shall not apply to a certified
10 or recognized public employee organization which represents any public
11 employees described in subdivision 16 of section 1204 of the public
12 authorities law and such sections shall expire on July 1, ~~2023~~ 2025
13 and nothing contained within these sections shall be construed to divest
14 the public employment relations board or any court of competent juris-
15 diction of the full power or authority to enforce any order made by the
16 board or such court prior to the effective date of this act; (c) the
17 provisions of section thirty-five of this act shall expire on March 31,
18 1987; and (d) provided, however, the commissioner of taxation and
19 finance shall have the power to enforce the provisions of sections two
20 through nine of this act beyond December 31, 1990 to enable such commis-
21 sioner to collect any liabilities incurred prior to January 1, 1991.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

23 PART H

24 Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 120.05 of the penal law, as
25 amended by chapter 233 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as
26 follows:

27 11. With intent to cause physical injury to a train operator, ticket
28 inspector, conductor, signalperson, bus operator, station agent, station
29 cleaner, terminal cleaner, station customer assistant, traffic checker;
30 person whose official duties include the sale or collection of tickets,
31 passes, vouchers, or other revenue payment media for use on a train or
32 bus or the collection or handling of revenues therefrom; a person whose
33 official duties include the maintenance, repair, inspection, trouble-
34 shooting, testing or cleaning of buses, a transit signal system,
35 elevated or underground subway tracks, transit station structure,
36 including fare equipment, escalators, elevators and other equipment
37 necessary to passenger service, commuter rail tracks or stations, train
38 yard, revenue train in passenger service, or a train or bus station or
39 terminal; or a supervisor of such personnel, employed by any transit or
40 commuter rail agency, authority or company, public or private, whose
41 operation is authorized by New York state or any of its political subdi-
42 visions, a city marshal, a school crossing guard appointed pursuant to
43 section two hundred eight-a of the general municipal law, a traffic
44 enforcement officer, traffic enforcement agent, motor vehicle license
45 examiner, motor vehicle representative, highway worker as defined in
46 section one hundred eighteen-a of the vehicle and traffic law, motor
47 carrier investigator as defined in section one hundred twenty-four of
48 the vehicle and traffic law, motor vehicle inspector as defined in
49 section one hundred twenty-four-a of the vehicle and traffic law, prose-
50 cutor as defined in subdivision thirty-one of section 1.20 of the crimi-
51 nal procedure law, sanitation enforcement agent, New York city sanita-
52 tion worker, public health sanitarian, New York city public health
53 sanitarian, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, emergency
54 medical service paramedic, or emergency medical service technician, he

1 or she causes physical injury to such train operator, ticket inspector,
2 conductor, signalperson, bus operator, station agent, station cleaner,
3 terminal cleaner, station customer assistant, traffic checker; person
4 whose official duties include the sale or collection of tickets, passes,
5 vouchers or other revenue payment media for use on a train or bus or the
6 collection or handling of revenues therefrom; a person whose official
7 duties include the maintenance, repair, inspection, troubleshooting,
8 testing or cleaning of buses, a transit signal system, elevated or
9 underground subway tracks, transit station structure, including fare
10 equipment, escalators, elevators and other equipment necessary to
11 passenger service, commuter rail tracks or stations, train yard, revenue
12 train in passenger service, or a train or bus station or terminal; or a
13 supervisor of such personnel, city marshal, school crossing guard
14 appointed pursuant to section two hundred eight-a of the general municipal
15 law, traffic enforcement officer, traffic enforcement agent, motor
16 vehicle license examiner, motor vehicle representative, highway worker
17 as defined in section one hundred eighteen-a of the vehicle and traffic
18 law, motor carrier investigator as defined in section one hundred twenty-
19 four of the vehicle and traffic law, motor vehicle inspector as
20 defined in section one hundred twenty-four-a of the vehicle and traffic
21 law, prosecutor as defined in subdivision thirty-one of section 1.20 of
22 the criminal procedure law, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,
23 public health sanitarian, New York city public health sanitarian, sani-
24 tation enforcement agent, New York city sanitation worker, emergency
25 medical service paramedic, or emergency medical service technician,
26 while such employee is performing an assigned duty on, or directly
27 related to, the operation of a train or bus, cleaning of a train or bus
28 station or terminal, assisting customers, checking traffic, the sale or
29 collection of tickets, passes, vouchers, or other revenue media for use
30 on a train or bus, or maintenance or cleaning of a train, a bus, or bus
31 station or terminal, signal system, elevated or underground subway
32 tracks, transit station structure, including fare equipment, escalators,
33 elevators and other equipment necessary to passenger service, commuter
34 rail tracks or stations, train yard or revenue train in passenger
35 service, or such city marshal, school crossing guard, traffic enforce-
36 ment officer, traffic enforcement agent, motor vehicle license examiner,
37 motor vehicle representative, highway worker as defined in section one
38 hundred eighteen-a of the vehicle and traffic law, motor carrier inves-
39 tigator as defined in section one hundred twenty-four of the vehicle and
40 traffic law, motor vehicle inspector as defined in section one hundred
41 twenty-four-a of the vehicle and traffic law, prosecutor as defined in
42 subdivision thirty-one of section 1.20 of the criminal procedure law,
43 registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, public health sanitarian,
44 New York city public health sanitarian, sanitation enforcement agent,
45 New York city sanitation worker, emergency medical service paramedic, or
46 emergency medical service technician is performing an assigned duty; or
47 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding three new
48 sections 118-a, 124 and 124-a to read as follows:

49 § 118-a. Highway worker. Any person employed by or on behalf of the
50 state, a county, city, town, village, a public authority, local authori-
51 ty, public utility company, or an agent or contractor of any such enti-
52 ty, or a flagperson as defined in section one hundred fifteen-b of this
53 article, who has been assigned to perform work on a highway, public
54 highway, roadway, access highway, or qualifying highway, or within the
55 state highway right of way, as defined in section fifty-two of the high-
56 way law. Such work may include, but shall not be limited to:

construction, reconstruction, maintenance, improvement, flagging, utility installation, or the operation of equipment.

§ 124. Motor carrier investigator. Any person employed by the department of transportation who has been assigned to perform investigations of any motor carriers regulated by the commissioner of transportation.

§ 124-a. Motor vehicle inspector. Any person employed by the department of transportation who has been assigned to perform inspections of any motor vehicles regulated by the commissioner of transportation.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

PART I

Section 1. Paragraph (k-2) of subdivision 2 of section 65.10 of the penal law, as added by section 1 of part VV of chapter 56 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

(k-2) (i) Refrain, upon sentencing for a crime involving unlawful sexual conduct or assault committed against either a metropolitan transportation authority system passenger[, or customer, or an employee [~~or a crime involving assault against a metropolitan transportation authority employee,~~]] of the metropolitan transportation authority system or any contractor then performing work for any entity of the system, if the offense was committed in or [~~on~~] adjacent to any facility or conveyance of the [~~metropolitan transportation authority or a subsidiary thereof or the New York city transit authority or a subsidiary thereof~~] authority's transportation system, from using or entering any of [~~such~~] the authority's subways, trains, buses, or other conveyances or facilities as specified by the court for a period of up to three years, or a specified period of such probation or conditional discharge, whichever is less. For purposes of this section, a crime involving assault shall mean an offense described in article one hundred twenty of this chapter which has as an element the causing of physical injury or serious physical injury to another as well as the attempt thereof. If the sentence imposed by the court includes a period of incarceration followed by a period of probation or conditional discharge, then the court may impose conditions under this paragraph to be operative only during the period of probation or conditional discharge. Orders under this paragraph may extend to any part of the metropolitan transportation authority system in the court's discretion, including parts of the system outside the county where the sentencing judge sits.

(ii) The court may, in its discretion, suspend, modify or cancel a condition imposed under this paragraph in the interest of justice at any time. If the person depends on the authority's subways, trains, buses, or other conveyances or facilities for trips of necessity, including, but not limited to, travel to or from medical or legal appointments, school or training classes or places of employment, obtaining food, clothing or necessary household items, or rendering care to family members, the court may modify such condition to allow for a trip or trips as in its discretion are necessary.

(iii) A person at liberty and subject to a condition under this paragraph who applies, within thirty days after the date such condition becomes effective, for a refund of any prepaid fare amounts rendered unusable in whole or in part by such condition including, but not limited to, a monthly pass, shall be issued a refund of the amounts so prepaid.

(iv) Any order issued pursuant to this section, whether imposing a ban or modifying one, shall be served on the metropolitan transportation authority as directed by the court.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART J

Section 1. Section 3 of part FF of chapter 55 of the laws of 2017, relating to motor vehicles equipped with autonomous vehicle technology, as amended by section 1 of part GG of chapter 58 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

§ 3. This act shall take effect April 1, 2017; provided, however, that section one of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed April 1, ~~2023~~ 2024.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART K

Section 1. Paragraphs 26 and 27 of subdivision (a) of section 1642 of the vehicle and traffic law, paragraph 26 as added and paragraph 27 as amended by chapter 248 of the laws of 2014, are amended to read as follows:

26. (a) With respect to highways (which term for the purposes of this paragraph shall include private roads open to public motor vehicle traffic) in such city, other than state highways maintained by the state on which the department of transportation shall have established higher or lower speed limits than the statutory fifty-five miles per hour speed limit as provided in section sixteen hundred twenty of this title, or on which the department of transportation shall have designated that such city shall not establish any maximum speed limit as provided in section sixteen hundred twenty-four of this title, subject to the limitations imposed by section sixteen hundred eighty-four of this title, establishment of maximum speed limits at which vehicles may proceed within such city or within designated areas of such city higher or lower than the fifty-five miles per hour maximum statutory limit. No such speed limit applicable throughout such city or within designated areas of such city shall be established at less than ~~twenty-five~~ twenty miles per hour, except that school speed limits may be established at no less than ~~fifteen~~ ten miles per hour ~~pursuant to~~ notwithstanding the provisions of section sixteen hundred forty-three of this article.

(b) A city shall not lower or raise a speed limit by more than five miles per hour pursuant to this paragraph unless such city provides written notice and an opportunity to comment to the community board or community boards established pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred of the New York city charter with jurisdiction over the area in which the lower or higher speed limit shall apply. Such notice may be provided by electronic mail and shall be provided sixty days prior to the establishment of such lower or higher speed limit.

27. (a) Establishment of maximum speed limits below ~~twenty-five~~ twenty miles per hour at which motor vehicles may proceed on or along designated highways within such city for the explicit purpose of implementing traffic calming measures as such term is defined herein; provided, however, that no speed limit shall be set below ~~fifteen~~ ten miles per hour nor shall such speed limit be established where the traffic calming measure to be implemented consists solely of a traffic control sign. Establishment of such a speed limit shall, where applica-

ble, be in compliance with the provisions of sections sixteen hundred twenty-four and sixteen hundred eighty-four of this ~~[chapter]~~ title. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to alter or affect the establishment of school speed limits pursuant to the provisions of section sixteen hundred forty-three of this article, provided that the school speed limit set forth in paragraph twenty-six of this subdivision shall apply in any city to which this section is applicable. For the purposes of this paragraph, "traffic calming measures" shall mean any physical engineering measure or measures that reduce the negative effects of motor vehicle use, alter driver behavior and improve conditions for non-motorized street users such as pedestrians and bicyclists.

(b) Any city establishing maximum speed limits below ~~[twenty-five]~~ twenty miles per hour pursuant to clause (i) of this subparagraph shall submit a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly on or before March first, two thousand fifteen and biannually thereafter on the results of using traffic calming measures and speed limits lower than ~~[twenty-five]~~ twenty miles per hour as authorized by this paragraph. This report shall also be made available to the public by such city on its website. Such report shall include, but not be limited to the following:

(i) a description of the designated highways where traffic calming measures and a lower speed limit were established ~~[and]~~;

(ii) a description of the specific traffic calming measures used and the maximum speed limit established; and

(iii) a comparison of the aggregate type, number, and severity of accidents reported on streets on which street calming measures and lower speed limits were implemented in the year preceding the implementation of such measures and policies and the year following the implementation of such measures and policies, to the extent this information is maintained by any agency of the state or the city.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART L

Section 1. Subparagraph 3 of paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 1193 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 732 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

(3) In no event shall a new license be issued where a person has been twice convicted of a violation of ~~[subdivision]~~ any combination of, subdivision two, two-a, three, four or four-a of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this article ~~[or of driving while intoxicated or of driving while ability is impaired by the use of a drug or of driving while ability is impaired by the combined influence of drugs or of alcohol and any drug or drugs]~~, or of sections 120.03, 120.04, 120.04-a, 125.12, 125.13, or 125.14 of the penal law, where physical injury, as defined in section 10.00 of the penal law, has resulted from such offense in each instance.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART M

Section 1. Subdivisions 3 and 3-a of section 205 of the vehicle and traffic law, subdivision 3 as amended by section 3 of part G of chapter 59 of the laws of 2008, and subdivision 3-a as added by section 1 of part F of chapter 58 of the laws of 2012, are amended to read as follows:

1 3. Each such county clerk shall retain from fees collected for any
2 motor vehicle related service described in subdivision one of this
3 section processed by such county clerk an amount based on a percentage
4 of gross receipts collected. For purposes of this section, the term
5 "gross receipts" shall include all fines, fees and penalties collected
6 pursuant to this chapter by a county clerk acting as agent of the
7 commissioner, but shall not include any state or local sales or compen-
8 sating use taxes imposed under or pursuant to the authority of articles
9 twenty-eight and twenty-nine of the tax law and collected by such clerk
10 on behalf of the commissioner of taxation and finance. The retention
11 percentage shall be ~~[12.7]~~ 10.75 percent ~~[and shall take effect April~~
12 ~~first, nineteen hundred ninety nine; provided, however, the retention~~
13 ~~percentage shall be thirty percent of the thirty dollar fee established~~
14 ~~in paragraph (e) of subdivision two of section four hundred ninety one~~
15 ~~and paragraph f one of subdivision two of section five hundred three of~~
16 ~~this chapter]~~.

17 3-a. In addition to the fees retained pursuant to subdivision three of
18 this section, each county clerk acting as the agent of the commissioner
19 pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall retain ~~[four percent]~~
20 a percentage of "enhanced internet and electronic partner revenue"
21 collected by the commissioner. For the purposes of this subdivision,
22 "enhanced internet and electronic partner revenue" shall mean the amount
23 of gross receipts attributable to all transactions conducted on the
24 internet by residents of such county and by designated partners of the
25 department on behalf of such residents for the current calendar year
26 ~~[that exceeds the amount of such revenue collected by the commissioner~~
27 ~~during calendar year two thousand eleven]~~. The commissioner shall certi-
28 fy the amounts to be retained by each county clerk pursuant to this
29 subdivision. ~~[Provided, however, that if the aggregate amount of fees~~
30 ~~retained by county clerks pursuant to this subdivision in calendar years~~
31 ~~two thousand twelve and two thousand thirteen combined exceeds eighty-~~
32 ~~eight million five hundred thousand dollars, then the percentage of fees~~
33 ~~to be retained thereafter shall be reduced to a percentage that, if~~
34 ~~applied to the fees collected during calendar years two thousand twelve~~
35 ~~and two thousand thirteen combined, would have resulted in an aggregate~~
36 ~~retention of eighty-eight million five hundred thousand dollars or 2.5~~
37 ~~percent of enhanced internet and electronic partner revenue, whichever~~
38 ~~is higher. If the aggregate amount of fees retained by county clerks~~
39 ~~pursuant to this subdivision in calendar years two thousand twelve and~~
40 ~~two thousand thirteen combined is less than eighty-eight million five~~
41 ~~hundred thousand dollars, then the percentage of fees to be retained~~
42 ~~thereafter shall be increased to a percentage that, if applied to the~~
43 ~~fees collected during calendar years two thousand twelve and two thou-~~
44 ~~sand thirteen combined, would have resulted in an aggregate retention of~~
45 ~~eighty-eight million five hundred thousand dollars, or six percent of~~
46 ~~enhanced internet and electronic partner revenue, whichever is less. On~~
47 ~~and after April first, two thousand sixteen, the percent of enhanced~~
48 ~~internet and electronic partner revenue to be retained by county clerks~~
49 ~~shall be the average of the annual percentages that were in effect~~
50 ~~between April first, two thousand twelve and March thirty-first, two~~
51 ~~thousand sixteen.]~~ The retention percentage shall be 10.75 percent.

52 § 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.

1 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 237 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law, as amended by chapter 458 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read
3 as follows:

4 2. To provide for penalties other than imprisonment for (a) parking
5 violations in accordance with a schedule of monetary fines and penal-
6 ties, provided however, that monetary penalties shall not exceed fifty
7 dollars for each parking violation other than (i) in a city with a popu-
8 lation of one million or more, violations committed in spaces where
9 stopping or standing is prohibited for which monetary penalties shall
10 not exceed one hundred dollars and, (ii) handicapped parking violations
11 for which monetary penalties shall not exceed one hundred fifty dollars;
12 and (b) abandoned vehicle violations, except in a city with a population
13 of one million or more, provided however, that monetary penalties shall
14 not be less than two hundred fifty dollars nor more than one thousand
15 dollars for each abandoned vehicle violation; and (c) a city with a
16 population of one million or more may impose a monetary penalty of up to
17 ~~two~~ four hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars for a first offense and up to five
18 hundred twenty-five dollars for subsequent offenses within a six month
19 period for tractor-trailer combinations, tractors, truck trailers and
20 semi-trailers parked overnight on streets in residential neighborhoods;

21 § 2. Subdivision 2 of section 238 of the vehicle and traffic law, as
22 amended by chapter 224 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 2. A notice of violation shall be served personally upon the operator
25 of a motor vehicle who is present at the time of service, and his name,
26 together with the plate designation and the plate type as shown by the
27 registration plates of said vehicle and the expiration date, provided
28 that the vehicle identification number may be inserted in such notice in
29 place of or in addition to the plate designation and plate type; the
30 make or model, and, provided that a body type is indicated on the regis-
31 tration sticker of said vehicle, the body type of said vehicle; a
32 description of the charged violation, including but not limited to a
33 reference to the applicable traffic rule or provision of this chapter;
34 information as to the days and hours the applicable rule or provision of
35 this chapter is in effect, unless always in effect pursuant to rule or
36 this chapter and where appropriate the word ALL when the days and/or
37 hours in effect are everyday and/or twenty-four hours a day; the meter
38 number for a meter violation, where appropriate; and the date, time and
39 particular place of occurrence of the charged violation, shall be
40 inserted therein. A mere listing of a meter number in cases of charged
41 meter violations shall not be deemed to constitute a sufficient
42 description of a particular place of occurrence for purposes of this
43 subdivision. The notice of violation shall be served upon the owner of
44 the motor vehicle if the operator is not present, by affixing such
45 notice to said vehicle in a conspicuous place. Whenever such notice is
46 so affixed, in lieu of inserting the name of the person charged with the
47 violation in the space provided for the identification of said person,
48 the words "owner of the vehicle bearing license" may be inserted to be
49 followed by the plate designation and plate type as shown by the regis-
50 tration plates of said vehicle together with the expiration date,
51 provided that the vehicle identification number may be inserted in such
52 notice in place of or in addition to the plate designation and plate
53 type; the make or model, and, provided that a body type is indicated on
54 the registration sticker of said vehicle, the body type of said vehicle;
55 a description of the charged violation, including but not limited to a
56 reference to the applicable traffic rule or provision of this chapter;

1 information as to the days and hours the applicable rule or provision of
2 this chapter is in effect unless always in effect pursuant to rule or
3 this chapter and where appropriate the word ALL when the days and/or
4 hours in effect are every day and/or twenty-four hours a day; the meter
5 number for a meter violation where appropriate; and the date, time and
6 particular place of occurrence of the charged violation. Service of the
7 notice of violation, or a duplicate thereof by affixation as herein
8 provided shall have the same force and effect and shall be subject to
9 the same penalties for disregard thereof as though the same was
10 personally served with the name of the person charged with the violation
11 inserted therein.

12 § 3. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2-a of section 238 of the vehicle
13 and traffic law, as added by chapter 224 of the laws of 1995, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 (a) Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of subdivision two of
16 this section, where the plate type or the expiration date are not shown
17 on either the registration plates or sticker of a vehicle or where the
18 registration sticker is covered, faded, defaced or mutilated so that it
19 is unreadable, or cannot be located on such vehicle, the plate type or
20 the expiration date may be omitted from the notice of violation;
21 provided, however, [~~such~~] that the condition of such plates or sticker
22 must be so described and inserted on the notice of violation.

23 § 4. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 2-a of section
24 238 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 409 of the laws
25 of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

26 (ii) Notice shall be served on the owner by mail to the last known
27 registered address within six years of the dismissal or within two years
28 of the time that the enforcing authority discovers, or could with
29 reasonable diligence have discovered, that the dismissal was procured
30 due to the knowing fraud, false testimony, misrepresentation, or other
31 misconduct, or the knowing alteration of a notice of parking violation,
32 by the person so charged or his or her agent, employee, or represen-
33 tative. Such notice shall fix a time when and place where a hearing
34 shall be held before a hearing examiner to determine whether or not
35 dismissal of a charged parking violation shall be set aside. Such notice
36 shall set forth the basis for setting aside the dismissal and advise the
37 owner that failure to appear at the date and time indicated in such
38 notice shall be deemed an admission of liability and shall result in the
39 setting aside of the dismissal and entry of a determination on the
40 charged parking violation. Such notice shall also contain a warning
41 that civil penalties may be imposed for the violation pursuant to this
42 paragraph and that a default judgment may be entered thereon.

43 § 5. Section 242 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a
44 new subdivision 3-a to read as follows:

45 3-a. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, an
46 appeal shall be conducted only when an appellant has either:

47 (a) posted a bond in the amount of the determination appealed from; or
48 (b) paid to the parking violations bureau the following penalties and
49 surcharges, as applicable:

50 (i) any penalty imposed pursuant to a notice of liability issued
51 pursuant to a program authorized by section three hundred eighty-five-a,
52 eleven hundred eleven-a, eleven hundred eleven-c, or eleven hundred
53 eighty-b of this chapter, other than any additional penalty imposed for
54 failure to respond to a notice of liability within the prescribed time
55 period; and

(ii) any surcharge levied pursuant to a notice of violation issued in accordance with sections eighteen hundred nine-a and eighteen hundred nine-b of this chapter.

§ 6. Subdivision 6 of section 242 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 515 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

6. When charges have been overturned by ~~[a court or]~~ any ~~[other]~~ administrative body or officer, the party in whose favor the appeal is decided shall be entitled to have returned an amount equal to any fine or penalty imposed and collected from the parking violations bureau within thirty days of the entry of the judgement; provided, however, that such ~~[court]~~ administrative body or officer shall have the authority to lessen from such amount any debt owed by such party and shall apply this amount to any outstanding fines and penalties owed by the same individual. If payment is not made within thirty days, a penalty shall accrue at the same rate as that imposed for failure to make timely payment of a fine and shall be paid by the parking violations bureau.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that section four of this act shall apply with respect to any determination made on or after the first day of the first month succeeding the sixtieth day after this act shall have become a law.

PART 0

Section 1. Paragraph b of subdivision 9 of section 140 of the transportation law, as amended by chapter 9 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

b. (i) Whenever ~~[an altered motor vehicle commonly referred to as a "stretch limousine"]~~ a passenger carrying motor vehicle subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner in accordance with this section and section eighty of this chapter has failed an inspection and been placed out-of-service, the commissioner may direct a police officer or his or her agent to immediately secure possession of the number plates of such vehicle and return the same to the commissioner of motor vehicles. The commissioner shall notify the commissioner of motor vehicles to that effect, and the commissioner of motor vehicles shall thereupon suspend the registration of such vehicle until such time as the commissioner gives notice that the out-of-service defect has been satisfactorily adjusted. Provided, however, that the commissioner shall give notice and an opportunity to be heard within not more than thirty days of the suspension. Failure of the holder or of any person possessing such plates to deliver to the commissioner or his or her agent who requests the same pursuant to this paragraph shall be a misdemeanor. The commissioner of motor vehicles shall have the authority to deny a registration or renewal application to any other person for the same vehicle where it has been determined that such registrant's intent has been to evade the purposes of this paragraph and where the commissioner of motor vehicles has reasonable grounds to believe that such registration or renewal will have the effect of defeating the purposes of this paragraph. The procedure on any such suspension shall be the same as in the case of a suspension under the vehicle and traffic law. Operation of such motor vehicle while under suspension as provided in this subdivision shall constitute a class A misdemeanor.

(ii) (a) Upon the seizure of number plates pursuant to subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, if the out-of-service defect is of a type where pursuant to the commissioner's regulations no inspection certificate will be issued until the defect is repaired and a re-inspection is

1 conducted, or is related to its horn, and the commissioner determines
2 that allowing the [altered] motor vehicle to leave the inspection area
3 would be contrary to public safety, the commissioner may: (A) remove or
4 arrange for the removal of, or may direct any police officer to remove
5 or arrange for the removal of, the [altered] motor vehicle to a non-
6 public garage or other place of safety where it shall remain impounded,
7 subject to the provisions of this section; or (B) immobilize or arrange
8 for the immobilization of the [altered] motor vehicle on premises owned
9 or under the control of the owner of such [altered] motor vehicle,
10 subject to the provisions of this section. The [altered] motor vehicle
11 shall be entered into the New York statewide police information network
12 as an impounded or immobilized vehicle and the commissioner shall
13 promptly notify the owner that the [altered] motor vehicle has been
14 impounded or immobilized and the reason or reasons for such impoundment
15 or immobilization, and give such owner an opportunity to be heard within
16 not more than thirty days of the suspension imposed pursuant to subpara-
17 graph (i) of this paragraph.

18 (b) A motor vehicle so impounded or immobilized shall be in the custo-
19 dy of the commissioner and shall not be released unless the commissioner
20 is satisfied that repairs have been scheduled or been made to satisfac-
21 torily adjust such vehicle's out-of-service defect or defects and such
22 vehicle has been re-inspected.

23 (c) The commissioner shall provide written notice to the owner or
24 operator of the service repair shop or impoundment lot informing them
25 that such impounded vehicle shall not be released without the written
26 approval of the commissioner. Release of such impounded vehicle without
27 approval by the commissioner shall be punishable by a fine of up to ten
28 thousand dollars[+].

29 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

30 PART P

31 Section 1. Section 600 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by
32 adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

33 4. Removal of a vehicle. Operation of a motor vehicle in a manner
34 consistent with subdivision (e) of section twelve hundred of this chap-
35 ter shall not be deemed a violation of this section.

36 § 2. Section 1200 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding
37 a new subdivision (e) to read as follows:

38 (e) When a vehicle is involved in an incident involving no personal
39 injury or death, and the operator of such vehicle knows or has cause to
40 know that such incident resulted in damage to the real or personal prop-
41 erty of another, the operator of such vehicle, and the operator of any
42 other vehicle involved, shall immediately move or cause to be removed
43 such vehicle or vehicles from the travel lane to a location off the
44 highway that remains in the immediate vicinity of the incident, provided
45 that the vehicle is operable, that the operator may lawfully move the
46 vehicle in accordance with all laws including those prohibiting impaired
47 driving, and that the movement of such vehicle can be done safely. Vehi-
48 cle operation in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision
49 shall not be construed to imply that no injury has occurred, nor shall
50 the driver be considered liable or at fault regarding the cause of the
51 incident solely by moving or causing the removal of the vehicle. Moving
52 a vehicle consistent with this subdivision shall not relieve an investi-
53 gating police officer from the obligation to file a report that is
54 otherwise required. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to

authorize otherwise unqualified persons to clear or remove hazardous materials from the highway or to move vehicles which are transporting hazardous materials in a manner inconsistent with applicable law.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART Q

Section 1. Paragraph 1 of subsection (a) of section 801 of the tax law, as amended by section 1 of part N of chapter 59 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

(1) For employers who engage in business within the MCTD, the tax is imposed at a rate of (A) eleven hundredths (.11) percent of the payroll expense for employers with payroll expense no greater than three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars in any calendar quarter, (B) twenty-three hundredths (.23) percent of the payroll expense for employers with payroll expense greater than three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars and no greater than four hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars in any calendar quarter, and (C) ~~[thirty-four]~~ **fifty** hundredths ~~[(-.34)]~~ **(.50)** percent of the payroll expense for employers with payroll expense in excess of four hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred dollars in any calendar quarter. If the employer is a professional employer organization, as defined in section nine hundred sixteen of the labor law, the employer's tax shall be calculated by determining the payroll expense attributable to each client who has entered into a professional employer agreement with such organization and the payroll expense attributable to such organization itself, multiplying each of those payroll expense amounts by the applicable rate set forth in this paragraph and adding those products together.

§ 2. Paragraph 2 of subsection (a) of section 801 of the tax law, as amended by section 1 of part N of chapter 59 of the laws of 2012, is amended to read as follows:

(2) For individuals, the tax is imposed at a rate of ~~[thirty-four]~~ **forty-two** hundredths ~~[(-.34)]~~ **(.42)** percent of the net earnings from self-employment of individuals that are attributable to the MCTD if such earnings attributable to the MCTD exceed fifty thousand dollars for the tax year.

§ 3. Paragraph 2 of subsection (a) of section 801 of the tax law, as amended by section two of this act, is amended to read as follows:

(2) For individuals, the tax is imposed at a rate of ~~[forty-two]~~ **fifty** hundredths ~~[(-.42)]~~ **(.50)** percent of the net earnings from self-employment of individuals that are attributable to the MCTD if such earnings attributable to the MCTD exceed fifty thousand dollars for the tax year.

§ 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that:

(a) (i) section one of this act shall apply to tax quarters beginning on or after July 1, 2023;

(ii) section two of this act shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023 and before January 1, 2024; and

(iii) section three of this act shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024; and

(b) section two of this act shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, 2024, when upon such date the provisions of section three shall take effect.

PART R

Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 1352 of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, as added by chapter 174 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

1. (a) The commission shall pay into an account, to be known as the commercial gaming revenue fund as established pursuant to section ninety-seven-nnnn of the state finance law, under the joint custody of the comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance, all taxes and fees imposed by this article paid by a gaming facility licensed under title two of this article; any interest and penalties imposed by the commission relating to those taxes; the appropriate percentage of the value of expired gaming related obligations; all penalties levied and collected by the commission; and the appropriate funds, cash or prizes forfeited from gambling activity.

(b) For any gaming facility licensed under title two-A of this article, the commission shall pay, without appropriation, into the metropolitan transportation authority finance fund established under section one thousand two hundred seventy-h of the public authorities law the following:

(i) for any gaming facility not located within the city of New York, eighty percent of the taxes and licensing fees imposed by this article, and any interest and penalties imposed by the commission relating to those taxes.

(ii) for any gaming facility located within the city of New York, one hundred percent of the taxes and licensing fees imposed by this article, and any interest and penalties imposed by the commission relating to those taxes.

(iii) (1) notwithstanding subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph, if a gaming facility licensed under title two-A of this article was previously authorized to operate video lottery gaming pursuant to section one thousand six hundred seventeen-a of the tax law, an amount equal to the amount determined in clause two of this subparagraph shall be deposited into the state lottery fund. Any remaining funds shall be transferred in accordance with this subdivision.

(2) The amount to be deducted shall be equal to the greater of (A) the revenue received from the facility for education aid deposits into the state lottery fund for the twelve months immediately preceding the date on which such facility began operations as a commercial casino pursuant to title two-A of this article, or (B) the revenue received from the facility for education aid deposits into the state lottery fund for state fiscal year two thousand twenty-two.

(c) For any gaming facility licensed under title two-A of this article, the commission shall pay into the commercial gaming revenue fund established under section ninety-seven-nnnn of the state finance law the following:

(i) for any gaming facility not located within the city of New York, ten percent of the taxes and licensing fees imposed by this article, and any interest and penalties imposed by the commission relating to those taxes. Such funds shall be allocated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph b of subdivision three of section ninety-seven-nnnn of the state finance law.

(ii) for any gaming facility not located within the city of New York, ten percent of the taxes and licensing fees imposed by this article, and any interest and penalties imposed by the commission relating to those taxes among counties within the region, as defined by section one thousand three hundred ten of this article, hosting said facility for the purpose of real property tax relief and for education assistance. Such

distribution shall be made among the counties on a per capita basis, subtracting the population of host municipality and county. Such funds shall be allocated in accordance with the provisions of paragraph c of subdivision three of section ninety-seven-nnnn of the state finance law.

2. The commission shall require at least monthly deposits by the licensee of any payments pursuant to section one thousand three hundred fifty-one of this article, at such times, under such conditions, and in such depositories as shall be prescribed by the state comptroller. The deposits shall be deposited to the credit of the commercial gaming revenue fund as established by section ninety-seven-nnnn of the state finance law or to the metropolitan transportation authority finance fund established under section one thousand two hundred seventy-h of the public authorities law, according to the requirements of subdivision one of this section. The commission may require a monthly report and reconciliation statement to be filed with it on or before the tenth day of each month, with respect to gross revenues and deposits received and made, respectively, during the preceding month.

§ 1-a. Subdivision 3 of section 1321-e of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law, as added by section 7 of part RR of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3. The board shall determine a licensing fee to be paid by a licensee within thirty days after the ~~[award]~~ selection of the license which shall be deposited ~~[into the commercial gaming revenue fund]~~ in accordance with paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section 1352 of this article, provided however that no licensing fee shall be less than five hundred million dollars. The license shall set forth the conditions to be satisfied by the licensee before the gaming facility shall be opened to the public. The commission shall set any renewal fee for such license based on the cost of fees associated with the evaluation of a licensee under this article which shall be deposited into the commercial gaming fund. Such renewal fee shall be exclusive of any subsequent licensing fees under this section.

§ 2. Subdivision 2 of section 97-nnnn of the state finance law, as added by chapter 174 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

2. Such account shall consist of all revenues ~~[from all taxes and fees imposed by article thirteen of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law; any interest and penalties imposed by the New York state]~~ received from the gaming commission ~~[relating to those taxes; the percentage of the value of expired gaming related obligations; and all penalties levied and collected by the commission. Additionally, the state gaming commission shall pay into the account any appropriate funds, cash or prizes forfeited from gambling activity]~~ pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (c) of subdivision one of section thirteen hundred fifty-two of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law.

§ 3. Subdivision 2 of section 1270-h of the public authorities law, as amended by section 13 of part UU of chapter 59 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

2. The comptroller shall deposit into the metropolitan transportation authority finance fund (a) monthly, pursuant to appropriation, the moneys deposited in the mobility tax trust account of the metropolitan transportation authority financial assistance fund pursuant to any provision of law directing or permitting the deposit of moneys in such fund, ~~[and]~~ (b) without appropriation, the revenue including taxes, interest and penalties collected in accordance with article twenty-three of the tax law, and (c) without appropriation, the revenue including taxes and licensing fees collected in accordance with the relevant

1 provisions of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section thirteen
2 hundred fifty-two of the racing, pari-mutuel wagering and breeding law.
3 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
4 deemed repealed 10 years after such date.

PART S

6 Section 1. Section 9-y of the banking law, as added by chapter 398 of
7 the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

8 § 9-y. [~~Banking institutions to pay checks drawn therein in order of~~
9 ~~presentation~~] Order of payment of checks and other debits, insufficient
10 funds charges and return deposit item charges. 1. Order of paying
11 checks. (a) Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary,
12 every banking [~~institution~~] organization that provides checking services
13 to consumer [~~checking~~] accounts shall either pay checks in the order
14 wherein they are received or pay checks from smallest to largest dollar
15 amount for each business day's transactions.

16 [~~2-~~] (b) If a check is dishonored for insufficient funds and thereaft-
17 er smaller checks which could be paid are received, the smaller checks
18 shall be honored within amounts on deposit in the subject account.

19 [~~3-~~] (c) The banking [~~institution~~] organization shall disclose to
20 consumers in writing the order in which checks are drawn. The written
21 disclosure shall be provided to the consumer at the time the account is
22 opened and prior to any change in such policy.

23 (d) The superintendent shall promulgate rules and regulations neces-
24 sary for the implementation of this section.

25 [~~4-~~] 2. Regulation of other consumer account transactions and associ-
26 ated fees. (a) The superintendent shall have the power to prescribe by
27 regulation:

28 i. the manner in which banking organizations process debit and credit
29 transactions, other than those specified in subdivision one of this
30 section, for consumer accounts maintained at such organization;

31 ii. the charges that may be imposed in connection with a check drawn
32 or other written order upon, or electronic transfer sought to be effec-
33 tuated against, insufficient funds or uncollected balances in a consumer
34 account, whether or not the banking organization pays such check, writ-
35 ten order, or electronic transfer;

36 iii. the charges that may be imposed in connection with a check or
37 other written order received by a banking organization for deposit or
38 collection drawn against a consumer account and subsequently dishonored
39 and returned for any reason by the drawee;

40 iv. disclosures provided to consumers regarding the processing of
41 transactions in a consumer account and the associated fees; and

42 v. alerts, notices, and other disclosures relating to the imposition
43 or possible imposition of a charge as provided in subparagraphs ii and
44 iii of this paragraph.

45 (b) In prescribing regulations regarding the manner in which banking
46 organizations process debit or credit transactions, or the charges that
47 may be imposed pursuant to subparagraphs ii or iii of paragraph (a) of
48 this subdivision, the superintendent shall consider, at a minimum, the
49 following factors:

50 i. the cost incurred by the banking organization, in providing any
51 services associated with such charges;

52 ii. the competitive position of the banking organization; and

53 iii. the maintenance of a safe and sound banking organization that
54 protects the public interest.

1 **3. Definition.** As used in this section, "consumer [~~checking~~] accounts"
2 means accounts at banking organizations established by natural persons
3 primarily for personal, family or household purposes.
4 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART T

6 Section 1. Subdivision 7 of section 339-n of the real property law is
7 REPEALED.

8 § 2. Subdivisions 8 and 9 of section 339-n of the real property law
9 are renumbered subdivisions 7 and 8.

10 § 3. Subdivision 2 of section 339-s of the real property law, as added
11 by chapter 346 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as follows:

12 2. [~~Each such declaration, and any amendment or amendments thereof~~
13 ~~shall be filed with the department of state~~] (a) The board of managers
14 for each condominium subject to this article, shall file with the secre-
15 tary of state a certificate of designation, in writing, signed, desig-
16 nating the secretary of state as agent of the board of managers upon
17 whom process against it may be served, providing the post office address
18 within or without this state to which the secretary of state shall mail
19 a copy of process against it served upon the secretary of state by
20 personal delivery, and may include an email address to which the secre-
21 tary of state shall email a notice of the fact that process against the
22 board of managers has been served electronically upon the secretary of
23 state; provided, however, that a designation filed with the secretary of
24 state pursuant to section four hundred two of the business corporation
25 law or section four hundred two of the not-for-profit corporation law
26 shall also serve as such designation. A certificate of designation shall
27 be accompanied by a fee of sixty dollars.

28 (b) Any board of managers may, from time to time, change the post
29 office address to which the secretary of state is directed to mail
30 copies of process against the board of managers served on the secretary
31 of state by personal delivery, and/or specify, change or delete the
32 email address to which the secretary of state shall email a notice of
33 the fact that process against the board of managers has been served
34 electronically upon the secretary of state, by filing a signed certif-
35 icate of amendment of the certificate of designation with the department
36 of state. Such certificate shall be accompanied by a fee of sixty
37 dollars.

38 (c) Service of process on the secretary of state as agent of a board
39 of managers shall be made in the manner provided by subparagraph (i) or
40 (ii) of this paragraph:

41 (i) Personally delivering to and leaving with the secretary of state
42 by personally delivering to and leaving with the secretary of state or
43 his or her deputy, or with any person authorized by the secretary of
44 state to receive such service, at the office of the department of state
45 in the city of Albany, duplicate copies of such process together with
46 the statutory fee, which fee shall be a taxable disbursement. Service of
47 process on such board of managers shall be complete when the secretary
48 of state is so served. The secretary of state shall promptly send one of
49 such copies by certified mail, return receipt requested, to such board
50 of managers, at the post office address on file in the department of
51 state specified for such purpose.

52 (ii) Electronically submitting a copy of the process to the department
53 of state together with the statutory fee, which fee shall be a taxable
54 disbursement, through an electronic system operated by the department of

1 state, provided the board of managers has an email address on file in
2 the department of state to which the secretary of state shall email a
3 notice of the fact that process against the board of managers has been
4 served electronically upon the secretary of state. Service of process on
5 such board of managers shall be complete when the secretary of state has
6 reviewed and accepted service of such process. The secretary of state
7 shall promptly send notice of the fact that process has been served
8 electronically on the secretary of state to such board of managers at
9 the email address on file in the department of state, specified for such
10 purpose and shall make a copy of the process available to such board of
11 managers.

12 (d) As used in this article, "process" shall mean judicial process and
13 all orders, demands, notices or other papers required or permitted by
14 law to be personally served on a board of managers, for the purpose of
15 acquiring jurisdiction of such board of managers in any action or
16 proceeding, civil or criminal, whether judicial, administrative, arbi-
17 trative or otherwise, in this state or in the federal courts sitting in
18 or for this state.

19 (e) Nothing in this subdivision shall affect the right to serve proc-
20 ess in any other manner permitted by law.

21 (f) The department of state shall keep a record of each process served
22 under this subdivision, including the date of service. It shall, upon
23 request, made within ten years of such service, issue a certificate
24 under its seal certifying as to the receipt of process by an authorized
25 person, the date and place of such service and the receipt of the statu-
26 tory fee. Process served on the secretary of state under this section
27 shall be destroyed by him or her after a period of ten years from such
28 service.

29 (g) A designation of the secretary of state as agent of a board of
30 managers upon whom process against the board of managers may be served,
31 the post office address to which the secretary of state shall mail a
32 copy of any process served upon him or her by personal delivery, and the
33 email address, if any, to which the secretary of state shall email a
34 notice of the fact that process against the board of managers has been
35 electronically served upon the secretary of state, included in a decla-
36 ration, or amendment thereof, and filed with the department of state
37 under this subdivision, shall continue until a certificate of desig-
38 nation is filed with the secretary of state under this subdivision.

39 § 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
40 have become a law.

41 PART U

42 Section 1. Section 4 of chapter 495 of the laws of 2004, amending the
43 insurance law and the public health law relating to the New York state
44 health insurance continuation assistance demonstration project, as
45 amended by section 4 of part T of chapter 58 of the laws of 2022, is
46 amended to read as follows:

47 § 4. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
48 have become a law; provided, however, that this act shall remain in
49 effect until July 1, ~~2023~~ 2024 when upon such date the provisions of
50 this act shall expire and be deemed repealed; provided, further, that a
51 displaced worker shall be eligible for continuation assistance retroac-
52 tive to July 1, 2004.

53 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART V

Section 1. The general business law is amended by adding a new article 42 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 42
NATURAL ORGANIC REDUCTION FACILITIES

Section 1100. Definitions.

1101. Authorized entities.

1102. Powers of the department of state.

1103. Rules and regulations.

1104. Natural organic reduction facility operation.

1105. Fees.

1106. Revocation and suspension of authorization to operate; fines.

1107. Hearing on charges; decision.

1108. Judicial review.

1109. Criminal penalties.

1110. Official acts used as evidence.

1111. Separability clause.

§ 1100. Definitions. As used in this article:

1. "Authorizing agent" means the person in control of whether the human remains are naturally organically reduced pursuant to section forty-two hundred one of the public health law.

2. "Cemetery corporation" has the same meaning as paragraph (a) of section fifteen hundred two of the not-for-profit corporation law.

3. "Funeral firm" has the same meaning as subdivision (j) of section thirty-four hundred of the public health law.

4. "Registered resident" has the same meaning as subdivision (k) of section thirty-four hundred of the public health law.

5. "Natural organic reduction" means the contained, accelerated conversion of human remains to soil.

6. "Natural organic reduction authorization" means a form signed by the authorizing agent and containing such information as required by the department of state.

7. "Natural organic reduction facility" means a structure, room, or other space in a building or real property where natural organic reduction of a human body occurs.

8. "Natural organic reduction permit" means the burial and removal permit required pursuant to section forty-one hundred forty-five of the public health law that is annotated for disposition of the remains of a deceased human being by natural organic reduction.

9. "Person" means an individual, corporation, company, partnership, funeral firm or not-for-profit corporation.

§ 1101. Authorized entities. 1. No person other than a cemetery corporation, operating pursuant to the approval of the cemetery board under article fifteen of the not-for-profit corporation law, shall engage in the operation of a natural organic reduction facility or hold themselves out as able to do so unless they are authorized in accordance with this article. Any person other than a cemetery corporation intending to operate a natural organic reduction facility shall submit an application to the department of state, in a form and manner authorized by the department of state. Such application shall include:

(a) The name and address of the applicant: if any individual, the name under which the individual intends to conduct business; if a partnership, the name and business address of each member thereof, and the name

1 under which business is to be conducted; if a corporation, the name of
2 the corporation and the name and business address of each stockholder of
3 the corporation holding stock interests of more than ten percent;

4 (b) A certified survey of the site and location within the county it
5 will be situated;

6 (c) A business plan for the operation of the natural organic reduction
7 facility to include, but not be limited to, number of expected natural
8 organic reductions per year, number of natural organic reduction units,
9 manufacture, capital costs, financing, anticipated number of employees,
10 types of services provided, pricing thereof;

11 (d) A description of the impact of the proposed natural organic
12 reduction facility on other natural organic reduction facilities, if
13 any, within the county or impact on the surrounding community;

14 (e) Plans, designs, and costs of any structures to be erected or
15 retrofitted for the natural organic reduction facility use; and

16 (f) A description of any approval or permits required by state or
17 local law. No natural organic reduction facility shall be approved until
18 such other approvals or permits have been obtained.

19 2. Within thirty-five days following receipt of the information
20 required by subdivision one of this section, the department of state may
21 request any additional information or documentation and technical
22 assistance deemed necessary to review such information. Such information
23 shall not be deemed complete until the requested additional information
24 has been received. If no such request is made, the submission shall be
25 deemed complete on the thirty-fifth day after its receipt by the depart-
26 ment of state.

27 3. The department of state shall approve or deny the proposed natural
28 organic reduction facility within ninety days of the completed
29 submission.

30 4. The department of state shall provide written notice of its deter-
31 mination to the person. If a negative determination is made, such notice
32 shall state the reasons therefor. Notice shall be made by registered or
33 certified mail addressed to the person at the address listed in the
34 application.

35 5. Any person who has had their application denied by the department
36 of state may appeal such determination pursuant to section eleven
37 hundred seven of this article.

38 § 1102. Powers of the department of state. The department of state
39 shall periodically inspect all natural organic reduction facilities
40 operated in accordance with this article. In addition to the powers and
41 duties elsewhere prescribed in this article the department of state
42 shall have power to:

43 1. Appoint an adequate number of assistants, inspectors and other
44 employees as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this arti-
45 cle, to prescribe their duties, and to fix their compensation within the
46 amount appropriated therefor;

47 2. Investigate natural organic reduction facilities under this arti-
48 cle;

49 3. Conduct physical inspections of all grounds and buildings of any
50 natural organic reduction facility;

51 4. Conduct a financial audit of all business records, authorizations,
52 documents, funds, accounts and contracts of any natural organic
53 reduction facility;

54 5. Issue subpoenas for persons or records deemed appropriate to an
55 investigation or any other action taken pursuant to this article;

6. Provide information and records to the department of health concerning any funeral firm that has violated the provisions of this article or rules and regulations implemented in this article, as may be required by the department of health to carry out its responsibilities under the public health law or any rules or regulations implemented thereunder; and

7. Require information and records from the department of health concerning any funeral firm operating or intending to operate a natural organic reduction facility.

§ 1103. Rules and regulations. The department of state shall have the power to adopt such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this article, in consultation with the departments of health and environmental conservation, as may be necessary with respect to applications to operate, the investigation of natural organic reduction facilities, the form and content of natural organic reduction authorizations, the operation of natural organic reduction facilities, the safety standards for naturally organically reduced remains, consumer protections and disclosures, and the other matters incidental or appropriate for the proper administration and enforcement of the provisions of this article, and to amend or repeal any such rules or regulations.

§ 1104. Natural organic reduction facility operation. Natural organic reduction facility operators shall have the following duties and obligations:

1. (a) A natural organic reduction facility shall be maintained in a clean, orderly, and sanitary manner, with adequate ventilation and shall have a temporary storage area available to store the remains of deceased human beings pending disposition by natural organic reduction, the interior of which shall not be accessible to the general public.

(b) Entrances and windows of the facility shall be maintained at all times to secure privacy, including, but not limited to: (i) doors shall be tightly closed and rigid; (ii) windows shall be covered; and (iii) entrances shall be locked and secured when not actively attended by authorized facility personnel.

2. (a) The natural organic reduction process shall be conducted in privacy. No person except authorized persons shall be admitted into the reduction area, holding facility, or the temporary storage facility while the remains of deceased human beings are being naturally organically reduced. Authorized persons, on admittance, shall comply with all rules of the natural organic reduction facility and not infringe upon the privacy of the remains of deceased human beings.

(b) The following are authorized persons: (i) employees and officers of the natural organic reduction facility; (ii) licensed, registered funeral directors, registered residents, and enrolled students of mortuary science; (iii) officers and trustees of cemetery corporations; (iv) authorized employees or their authorized agents of cemetery corporations; (v) public officers acting in the discharge of their duties; (vi) authorized instructors of funeral directing or natural organic reduction; (vii) licensed physicians or nurses; and (viii) members of the immediate family of the deceased and their authorized agents and designated representatives.

(c) Every natural organic reduction facility shall use its best efforts to commence natural organic reduction within twenty-four hours of accepting delivery of such remains. Good cause, such as the need to confirm the identity of the deceased human being, must be demonstrated if natural organic reduction of remains commences more than forty-eight hours after delivery is accepted.

1 3. (a) No natural organic reduction facility shall naturally organ-
2 ically reduce the remains of any deceased human being without the accom-
3 panying natural organic reduction permit, required pursuant to section
4 forty-one hundred forty-five of the public health law which permit shall
5 constitute presumptive evidence of the identity of said remains. In
6 addition, all natural organic reduction facilities situated outside the
7 city of New York, must comply with paragraph (b) of subdivision two of
8 section forty-one hundred forty-five of the public health law pertaining
9 to the receipt of the deceased human being. From the time of such deliv-
10 ery to the natural organic reduction facility, until the time the
11 natural organic reduction facility distributes the remains as directed,
12 the facility shall be responsible for the remains of the deceased human
13 being. Further, a natural organic reduction authorization form shall
14 accompany the permit required in section forty-one hundred forty-five of
15 the public health law. This form, provided or approved by the facility,
16 shall be signed by the authorized agent attesting to the permission for
17 the natural organic reduction of the deceased, and disclosing to the
18 natural organic reduction facility that such body does not contain a
19 battery, battery pack, power cell, radioactive implant, or radiological
20 device, if any, and that these materials were removed prior to the
21 natural organic reduction process.

22 (b) Upon good cause being shown rebutting the presumption of the iden-
23 tity of such remains, the natural organic reduction shall not commence
24 until reasonable confirmation of the identity of the deceased human
25 being is made. This proof may be in the form of, but not limited to, a
26 signed affidavit from a licensed physician, a member of the family of
27 the deceased human being, the authorizing agent or a court order from
28 the state supreme court within the county of the natural organic
29 reduction facility. Such proof shall be provided by the authorizing
30 agent.

31 (c) The facility shall have a written plan to assure that the iden-
32 tification established by the natural organic reduction permit accompa-
33 nies the remains of the deceased human being through the natural organic
34 reduction process and until the identity of the deceased is accurately
35 and legibly inscribed on the container in which the remains are placed.

36 4. (a) The remains of a deceased human being shall be delivered to
37 the natural organic reduction facility in a container or in external
38 wrappings sufficient to contain the remains and also designed to fully
39 decompose in the natural reduction process. Such container or external
40 wrappings holding the remains of the deceased human being shall not be
41 opened after delivery to the natural organic reduction facility unless
42 there exists good cause to confirm the identity of the deceased, or to
43 assure that no material is enclosed which might cause injury to employ-
44 ees or damage to natural organic reduction facility property, or upon
45 reasonable demand by members of the immediate family or the authorizing
46 agent.

47 (b) In such instances in which the container or wrappings are opened
48 after delivery to the natural organic reduction facility, such action
49 shall only be conducted by the licensed funeral director or registered
50 resident delivering the remains of the deceased human being and a record
51 shall be made, which shall include the reason for such action, the
52 signature of the person authorizing the opening thereof, and the names
53 of the person opening the container or wrappings and the witness there-
54 to, which shall be retained in the permanent file of the natural organic
55 reduction facility.

1 The opening of the container or wrapping shall be conducted in the
2 presence of the witness and shall comply with all rules and regulations
3 intended to protect the health and safety of natural organic reduction
4 facility personnel.

5 5. In those instances in which the remains of deceased human beings
6 are to be delivered to a natural organic reduction facility in a casket
7 or other container that is not to be naturally organically reduced with
8 the deceased, timely disclosure thereof must be made by the person
9 making the funeral arrangements to the natural organic reduction facili-
10 ty that prior to natural organic reduction the remains of the deceased
11 human being shall be transferred to a container or external wrappings
12 sufficient to contain the remains and also designed to fully decompose
13 in the natural reduction process. Such signed acknowledgement of the
14 authorizing person, that the timely disclosure has been made, shall be
15 retained by the natural organic reduction facility in its permanent
16 records.

17 6. (a) The remains of a deceased human being shall not be removed from
18 the casket, container, or external wrappings in which it is delivered to
19 the natural organic reduction facility unless explicit, signed authori-
20 zation is provided by the person making funeral arrangements or by a
21 public officer discharging a statutory duty, which signed authorization
22 shall be retained by the natural organic reduction facility in its
23 permanent records.

24 (b) When the remains of a deceased human being are to be transferred
25 to a container, the transfer shall be conducted in privacy with dignity
26 and respect and by a licensed funeral director or registered resident.
27 The transferring operation shall comply with all rules and regulations
28 intended to protect the health and safety of facility personnel.

29 7. The natural organic reduction of remains of more than one deceased
30 human being in a reduction container at any one time is unlawful, except
31 upon the explicit, signed authorization provided by the persons making
32 funeral arrangements and the signed approval of the natural organic
33 reduction facility, which shall be retained by the natural organic
34 reduction facility in its permanent records.

35 8. (a) Upon the completion of the natural organic reduction of the
36 remains of a deceased human being, the interior of the natural organic
37 reduction container shall be thoroughly swept or otherwise cleaned so as
38 to render the natural organic reduction container reasonably free of all
39 matter. The contents thereof shall be placed into an individual contain-
40 er and not commingled with other remains. The natural organic reduction
41 permit shall be attached to the individual container preparatory to
42 final processing. A magnet and sieve, or other appropriate method of
43 separation, may be used to divide the remains from unrecognizable, inci-
44 dental or foreign material.

45 (b) The incidental and foreign material of the natural organic
46 reduction process shall be disposed of in a safe manner in compliance
47 with all sanitary rules and regulations as by-products.

48 (c) The remains shall be pulverized until no single fragment is recog-
49 nizable as skeletal tissue.

50 (d) The pulverized remains shall be transferred to a container or to
51 multiple containers, if so requested in writing by the authorizing
52 agent. Such container or containers shall have inside dimensions of
53 suitable size to contain the remains of the person who was naturally
54 organically reduced.

55 (e) The prescribed container or containers shall be accurately and
56 legibly labeled with the identification of the human being whose remains

1 are contained therein, in a manner acceptable to the department of
2 state.

3 9. The authorizing agent shall be responsible for the final disposi-
4 tion of the remains. Remains resulting from the natural organic
5 reduction process are not recoverable once scattered or interred.
6 Remains shall be disposed of by scattering or spreading them in a desig-
7 nated scattering garden or area in a cemetery, or by prior authorization
8 by the cemetery corporation, by interment in a grave, crypt, or niche.
9 Upon completion of the natural organic reduction process, the natural
10 organic reduction facility shall notify the authorizing agent and funer-
11 al firm making such arrangements that the natural organic reduction
12 process has been completed and that the remains are prepared to be
13 disposed of in accordance with this paragraph. Upon receipt of the
14 remains, the individual receiving them may transport them in any manner
15 in the state without a permit, and may dispose of them in accordance
16 with this section. After disposition, the natural organic reduction
17 facility shall be discharged from any legal obligation or liability to
18 deliver the remains to the authorizing agent or any other person enumer-
19 ated under paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section forty-two hundred
20 one of the public health law concerning the remains. If, after a period
21 of one hundred twenty days from the date of the natural organic
22 reduction, the authorizing agent has not arranged for the final disposi-
23 tion of the remains or claimed the remains, the natural organic
24 reduction facility may dispose of the remains in any manner permitted by
25 this section. The natural organic reduction facility, however, shall
26 keep a permanent record identifying the site of final disposition. The
27 authorizing agent shall be responsible for reimbursing the natural
28 organic reduction facility for all reasonable expenses incurred in
29 disposing of the remains. Except with the express written permission of
30 the authorizing agent, no person shall place remains of more than one
31 person in the same temporary container or urn.

32 10. Any employee of a natural organic reduction facility whose func-
33 tion is to conduct the daily operations of the natural organic reduction
34 process shall be certified by an organization approved by the department
35 of state. Proof of such certification shall be posted in the natural
36 organic reduction facility and available for inspection at any time. Any
37 new employees of a natural organic reduction facility required to be
38 certified under this section and retained prior to the effective date of
39 this paragraph shall be certified within one year of such effective
40 date. Renewal of such certification shall be completed every five years
41 from the date of certification.

42 § 1105. Fees. Fees payable to the department of state under this arti-
43 cle are to defray the costs of examination and administration under this
44 article. Each natural organic reduction facility, not later than March
45 thirtieth in each calendar year, shall pay the sum of three dollars for
46 each natural organic reduction performed in the preceding calendar year.

47 § 1106. Revocation and suspension of authorization to operate; fines.

48 1. The authorization to operate a natural organic reduction facility
49 may be suspended or revoked, and a fine not exceeding ten thousand
50 dollars per each instance may be imposed, by the department of state for
51 the following reasons:

52 (a) Fraud or bribery in the operation of the natural organic reduction
53 facility;

54 (b) The making of any false statement as to a material matter in any
55 registration, statement or certificate required by or pursuant to this
56 article;

1 (c) Incompetency in the operation of the natural organic reduction
2 facility;

3 (d) Failure to properly identify and track remains throughout the
4 natural organic reduction process;

5 (e) Violation of any provision of this article or any rule or regu-
6 lation adopted hereunder; and

7 (f) Conviction of a crime involving fraud, theft, perjury, bribery,
8 mishandling of human remains, or violations of article forty-two of the
9 public health law.

10 2. Whenever the authorization to operate a natural organic reduction
11 facility is revoked such authorization shall not be reinstated or reis-
12 sued until after the expiration of a period of five years from the date
13 of such revocation.

14 § 1107. Hearing on charges; decision. 1. No authorization to operate a
15 natural organic reduction facility shall be suspended or revoked nor
16 shall any fine or reprimand imposed, nor any certification of a natural
17 organic reduction operator be suspended or revoked, until after a hear-
18 ing held before an officer or employee of the department of state desig-
19 ated for such purpose, upon notice to the natural organic reduction
20 facility of at least ten days. The notice shall be served either
21 personally or by certified mail at the address of the natural organic
22 reduction facility or natural organic reduction facility operator and
23 shall state the date and place of hearing and set forth the charges
24 against the natural organic reduction facility or operator. The natural
25 organic reduction facility or operator shall have the opportunity to be
26 heard in their defense either in person or by counsel and may produce
27 witnesses to testify on their behalf. A stenographic record of the hear-
28 ing shall be taken and preserved. Within ten days after a hearing the
29 natural organic reduction facility shall receive a stenographic record
30 of the hearing upon payment of fifty percent of the cost of preparation
31 of such record. The hearing may be adjourned upon a showing of good
32 cause at least five days before the hearing, in writing, to a hearing
33 officer. The person conducting the hearing shall make a written report
34 of their findings and the recommendation to the department of state. The
35 department of state shall review such findings and the recommendation
36 and, after due deliberation, shall issue an order accepting, modifying,
37 or rejecting such recommendation and dismissing the charges or suspend-
38 ing or revoking the authorization to operate a natural organic reduction
39 facility or imposing a fine, or both, upon the natural organic reduction
40 facility or suspend or revoke the certification of the natural organic
41 reduction operator.

42 2. Any person who has had their application to operate a natural
43 organic reduction facility rejected shall be entitled to a hearing
44 before an officer or employee of the department of state designated for
45 such purpose, upon notice to such person of at least ten days. Notice
46 shall be served either personally or by certified mail to the address
47 contained in the application and shall state the time and place of hear-
48 ing and set forth the ground or grounds constituting rejection of such
49 application. The applicant shall have the opportunity to be heard in
50 their defense either in person or by counsel and may produce witnesses
51 and testify on their own behalf. A stenographic record of the hearing
52 shall be taken and preserved. Within ten days after a hearing the
53 natural organic reduction facility shall receive a stenographic record
54 of the hearing upon payment of fifty percent of the cost of preparation
55 of such record. The hearing may be adjourned upon a showing of good
56 cause at least five days before the hearing, in writing, to a hearing

1 officer. The person conducting the hearing shall make a written report
2 of their findings and a recommendation to the department of state for
3 decision. The department of state shall review such findings and recom-
4 mendation and, after due deliberation, shall issue an order accepting,
5 modifying or rejecting such recommendation and either grant an authori-
6 zation or reject the application.

7 3. For the purposes of this article, the secretary of state or any
8 officer or employee of the department of state designated by the secre-
9 tary of state may administer oaths, take testimony, subpoena witnesses
10 and compel the production of books, papers, records and documents deemed
11 pertinent to the subject of investigation.

12 4. Strict rules of evidence do not apply to hearings held pursuant to
13 this article.

14 § 1108. Judicial review. The action of the department of state in
15 suspending or revoking an authorization to operate a natural organic
16 reduction facility, or imposing a fine or reprimand on a natural organic
17 reduction facility or suspending or revoking the certification of a
18 natural organic reduction operator may be reviewed by a proceeding
19 brought under and pursuant to article seventy-eight of the civil prac-
20 tice law and rules.

21 § 1109. Criminal penalties. 1. Any person shall for the first offense
22 of paragraph (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this subdivision, be guilty of a
23 misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of
24 not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for a term of not
25 more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. The following
26 offenses shall constitute a first offense:

27 (a) any person not authorized pursuant to this article or article
28 fifteen of the not-for-profit corporation law who engages in the busi-
29 ness of operating a natural organic reduction facility or holds them-
30 selves out to the public as being able to do so;

31 (b) any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this arti-
32 cle;

33 (c) any person who, having their approval to engage in the business of
34 operating a natural organic reduction facility suspended or revoked,
35 continues to do so; or

36 (d) any person who directly or indirectly employs, permits or author-
37 izes an unapproved person to operate a natural organic reduction facili-
38 ty.

39 2. If the conviction is for an offense committed after the first
40 conviction of such person under this article, such person shall be guil-
41 ty of a class E felony. Each violation of this article shall be deemed a
42 separate offense.

43 § 1110. Official acts used as evidence. The official acts of the
44 department of state shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein
45 and shall be entitled to be received in evidence in all actions at law
46 or other legal proceedings in any court or before any board, body or
47 officer.

48 § 1111. Separability clause. If any part or provision of this article
49 or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged
50 invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be
51 confined in its operation to the part, provision or application directly
52 involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been
53 rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of
54 this article or the application thereof to other persons or circum-
55 stances and the legislature hereby declares that it would have enacted

1 this article or the remainder thereof had the invalidity of such
2 provision or application thereof been apparent.

3 § 2. Section 1503 of the not-for-profit corporation law is amended by
4 adding a new paragraph (c) as follows:

5 (c) This article shall not apply to natural organic reduction facili-
6 ties operated by a person pursuant to article forty-two of the general
7 business law.

8 § 3. Subparagraph 4 of paragraph (c) of section 1504 of the not-for-
9 profit corporation law, as added by chapter 557 of the laws of 1985, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (4) To impose a civil penalty upon a cemetery corporation not exceed-
12 ing ~~[one]~~ ten thousand dollars, after conducting an adjudicatory hearing
13 pursuant to the provisions of the state administrative procedure act,
14 for a violation of or a failure to comply with any provisions contained
15 in this article or any regulation, directive or order of the board, and
16 without the need to maintain a civil action pursuant to ~~[subdivision]~~
17 subparagraph five of this paragraph.

18 § 4. Paragraph (c) of section 1504 of the not-for-profit corporation
19 law is amended by adding a new subparagraph 6 to read as follows:

20 (6) To suspend or revoke the approval for a cemetery corporation to
21 operate a natural organic reduction facility, or suspend or revoke the
22 certification of a natural organic reduction facility operator, after
23 conducting an adjudicatory hearing pursuant to the provisions of the
24 state administrative procedure act, for a violation of or a failure to
25 comply with any provisions contained in this article or any regulation,
26 directive or order of the board, and without the need to maintain a
27 civil action pursuant to subparagraph five of this paragraph.

28 § 5. Paragraph (b) of section 1518 of the not-for-profit corporation
29 law, as added by chapter 817 of the laws of 2022, is amended by adding a
30 new subparagraph 3 to read as follows:

31 (3) Every natural organic reduction facility shall use its best
32 efforts to commence natural organic reduction within twenty-four hours
33 of accepting delivery of such remains. Good cause, such as the need to
34 confirm the identity of the deceased human being, must be demonstrated
35 if natural organic reduction of remains commences more than forty-eight
36 hours after delivery is accepted.

37 § 6. Subdivision (i) of section 1518 of the not-for-profit corporation
38 law, as added by chapter 817 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as
39 follows:

40 (i) Disposition of remains. The authorizing agent shall be responsible
41 for the final disposition of the remains. Disposition of remains result-
42 ing from the natural organic reduction process are not recoverable once
43 scattered or interred. Remains shall be disposed of by scattering them
44 in a designated scattering garden or area in a cemetery, or by prior
45 authorization by the cemetery corporation, by placing them in a grave,
46 crypt, or niche~~[, or retrieval of the remains pursuant to prior authori-~~
47 ~~zation by the authorizing agent or a person specifically designated by~~
48 ~~the authorizing agent]~~. Upon completion of the natural organic reduction
49 process, the cemetery corporation shall notify the authorizing agent and
50 funeral firm making such arrangements that the natural organic reduction
51 process has been completed and that the remains are prepared to be
52 disposed of in accordance with this paragraph. Upon receipt of the
53 remains, the individual receiving them may transport them in any manner
54 in the state without a permit, and may dispose of them in accordance
55 with this section. After disposition, the cemetery corporation shall
56 be discharged from any legal obligation or liability to deliver the

1 remains to the authorizing agent or any other person enumerated under
2 paragraph (a) of subdivision two of section forty-two hundred one of the
3 public health law concerning the remains. If, after a period of one
4 hundred twenty days from the date of the natural organic reduction, the
5 authorizing agent has not instructed the cemetery corporation to arrange
6 for the final disposition of the remains or claimed the remains, the
7 cemetery corporation may dispose of the remains in any manner permitted
8 by this section. The cemetery corporation, however, shall keep a perma-
9 nent record identifying the site of final disposition. The authorizing
10 agent shall be responsible for reimbursing the cemetery corporation for
11 all reasonable expenses incurred in disposing of the remains. Upon
12 disposing of the remains, the cemetery corporation shall be discharged
13 from any legal obligation or liability to deliver the remains to the
14 authorizing agent or any other person enumerated under paragraph (a) of
15 subdivision two of section forty-two hundred one of the public health
16 law concerning the remains. Except with the express written permission
17 of the authorizing agent, no person shall place remains of more than one
18 person in the same temporary container or urn.

19 § 7. Subdivisions (d) and (e) of section 3400 of the public health law
20 are amended and two new subdivisions (m) and (n) are added to read as
21 follows:

22 (d) "Funeral directing" means the care and disposal of the body of a
23 deceased person and/or the preserving, disinfecting and preparing by
24 embalming or otherwise, the body of a deceased person for funeral
25 services, transportation, burial, natural organic reduction, or crema-
26 tion; and/or funeral directing or embalming as presently known whether
27 under these titles or designations or otherwise.

28 (e) "Undertaking" means the care, disposal, transportation, burial,
29 natural organic reduction, or cremation by any means other than embalm-
30 ing of the body of a deceased person.

31 (m) "Natural organic reduction" has the same meaning as subdivision
32 five of section eleven hundred of the general business law.

33 (n) "Natural organic reduction facility" has the same meaning as
34 subdivision seven of section eleven hundred of the general business law.

35 § 8. Section 3421 of the public health law is amended by adding a new
36 subdivision 5 to read as follows:

37 5. No licensed funeral director shall have the authority to practice
38 natural organic reduction without authorization from the department of
39 state pursuant to article forty-two of the general business law.

40 § 9. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 3443 of the public
41 health law is amended to read as follows:

42 (a) shown or displayed upon or in any funeral establishment or natural
43 organic reduction facility operated by a funeral firm; or

44 § 10. Paragraphs (a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (o) and (p) of subdivision 1
45 of section 3450 of the public health law, as amended by chapter 534 of
46 the laws of 1983, paragraph (o) as amended and paragraph (p) as added by
47 chapter 529 of the laws of 1993 are amended and two new paragraphs (q)
48 and (r) are added to read as follows:

49 (a) has violated any of the provisions of this article, the sanitary
50 code, the rules and regulations of the commissioner or of any statute,
51 code, rule or regulation relating to the practice of funeral directing,
52 embalming, or vital statistics, including article forty-two of the
53 general business law;

54 (c) has practiced fraud, deceit or misrepresentation in securing or
55 procuring a license or admission to practice funeral directing, under-

1 taking, or embalming, or an authorization to operate a natural organic
2 reduction facility;

3 (d) is incompetent to engage in the business or practice of funeral
4 directing, undertaking, or embalming, including the operation of a
5 natural organic reduction facility, except that this provision shall not
6 apply to an officer, director or stockholder of, or other person inter-
7 ested in, a corporation owning a funeral firm unless he shall be the
8 licensed and registered manager thereof;

9 (e) has practiced fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in his business
10 or practice or in the business of such funeral firm, including in the
11 operation of a natural organic reduction facility;

12 (f) has committed acts of misconduct in the conduct of the business or
13 practice of funeral directing, undertaking, or embalming or in the busi-
14 ness of such funeral firm, including in the operation of a natural
15 organic reduction facility;

16 (o) has impersonated another licensee or another funeral firm of a
17 like or different name; [✗]

18 (p) has failed to comply with requirements set forth in section four
19 hundred fifty-three of the general business law, relating to moneys paid
20 in connection with agreements for funeral merchandise in advance of need
21 to be kept on deposit pending use or repayment except, that revocation
22 and suspension shall apply only in the case where a funeral director or
23 funeral firm has committed repeated violations of these provisions or
24 has committed a violation of the provisions of section four hundred
25 fifty-three of the general business law relating to failure to deposit
26 or hold moneys on deposit; failure to return such moneys and interest
27 thereon upon demand or upon the termination, cessation of operation or
28 discontinuance of any funeral firm, or a successor in interest; or fail-
29 ure to comply with the requirements of paragraph (b) of subdivision five
30 of section four hundred fifty-three of the general business law regard-
31 ing compliance by transferors who receive such moneys[-]; or

32 (q) has failed, in the operation of a natural organic reduction facil-
33 ity, to properly identify and track remains throughout the natural
34 organic reduction process; or

35 (r) has failed to comply with requirements set forth in section eleven
36 hundred six of the general business law.

37 § 11. Subdivision 1 of section 4202 of the public health law, as added
38 by chapter 903 of the laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

39 1. Every body delivered to a cemetery for cremation or natural organic
40 reduction or to a natural organic reduction facility shall be accompa-
41 nied by a statement from a physician, coroner, or medical examiner
42 certifying that such body does not contain a battery [✗], power cell,
43 radiological implant or radiological device and is not infected with
44 ebola, tuberculosis or transmissible spongiform encephalopathies. The
45 person in charge of a cemetery or natural organic reduction facility may
46 refuse to cremate or naturally organically reduce a body unless accompa-
47 nied by such statement.

48 § 12. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day
49 after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the amendments
50 to section 1503 of the not-for-profit corporation law made by section
51 two of this act and section 1518 of the not-for-profit corporation law
52 made by sections five and six of this act shall take effect on the same
53 date and in the same manner as chapter 817 of the laws of 2022, takes
54 effect.

1 Section 1. The section heading and subsections (d), (g) and (m) of
2 section 3411 of the insurance law are amended to read as follows:

3 Automobile physical damage insurance covering private passenger auto-
4 mobiles; standard provisions; [~~required~~] inspections; duties of insurers
5 and insureds.

6 (d) A newly issued policy shall not provide coverage for automobile
7 physical damage perils prior to an inspection of the automobile by the
8 insurer, unless the insurer has waived the right to such inspection
9 pursuant to a statement of operation filed with the superintendent. In
10 its statement of operation, an insurer may waive the right to inspect
11 some or all automobiles. Every statement of operation shall take effect
12 upon its filing with the superintendent and may cover some or all auto-
13 mobiles.

14 (g) If an automobile subject to the provisions of this section is
15 acquired by the insured as a replacement for or an addition to an auto-
16 mobile insured for physical damage coverage, and the insured requests
17 physical damage coverage for the replacement or additional automobile,
18 such coverage for physical damage shall not be effective before such
19 inspection is made, unless the insurer has waived the right to such an
20 inspection pursuant to a statement of operation filed with the super-
21 intendent. If, at the time of the request for such coverage, the automo-
22 bile is unavailable for inspection because of conditions of purchase or
23 other circumstances and is thereafter made available for inspection, the
24 insurer shall promptly inspect the automobile, and physical damage
25 coverage shall not become effective before the inspection has been made.

26 (m) (1) The superintendent, in regulations implementing the provisions
27 of this section, shall also require that insurers take appropriate
28 action to ensure that there is wide public dissemination of the
29 provisions of this section relating to the rights and obligations of
30 insureds and insurers.

31 (2) The inspections provided for in this section may be dispensed with
32 or deferred by an insurer under circumstances specified in their state-
33 ment of operation filed with the superintendent or in regulations of the
34 superintendent. Such circumstances may include but are not limited to,
35 the insuring of a new automobile, the insuring of an automobile whose
36 inspection would constitute a serious hardship to the insurer, the
37 insured or an applicant for insurance, and the insuring of an automobile
38 for a limited specified period of time.

39 (3) Inspections made pursuant to this section shall be made at
40 locations and times reasonably convenient to the insured. The results of
41 any inspection may be considered in determining the value of the automo-
42 bile.

43 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
44 it shall have become a law and shall expire and be deemed repealed Octo-
45 ber 1, 2027. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or
46 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of
47 this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed
48 on or before such effective date.

49 PART X

50 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 103-a of the public officers law,
51 as added by section 2 of part WW of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022, is
52 amended to read as follows:

53 3. The in person participation requirements of paragraph (c) of subdi-
54 vision two of this section shall not apply to (a) public bodies organ-

1 ized for the express purpose of performing a governmental function
2 related to issues specific to individuals with disabilities, or (b)
3 during a state disaster emergency declared by the governor pursuant to
4 section twenty-eight of the executive law if the public body determines
5 that the circumstances necessitating the emergency declaration would
6 affect or impair the ability of the public body to hold an in person
7 meeting, or (c) during a local state of emergency proclaimed by the
8 chief executive of a county, city, village or town pursuant to section
9 twenty-four of the executive law, if the public body determines that the
10 circumstances necessitating the emergency declaration would affect or
11 impair the ability of the public body to hold an in person meeting,
12 provided that for meetings conducted pursuant to paragraph (a), (b), or
13 (c) of this subdivision, the public shall have the ability to view or
14 listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later
15 transcribed.

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
17 the amendments to subdivision 3 of section 103-a of the public officers
18 law made by section one of this act shall not affect the repeal of such
19 section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

20

PART Y

21 Section 1. Subdivision 11 of section 400 of the general business law,
22 as added by chapter 80 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 11. "Trainee" means a person pursuing in good faith a course of study
25 in the practice of nail specialty or cosmetology under the tutelage,
26 supervision and direction of a licensed [~~nail~~] practitioner of the same
27 license type, as herein defined. Such trainee shall be employed by a
28 licensed appearance enhancement business.

29 § 2. Paragraph f of subdivision 1 of section 406 of the general busi-
30 ness law is REPEALED.

31 § 3. Paragraph b of subdivision 2 of section 406 of the general busi-
32 ness law, as amended by chapter 341 of the laws of 1998, is amended to
33 read as follows:

34 b. Each such application shall also be accompanied by satisfactory
35 evidence of having taken and passed the appropriate examination or exam-
36 inations offered by the secretary pursuant to this article for the
37 license sought and either: (i) evidence of the successful completion of
38 an approved course of study in nail specialty, waxing, natural hair
39 styling, esthetics or cosmetology in a school duly licensed pursuant to
40 the education law; (ii) in the case of a nail specialty trainee, satis-
41 factory evidence to the secretary that such trainee has either been
42 actively engaged in a traineeship for a period of one year and has
43 completed a course of study set forth by the secretary or has been
44 actively engaged in a traineeship for a period of two years; or (iii) in
45 the case of a cosmetology trainee, satisfactory evidence to the secre-
46 tary that such trainee has been actively engaged in a traineeship for a
47 period of two years.

48 § 4. Subdivisions 2 and 3 of section 408-a of the general business
49 law, as added by chapter 80 of the laws of 2015, are amended to read as
50 follows:

51 2. A certificate of registration as a trainee shall be for a period of
52 [~~one year~~] four years, renewable for [~~a second year~~] an additional peri-
53 od of four years, and may be renewed for additional terms within the
54 discretion of the secretary.

3. Each certificate of registration issued as provided in this section shall be posted in a conspicuous place in the appearance enhancement business in which the trainee is actually engaged [~~in the practice of nail specialty~~] as a trainee.

§ 5. Subdivision 1 of section 437 of the general business law, as amended by chapter 243 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:

1. Each applicant for a certificate of registration as an apprentice shall make an application which shall include the physician's certificate required by paragraph (c) [~~and the certificate of completion required by paragraph (e 1) of subdivision one~~] of section four hundred thirty-four, two recent photographs, and which certificate shall contain such other information required by such section and in such form as the secretary of state may prescribe.

§ 6. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation by the secretary of state necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

PART Z

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 1 of section 7 of section 1 of chapter 392 of the laws of 1973, constituting the New York state medical care facilities finance agency act, as amended by chapter 166 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The agency shall not issue hospital and nursing home project bonds and hospital and nursing home project notes in an aggregate principal amount exceeding [~~seventeen~~ eighteen] billion [~~four~~ two] hundred million dollars, excluding hospital and nursing home project bonds and hospital and nursing home project notes issued to refund outstanding hospital and nursing home projects bonds and hospital and nursing home project notes; provided, however, that upon any such refunding or repayment the total aggregate principal amount of outstanding bonds, notes or other obligations may be greater than [~~seventeen~~ eighteen] billion [~~four~~ two] hundred million dollars only if the present value of the aggregate debt service of the refunding or repayment bonds, notes or other obligations to be issued shall not exceed the present value of the aggregate debt service of the bonds, notes or other obligations so to be refunded or repaid. For purposes hereof, the present values of the aggregate debt service of the refunding or repayment bonds, notes or other obligations and of the aggregate debt service of the bonds, notes or other obligations so refunded or repaid, shall be calculated by utilizing the effective interest rate of the refunding or repayment bonds, notes or other obligations, which shall be that rate arrived at by doubling the semi-annual interest rate (compounded semi-annually) necessary to discount the debt service payments on the refunding or repayment bonds, notes or other obligations from the payment dates thereof to the date of issue of the refunding or repayment bonds, notes or other obligations and to the price bid including estimated accrued interest or proceeds received by the agency including estimated accrued interest from the sale thereof. The agency shall not issue hospital and nursing home project bonds at any time secured by the hospital and nursing home capital reserve fund if upon issuance, the amount in the hospital and nursing home capital reserve fund will be less than the hospital and nursing home capital reserve fund requirement, unless the agency, at the time of

1 issuance of such bonds, shall deposit in such reserve fund from the
2 proceeds of the bonds so to be issued, or otherwise, an amount which
3 together with the amount then in such reserve fund, will be not less
4 than the hospital and nursing home capital reserve fund requirement.

5 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

6 PART AA

7 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 1676 of the
8 public authorities law is amended by adding a new undesignated paragraph
9 to read as follows:

10 Any municipal corporation, subdivision, department or agency thereof,
11 fire district, special district, local agency, industrial development
12 agency, or local development corporation, receiving loans or grants
13 awarded pursuant to: (i) the downtown revitalization program designed
14 and executed by the department of state and the division of housing and
15 community renewal for transformative housing, economic development,
16 transportation, and community projects, for the planning, design,
17 construction, reconstruction, improvement, renovation, development,
18 expansion, furnishing, and equipping of such transformative housing,
19 economic development, transportation and community projects for which
20 the recipient received such loans or grants; and (ii) the NY Forward
21 grant program designed and executed by the department of state related
22 to economic development, transportation and community projects, for the
23 planning, design, construction, reconstruction, improvement, renovation,
24 development, expansion, furnishing, and equipping of such economic
25 development, transportation and community projects for which the recipi-
26 ent was awarded such grant.

27 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 1680 of the public authorities law is
28 amended by adding a new undesignated paragraph to read as follows:

29 Any municipal corporation, subdivision, department or agency thereof,
30 fire district, special district, local agency, industrial development
31 agency, or local development corporation, receiving loans or grants
32 awarded pursuant to: (i) the downtown revitalization program designed
33 and executed by the department of state and the division of housing and
34 community renewal for transformative housing, economic development,
35 transportation, and community projects, for the planning, design,
36 construction, reconstruction, improvement, renovation, development,
37 expansion, furnishing, and equipping of such transformative housing,
38 economic development, transportation and community projects for which
39 the recipient received such loans or grants; and (ii) the NY Forward
40 grant program designed and executed by the department of state related
41 to economic development, transportation and community projects, for the
42 planning, design, construction, reconstruction, improvement, renovation,
43 development, expansion, furnishing, and equipping of such economic
44 development, transportation and community projects for which the recipi-
45 ent was awarded such grant.

46 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

47 PART BB

48 Section 1. Section 2 of chapter 97 of the laws of 2019 amending the
49 public authorities law, is amended to read as follows:

50 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire July 1,
51 ~~2023~~ 2027 when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be
52 deemed repealed.

1 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

2 PART CC

3 Section 1. The article heading of article 21 of the economic develop-
4 ment law, as added by section 1 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of
5 2013, is amended to read as follows:

6 ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC PROGRAM

7 § 2. Section 430 of the economic development law, as added by section
8 1 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 § 430. Short title. This article shall be known and may be cited as
11 the "~~[SUNY Tax-free Areas to Revitalize and Transform UPstate New York]~~
12 Extended Prosperity and Innovation Campus program," or the "~~[START-UP~~
13 ~~NY]~~ EPIC program".

14 § 3. Subdivisions 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13 and 15 of section 431 of the
15 economic development law, as added by section 1 of part A of chapter 68
16 of the laws of 2013, paragraph (c) of subdivision 6 as amended by
17 section 3 of part S of chapter 59 of the laws of 2014 and subdivision 15
18 as added by section 1 of part B of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, are
19 amended to read as follows:

20 5. "Net new job" means a job created in ~~[a tax-free NY area]~~ an EPIC
21 zone that satisfies all of the following criteria:

22 (a) is new to the state;

23 (b) has not been transferred from employment with another business
24 located in this state, through an acquisition, merger, consolidation or
25 other reorganization of businesses or the acquisition of assets of
26 another business, or except as provided in paragraph (d) of subdivision
27 six of this section has not been transferred from employment with a
28 related person in this state;

29 (c) is not filled by an individual employed within the state within
30 the immediately preceding sixty months by a related person;

31 (d) is either a full-time wage-paying job or equivalent to a full-time
32 wage-paying job requiring at least thirty-five hours per week; and

33 (e) is filled for more than six months.

34 6. "New business" means a business that satisfies all of the following
35 tests:

36 (a) the business must not be operating or located within the state at
37 the time it submits its application to participate in the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~
38 EPIC program;

39 (b) the business must not be moving existing jobs into the ~~[tax-free~~
40 ~~NY-area]~~ EPIC zone from another area in the state;

41 (c) the business is not substantially similar in operation and in
42 ownership to a business entity (or entities) taxable, or previously
43 taxable within the last five taxable years, under section one hundred
44 eighty-three or one hundred eighty-four, former section one hundred
45 eighty-five or former section one hundred eighty-six of the tax law,
46 article nine-A, thirty-two or thirty-three of the tax law, article twenty-
47 three of the tax law or which would have been subject to tax under
48 such article twenty-three (as such article was in effect on January
49 first, nineteen hundred eighty), or the income (or losses) of which is
50 (or was) includable under article twenty-two of the tax law; and

51 (d) the business must not have caused individuals to transfer from
52 existing employment with a related person located in the state to simi-
53 lar employment with the business, unless such business has received

1 approval for such transfers from the commissioner after demonstrating
2 that the related person has not eliminated those existing positions.

3 7. "~~[Tax-free NY area]~~ Extended prosperity and innovation campus zone"
4 or "EPIC zone" means the land or vacant space of a university or college
5 that meets the eligibility criteria specified in section four hundred
6 thirty-two of this article and that has been approved as [~~a tax-free NY~~
7 ~~area~~] an EPIC zone pursuant to the provisions in section four hundred
8 thirty-five of this article. It also means a strategic state asset that
9 has been approved by the [~~START-UP NY~~] EPIC approval board pursuant to
10 the provisions of subdivision four of section four hundred thirty-five
11 of this article.

12 10. "~~[START-UP NY]~~ EPIC approval board" or "board" means a board
13 consisting of three members, one each appointed by the governor, the
14 speaker of the assembly and the temporary president of the senate. Each
15 member of the [~~START-UP NY~~] EPIC approval board must have significant
16 expertise and experience in academic based economic development and may
17 not have a personal interest in any project that comes before the board.

18 12. "Eligible land" means land eligible pursuant to section four
19 hundred thirty-two of this article for approval as [~~a tax-free NY area~~]
20 an EPIC zone.

21 13. "Sponsoring campus, university or college" means a university or
22 college that has received approval to sponsor [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an
23 EPIC zone pursuant to section four hundred thirty-five of this article.

24 15. "~~[START-UP NY]~~ EPIC airport facility" means vacant land or space
25 owned by the state of New York on the premises of Stewart Airport or
26 Republic Airport.

27 § 4. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a), paragraph (b) and subpara-
28 graph (ii) of paragraph (c) of subdivision 1, subparagraph (iii) of
29 paragraph (a), paragraph (b) and the opening paragraph of paragraph (c)
30 of subdivision 2 and subdivision 3 of section 432 of the economic devel-
31 opment law, as added by section 1 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of
32 2013, are amended to read as follows:

33 (iii) for a state university campus or community college, a total of
34 two hundred thousand square feet of vacant land or vacant building space
35 that, except as provided under paragraph (b) of this subdivision, is
36 located within one mile of a campus of the state university campus or
37 community college; [~~provided that this subparagraph shall not apply to a~~
38 ~~state university campus or community college located in Nassau county,~~
39 ~~Suffolk county or Westchester county;~~] and

40 (b) A state university campus or community college which qualifies
41 under subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision may apply
42 to the commissioner for a determination that identified vacant land or
43 identified vacant space in a building that is located more than one mile
44 from its campus, [~~and is not located in Nassau county, Suffolk county,~~
45 ~~Westchester county or New York city,~~] is eligible land for purposes of
46 this program. The commissioner shall give consideration to factors
47 including rural, suburban and urban geographic considerations and may
48 qualify the identified land or space in a building as eligible land if
49 the commissioner, in consultation with the chancellor or his or her
50 designee, determines that the state university campus or community
51 college has shown that the use of the land or space will be consistent
52 with the requirements of this program and the plan submitted by the
53 state university campus or community college pursuant to section four
54 hundred thirty-five of this article. In addition, two hundred thousand
55 square feet of vacant land or vacant building space affiliated with or
56 in partnership with Maritime College shall be eligible under this para-

graph. The aggregate amount of qualified land or space under this paragraph and subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision may not exceed two hundred thousand square feet for a state university campus or community college.

(ii) a community college~~[, except that for a community college whose main campus is in New York city, paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision shall not apply to property of such community college in Nassau county, Suffolk county, Westchester county or New York city].~~

(iii) any vacant land or vacant space in a building ~~[which is not] located in [Nassau county, Suffolk county, Westchester county or] New York [city] state~~; and

(b) Subject to the limitations in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, three million square feet is the maximum aggregate amount of ~~[tax-free NY areas]~~ EPIC zones of private universities and colleges that may be utilized for this program, which shall be designated in a manner that ensures regional balance and balance among eligible rural, urban and suburban areas in the state. The commissioner shall maintain an accounting of the vacant land and space of private universities and colleges that have been approved as ~~[tax-free NY areas]~~ EPIC zones and shall stop accepting applications for approval of ~~[tax-free NY areas]~~ EPIC zones when that maximum amount has been reached.

Of the maximum aggregate amount in paragraph (b) of this subdivision, an initial amount of seventy-five thousand square feet shall be designated as ~~[tax-free NY areas]~~ EPIC zones in each of the following: Nassau county, Suffolk county, Westchester county and the boroughs of Brooklyn, Bronx, Manhattan, Queens and Staten Island. The board may approve the designation of up to an additional seventy-five thousand square feet for any county or borough that reaches the initial seventy-five thousand square foot limit, provided that such additional seventy-five thousand square feet shall not count against the square footage limitations in paragraph (b) of this subdivision. Vacant land and vacant space in a building on the campus of the following shall be eligible for designation under this paragraph:

3. Prohibition. A state university campus, community college or city university campus is prohibited from relocating or eliminating any academic programs, any administrative programs, offices, housing facilities, dining facilities, athletic facilities, or any other facility, space or program that actively serves students, faculty or staff in order to create vacant land or space to be utilized for the program authorized by this article. In addition, nothing in this article shall be deemed to waive or impair any rights or benefits of employees of the state university of New York, a community college or the city university of New York that otherwise would be available to them pursuant to the terms of agreements between the certified representatives of such employees and their employers pursuant to article fourteen of the civil service law. No services or work currently performed by public employees of the state university of New York, a community college, or the city university of New York or future work that is similar in scope and nature to the work being currently performed by public employees shall be contracted out or privatized by the state university of New York, a community college or the city university of New York or by an affiliated entity or associated entity of the state university of New York, a community college or the city university of New York. For the purpose of this section, an affiliated entity or associated entity shall not include a business that is participating in the ~~[START-UP NY]~~ EPIC program.

§ 5. Section 433 of the economic development law, as added by section 1 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013 and subdivision 1 as amended by section 3 of part UUU of chapter 59 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

§ 433. Eligibility criteria for businesses. 1. In order to participate in the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC program, a business must satisfy all of the following criteria.

(a) The mission and activities of the business must align with or further the academic mission of the campus, college or university sponsoring the ~~[tax-free-NY-area]~~ EPIC zone in which it seeks to locate, and the business's participation in the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC program must have positive community and economic benefits.

(b) The business must demonstrate that it will, in its first year of operation, create net new jobs. After its first year of operation, the business must maintain net new jobs. In addition, the average number of employees of the business and its related persons in the state during the year must equal or exceed the sum of: (i) the average number of employees of the business and its related persons in the state during the year immediately preceding the year in which the business submits its application to locate in a ~~[tax-free-NY-area]~~ EPIC zone; and (ii) net new jobs of the business in the ~~[tax-free-NY-area]~~ EPIC zone during the year. The average number of employees of the business and its related persons in the state shall be determined by adding together the total number of employees of the business and its related persons in the state on March thirty-first, June thirtieth, September thirtieth and December thirty-first and dividing the total by the number of such dates occurring within such year.

(c) Except as provided in paragraphs (f) and (g) of this subdivision, at the time it submits its application for the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC zone program, the business must be a new business to the state.

(d) The business may be organized as a corporation, a partnership, limited liability company or a sole proprietorship.

(e) Except as provided in paragraphs (f) and (g) of this subdivision, the business must not be engaged in a line of business that is currently or was previously conducted by the business or a related person in the last five years in New York state.

(f) If a business does not satisfy the eligibility standard set forth in paragraph (c) or (e) of this subdivision, because at one point in time it operated in New York state but moved its operations out of New York state on or before June first, two thousand thirteen, the commissioner shall grant that business permission to apply to participate in the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC zone program if the commissioner determines that the business has demonstrated that it will substantially restore the jobs in New York state that it previously had moved out of state.

(g) If a business seeks to expand its current operations in New York state into ~~[a-tax-free-NY-area]~~ an EPIC zone but the business does not qualify as a new business because it does not satisfy the criteria in paragraph (c) of subdivision six of section four hundred thirty-one of this article or the business does not satisfy the eligibility standard set forth in paragraph (e) of this subdivision, the commissioner shall grant the business permission to apply to participate in the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC program if the commissioner determines that the business has demonstrated that it will create net new jobs in the ~~[tax-free-NY-area]~~ EPIC zone and that it or any related person has not eliminated any jobs in the state in connection with this expansion.

2. The following types of businesses are prohibited from participating in the [~~START-UP NY~~] **EPIC** program.

- (a) retail and wholesale businesses;
- (b) restaurants;
- (c) real estate brokers;
- (d) law firms;
- (e) medical or dental practices;
- (f) real estate management companies;
- (g) hospitality;
- (h) finance and financial services;
- (i) businesses providing personal services;
- (j) businesses providing business administrative or support services, unless such business has received permission from the commissioner to apply to participate in the [~~START-UP NY~~] **EPIC** program upon demonstration that the business would create no fewer than one hundred net new jobs in the [~~tax-free NY area~~] **EPIC zone**;
- (k) accounting firms;
- (l) businesses providing utilities; and
- (m) businesses engaged in the generation or distribution of electricity, the distribution of natural gas, or the production of steam associated with the generation of electricity.

~~[2-a. Additional eligibility requirements in Nassau county, Suffolk county, Westchester county and New York city. In order to be eligible to participate in the START-UP NY program in Nassau county, Suffolk county, Westchester county or New York city, a business must be:~~

- ~~(a) in the formative stage of development; or~~
- ~~(b) engaged in the design, development, and introduction of new biotechnology, information technology, remanufacturing, advanced materials, processing, engineering or electronic technology products and/or innovative manufacturing processes, and meet such other requirements for a high-tech business as the commissioner shall develop.]~~

3. A business must be in compliance with all worker protection and environmental laws and regulations. In addition, a business may not owe past due federal or state taxes or local property taxes.

4. Any business that has successfully completed residency in a New York state incubator pursuant to section sixteen-v of section one of chapter one hundred seventy-four of the laws of nineteen hundred sixty-eight constituting the urban development corporation act, subject to approval of the commissioner, may apply to participate in the [~~START-UP NY~~] **EPIC** program provided that such business locates in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] **an EPIC zone**, notwithstanding the fact that the business may not constitute a new business.

§ 6. Section 434 of the economic development law, as added by section 1 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

§ 434. Tax benefits. 1. A business that is accepted into the [~~START-UP NY~~] **EPIC** program and locates in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] **an EPIC zone** or the owner of a business that is accepted into the [~~START-UP NY~~] **EPIC** program and locates in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] **an EPIC zone** is eligible for the tax benefits specified in section thirty-nine of the tax law. Subject to the limitations of subdivision two of this section, employees of such business satisfying the eligibility requirements specified in section thirty-nine of the tax law shall be eligible for the personal income tax benefits described in such section in a manner to be determined by the department of taxation and finance.

2. The aggregate number of net new jobs approved for personal income tax benefits under this article shall not exceed ten thousand jobs per year during the period in which applications are accepted pursuant to section four hundred thirty-six of this article. The commissioner shall allocate to each business accepted to locate in ~~[a tax-free NY area]~~ **an EPIC zone** a maximum number of net new jobs that shall be eligible for the personal income tax benefits described in subdivision (e) of section thirty-nine of the tax law based on the schedule of job creation included in the application of such business. At such time as the total number of net new jobs under such approved applications reaches the applicable allowable total of aggregate net new jobs for tax benefits for the year in which the application is accepted, the commissioner shall stop granting eligibility for personal income tax benefits for net new jobs until the next year. Any business not granted such personal income tax benefits for net new jobs for such reason shall be granted such benefits in the next year prior to the consideration of new applicants. In addition, if the total number of net new jobs approved for tax benefits in any given year is less than the maximum allowed under this subdivision, the difference shall be carried over to the next year. A business may amend its schedule of job creation in the same manner that it applied for participation in the ~~[START-UP NY]~~ **EPIC** program, and any increase in eligibility for personal income tax benefits on behalf of additional net new jobs shall be subject to the limitations of this subdivision. If the business accepted to locate in ~~[a tax-free NY area]~~ **an EPIC zone** creates more net new jobs than for which it is allocated personal income tax benefits, the personal income tax benefits it is allocated shall be provided to those individuals employed in those net new jobs based on the employees' dates of hiring.

§ 7. Section 435 of the economic development law, as added by section 1 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013 and subdivision 4 as amended by section 2 of part B of chapter 60 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

§ 435. Approval of ~~[tax-free NY areas]~~ **EPIC zones**. 1. The president or chief executive officer of any state university campus, community college or city university campus seeking to sponsor ~~[a tax-free NY area]~~ **an EPIC zone** and have some of its eligible land specified under subdivision one of section four hundred thirty-two of this article be designated as ~~[a tax-free NY area must]~~ **an EPIC zone shall** submit a plan to the commissioner that specifies the land or space the campus or college wants to include, describes the type of business or businesses that may locate on that land or in that space, explains how those types of businesses align with or further the academic mission of the campus or college and how participation by those types of businesses in the ~~[START-UP NY]~~ **EPIC** program would have positive community and economic benefits, and describes the process the campus or college will follow to select participating businesses. At least thirty days prior to submitting such plan, the campus or college must provide the municipality or municipalities in which the proposed ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ **EPIC zone** is located, local economic development entities, the applicable campus or college faculty senate, union representatives and the campus student government with a copy of the plan. In addition, if the plan of the campus or college includes land or space located outside of the campus boundaries, the campus or college must consult with the municipality or municipalities in which such land or space is located prior to including such space or land in its proposed ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ **EPIC zone** and shall give preference to underutilized properties. Before approving or

1 rejecting the plan submitted by a state university campus, community
2 college or city university campus, the commissioner shall consult with
3 the chancellor of the applicable university system or his or her desig-
4 nee.

5 2. The president or chief executive officer of any private college or
6 university or of any state university campus, community college or city
7 university campus seeking to sponsor ~~[a tax-free NY area]~~ an EPIC zone
8 and have some of its eligible land specified under subdivision two of
9 section four hundred thirty-two of this article be designated as ~~[a~~
10 ~~tax-free NY area must]~~ an EPIC zone shall submit a plan to the commis-
11 sioner that specifies the land or space the college or university wants
12 to include, describes the type of business or businesses that may locate
13 on that land or in that space, explains how those types of businesses
14 align with or further the academic mission of the college or university
15 and how participation by those types of businesses in the ~~[START-UP NY]~~
16 EPIC program would have positive community and economic benefits, and
17 describes the process the campus or college will follow to select
18 participating businesses. In addition, if the plan of the campus or
19 college includes land or space located outside of the campus boundaries,
20 the campus or college must consult with the municipality or municipa-
21 lities in which such land or space is located prior to including such
22 space or land in its proposed ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ EPIC zone and shall
23 notify local economic development entities. The commissioner shall
24 forward the plan submitted under this subdivision to the ~~[START-UP NY]~~
25 EPIC approval board. In evaluating such plans, the board shall examine
26 the merits of each proposal, including but not limited to, compliance
27 with the provisions of this article, reasonableness of the economic and
28 fiscal assumptions contained in the application and in any supporting
29 documentation and potential of the proposed project to create new jobs,
30 and, except for proposals for designation of eligible land under para-
31 graph (c) of subdivision two of section four hundred thirty-two of this
32 article, shall prioritize for acceptance and inclusion into the ~~[START-~~
33 ~~UP NY]~~ EPIC program plans for ~~[tax-free NY areas]~~ EPIC zones in counties
34 that contain a city with a population of one hundred thousand or more
35 without a university center as defined in subdivision seven of section
36 three hundred fifty of the education law on the effective date of this
37 article. No preference shall be given based on the time of submission of
38 the plan, provided that any submission deadlines established by the
39 board are met. In addition, the board shall give preference to private
40 colleges or universities that include underutilized properties within
41 their proposed ~~[tax-free NY areas]~~ EPIC zones. The board by a majority
42 vote shall approve or reject each plan forwarded to it by the commis-
43 sioner.

44 3. A campus, university or college may amend its approved plan,
45 provided that the campus, university or college may not violate the
46 terms of any lease with a business located in the approved ~~[tax-free NY~~
47 ~~area]~~ EPIC zone. In addition, if a business located in ~~[a tax-free NY~~
48 ~~area]~~ an EPIC zone does not have a lease with a campus, university or
49 college, and such business is terminated from the ~~[START-UP NY]~~ EPIC
50 program pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision four of section four
51 hundred thirty-six of this article, and subsequently does not relocate
52 outside of the ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ EPIC zone, a campus, university or
53 college may amend its approved plan to allocate an amount of vacant land
54 or space equal to the amount of space occupied by the business that is
55 terminated. The amendment must be approved pursuant to the procedures

1 and requirements set forth in subdivision one or two of this section,
2 whichever is applicable.

3 4. The ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC approval board, by majority vote, shall
4 designate correctional facilities described in subdivision fourteen of
5 section four hundred thirty-one of this article, ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC
6 airport facilities described in subdivision fifteen of section four
7 hundred thirty-one of this article and up to twenty strategic state
8 assets as ~~[tax-free-NY-areas]~~ EPIC zones. Each shall be affiliated with
9 a state university campus, city university campus, community college, or
10 private college or university and such designation shall require the
11 support of the affiliated campus, college or university. Each strategic
12 state asset and ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC airport facility, other than a
13 correctional facility, may not exceed a maximum of two hundred thousand
14 square feet of vacant land or vacant building space designated as ~~[a~~
15 ~~tax-free-NY-area]~~ an EPIC zone. Designation of strategic state assets,
16 correctional facilities described in subdivision fourteen of section
17 four hundred thirty-one of this article, and ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC airport
18 facilities described in subdivision fifteen of section four hundred
19 thirty-one of this article as ~~[tax-free-NY-areas]~~ EPIC zones shall not
20 count against any square footage limitations in section four hundred
21 thirty-two of this article.

22 5. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations to effectuate the
23 purposes of this section, including, but not limited to, establishing
24 the process for the plan submissions and approvals of ~~[tax-free-NY~~
25 ~~areas]~~ EPIC zones and the eligibility criteria that will be applied in
26 evaluating those plans.

27 § 8. Section 436 of the economic development law, as added by section
28 1 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013 and subdivision 1 as
29 amended by section 1 of part KKK of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, is
30 amended to read as follows:

31 § 436. Businesses locating in ~~[tax-free-NY-areas]~~ EPIC zones. 1. A
32 campus, university or college that has sponsored ~~[a tax-free-NY-area]~~ an
33 EPIC zone (including any strategic state asset affiliated with the
34 campus, university or college) shall solicit and accept applications
35 from businesses to locate in such area that are consistent with the plan
36 of such campus, university or college or strategic state asset that has
37 been approved pursuant to section four hundred thirty-five of this arti-
38 cle. Any business that wants to locate in ~~[a tax-free-NY-area must]~~ an
39 EPIC zone shall submit an application to the campus, university or
40 college which is sponsoring the ~~[tax-free-NY-area]~~ EPIC zone by December
41 thirty-first, two thousand ~~[twenty-five]~~ thirty. Prior to such date, the
42 commissioner shall prepare an evaluation on the effectiveness of the
43 ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC program and deliver it to the governor and the legis-
44 lature to determine continued eligibility for application submissions.

45 2. (a) The sponsoring campus, university or college shall provide the
46 application and all supporting documentation of any business it decides
47 to accept into its ~~[tax-free-NY-area]~~ EPIC zone to the commissioner for
48 review. Such application shall be in a form prescribed by the commis-
49 sioner and shall contain all information the commissioner determines is
50 necessary to properly evaluate the business's application, including,
51 but not limited to, the name, address, and employer identification
52 number of the business; a description of the land or space the business
53 will use, the terms of the lease agreement, if applicable, between the
54 sponsoring campus, university or college and the business, and whether
55 or not the land or space being used by the business is being transferred
56 or sublet to the business from some other business. The application must

1 include a certification by the business that it meets the eligibility
2 criteria specified in section four hundred thirty-three of this article
3 and will align with or further the academic mission of the sponsoring
4 campus, college or university, and that the business's participation in
5 the [~~START-UP-NY~~] EPIC program will have positive community and economic
6 benefits. The application must also describe whether or not the busi-
7 ness competes with other businesses in the same community but outside
8 the [~~tax-free-NY-area~~] EPIC zone. In addition, the application must
9 include a description of how the business plans to recruit employees
10 from the local workforce.

11 (b) The commissioner shall review such application and documentation
12 within sixty days and may reject such application upon a determination
13 that the business does not meet the eligibility criteria in section four
14 hundred thirty-three of this article, has submitted an incomplete appli-
15 cation, has failed to comply with subdivision three of this section, or
16 has failed to demonstrate that the business's participation in the
17 [~~START-UP-NY~~] EPIC program will have positive community and economic
18 benefits, which shall be evaluated based on factors including but not
19 limited to whether or not the business competes with other businesses in
20 the same community but outside the [~~tax-free-NY-area~~] EPIC zone as
21 prohibited by section four hundred forty of this article. If the commis-
22 sioner rejects such application, it shall provide notice of such
23 rejection to the sponsoring campus, university or college and business.
24 If the commissioner does not reject such application within sixty days,
25 such business is accepted to locate in such [~~tax-free-NY-area~~] EPIC
26 zone, and the application of such business shall constitute a contract
27 between such business and the sponsoring campus, university or college.
28 The sponsoring campus, university or college must provide accepted busi-
29 nesses with documentation of their acceptances in such form as
30 prescribed by the commissioner of taxation and finance which will be
31 used to demonstrate such business's eligibility for the tax benefits
32 specified in section thirty-nine of the tax law.

33 (c) If a state university campus proposes to enter into a lease with a
34 business for eligible land in [~~a tax-free-NY-area~~] an EPIC zone with a
35 term greater than forty years, including any options to renew, or for
36 eligible land in [~~a tax-free-NY-area~~] an EPIC zone of one million or
37 more square feet, the state university campus, at the same time as the
38 application is provided to the commissioner, also must submit the lease
39 for review to the [~~START-UP-NY~~] EPIC approval board. If the board does
40 not disapprove of the lease terms within thirty days, the lease is
41 deemed approved. If the board disapproves the lease terms, the state
42 university campus must submit modified lease terms to the commissioner
43 for review. The commissioner's sixty day review period is suspended
44 while the board is reviewing the lease and during the time it takes for
45 the state university campus to modify the lease terms.

46 (d) Except as otherwise provided in this article, proprietary informa-
47 tion or supporting documentation submitted by a business to a sponsoring
48 campus, university or college shall only be utilized for the purpose of
49 evaluating such business's application or compliance with the provisions
50 of this article and shall not be otherwise disclosed. Any person who
51 willfully discloses such information to a third party for any other
52 purpose whatsoever shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

53 3. The business submitting the application, as part of the applica-
54 tion, must:

1 (a) agree to allow the department of taxation and finance to share its
2 tax information with the department and the sponsoring campus, universi-
3 ty or college;

4 (b) agree to allow the department of labor to share its tax and
5 employer information with the department and the sponsoring campus,
6 university or college;

7 (c) allow the department and its agents and the sponsoring campus,
8 university or college access to any and all books and records the
9 department or sponsoring campus, university or college may require to
10 monitor compliance;

11 (d) include performance benchmarks, including the number of net new
12 jobs that must be created, the schedule for creating those jobs, and
13 details on job titles and expected salaries. The application must speci-
14 fy the consequences for failure to meet such benchmarks, as determined
15 by the business and the sponsoring campus, university or college: (i)
16 suspension of such business's participation in the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC
17 program for one or more tax years as specified in such application; (ii)
18 termination of such business's participation in the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC
19 program; and/or (iii) proportional recovery of tax benefits awarded
20 under the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC program as specified in section thirty-nine
21 of the tax law;

22 (e) provide the following information to the department and sponsoring
23 campus, university or college upon request:

24 (i) the prior three years of federal and state income or franchise tax
25 returns, unemployment insurance quarterly returns, real property tax
26 bills and audited financial statements;

27 (ii) the employer identification or social security numbers for all
28 related persons to the business, including those of any members of a
29 limited liability company or partners in a partnership;

30 (f) provide a clear and detailed presentation of all related persons
31 to the business to assure the department that jobs are not being shifted
32 within the state; and

33 (g) certify, under penalty of perjury, that it is in substantial
34 compliance with all environmental, worker protection, and local, state,
35 and federal tax laws, and that it satisfies all the eligibility require-
36 ments to participate in the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC program.

37 4. (a) At the conclusion of the lease term of a lease by the sponsor-
38 ing campus, university or college to a business of land or space in [~~a~~
39 ~~tax-free-NY-area~~] an EPIC zone owned by the sponsoring campus, universi-
40 ty or college, the leased land or space and any improvements thereon
41 shall revert to the sponsoring campus, university or college, unless the
42 lease is renewed.

43 (b) If, at any time, the sponsoring campus, university or college or
44 the commissioner determines that a business no longer satisfies any of
45 the eligibility criteria specified in section four hundred thirty-three
46 of this article, the sponsoring campus, university or college shall
47 recommend to the commissioner that the commissioner terminate or the
48 commissioner on his or her own initiative shall immediately terminate
49 such business's participation in the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ EPIC zone program.
50 Such business shall be notified of such termination by a method which
51 allows for verification of receipt of such termination notice. A copy of
52 such termination notice shall be sent to the commissioner of taxation
53 and finance. Upon such termination, such business shall not be eligible
54 for the tax benefits specified in section thirty-nine of the tax law for
55 that or any future taxable year, calendar quarter or sales tax quarter,
56 although employees of such business may continue to claim the tax bene-

1 fit for their wages during the remainder of that taxable year. Further,
2 such lease or contract between the sponsoring campus, university or
3 college and such business shall be rescinded, effective on the thirtieth
4 day after the commissioner mailed such termination notice to such busi-
5 ness and the land or space and any improvements thereon shall revert to
6 the sponsoring campus, university or college.

7 5. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations to effectuate the
8 purposes of this section, including, but not limited to, establishing
9 the process for the evaluation and possible rejection of applications,
10 the eligibility criteria that will be applied in evaluating those appli-
11 cations, and the process for terminations from the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ **EPIC**
12 program and administrative appeals of such terminations.

13 § 9. The economic development law is amended by adding a new section
14 436-a to read as follows:

15 § 436-a. Commissioner authority to act in lieu of EPIC approval board.
16 With respect to its duties under this article, if the EPIC approval
17 board's membership is not complete, the department shall notify the
18 legislature of the need for appointments to such board and the legisla-
19 ture shall have thirty calendar days to make such appointments. If after
20 thirty calendar days such appointments have not been made, and the board
21 is not fully constituted nor able to undertake its duties under this
22 article, any and all items requiring board approval can be decided upon
23 by the commissioner and such decisions shall be binding as if having
24 been rendered by the EPIC approval board.

25 § 10. Section 437 of the economic development law, as added by section
26 1 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 § 437. MWBE and prevailing wage requirements. 1. For prevailing wage
29 and minority and women-owned business enterprises requirements applica-
30 ble to ~~[tax-free-NY-areas]~~ **EPIC zones** on state university campuses, city
31 university campuses and community colleges, see section three hundred
32 sixty-one of the education law.

33 2. Any contract to which a business on a strategic state asset in [~~a~~
34 ~~tax-free-NY-area~~] **an EPIC zone** is a party, and any contract entered into
35 by a third party acting in place of, on behalf of and for the benefit of
36 the business pursuant to any lease, permit or other agreement between
37 such third party and the business, for the construction, reconstruction,
38 demolition, excavation, rehabilitation, repair, renovation, alteration,
39 or improvement, of a project, shall be subject to all of the provisions
40 of article eight of the labor law, including the enforcement of prevail-
41 ing wage requirements by the fiscal officer as defined in paragraph e of
42 subdivision five of section two hundred twenty of the labor law to the
43 same extent as a contract of the state, and shall be deemed a public
44 work for purposes of such article.

45 3. Any individual, public corporation or authority, private corpo-
46 ration, limited liability company or partnership or other entity enter-
47 ing into a contract, subcontract, lease, grant, bond, covenant or other
48 agreement for a project undertaken on a strategic state asset in [~~a~~
49 ~~tax-free-NY-area~~] **an EPIC zone** shall be deemed a state agency as that
50 term is defined in article fifteen-A of the executive law and such
51 contracts shall be deemed state contracts within the meaning of that
52 term as set forth in such article.

53 4. A business on a strategic state asset in [~~a tax-free-NY-area~~] **an**
54 **EPIC zone** may require a contractor awarded a contract, subcontract,
55 lease, grant, bond, covenant or other agreement for a project to enter
56 into a project labor agreement pursuant to section two hundred twenty-

1 two of the labor law during and for the work involved with such project
2 when such requirement is part of the business's request for proposals
3 for the project and when the business determines that the record
4 supporting the decision to enter into such an agreement establishes that
5 the interests underlying the competitive bidding laws are best met by
6 requiring a project labor agreement including: obtaining the best work
7 at the lowest possible price; preventing favoritism, fraud and
8 corruption; the impact of delay; the possibility of cost savings; and
9 any local history of labor unrest.

10 5. For the purposes of this section "project" shall mean capital
11 improvement work on a strategic state asset to be subject to any lease,
12 transfer or conveyance, other than conveyance of title. Such capital
13 improvement work shall include the design, construction, reconstruction,
14 demolition, excavation, rehabilitation, repair, renovation, alteration
15 or improvement of a strategic state asset.

16 § 11. Section 439 of the economic development law, as added by section
17 1 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 § 439. Conflict of interest guidelines. 1. Each campus, university or
20 college participating in the [~~START-UP-NY~~] EPIC program shall adopt a
21 conflict of interest policy. Such conflict of interest policy shall
22 provide, as it relates to the [~~START-UP-NY~~] EPIC program: (a) as a
23 general principle, that service as an official of the campus, university
24 or college shall not be used as a means for private benefit or inurement
25 for the official, a relative thereof, or any entity in which the offi-
26 cial, or relative thereof, has a business interest; (b) no official who
27 is a vendor or employee of a vendor of goods or services to the campus,
28 university or college, or who has a business interest in such vendor, or
29 whose relative has a business interest in such vendor, shall vote on, or
30 participate in the administration by the campus, university or college,
31 as the case may be, of any transaction with such vendor; and (c) upon
32 becoming aware of an actual or potential conflict of interest, an offi-
33 cial shall advise the president or chief executive officer of the
34 campus, university or college, as the case may be, of his or her or a
35 relative's business interest in any such existing or proposed vendor
36 with the campus, university or college. Each campus, university or
37 college shall maintain a written record of all disclosures of actual or
38 potential conflicts of interest made pursuant to paragraph (c) of this
39 subdivision, and shall report such disclosures, on a calendar year
40 basis, by January thirty-first of each year, to the auditor for such
41 campus, university or college. The auditor shall forward such reports to
42 the commissioner, who shall make public such reports.

43 2. For purposes of such conflict of interest policies: (a) an official
44 of a campus, university or college has a "business interest" in an enti-
45 ty if the individual: (i) owns or controls ten percent or more of the
46 stock of the entity (or one percent in the case of an entity the stock
47 of which is regularly traded on an established securities exchange); or
48 (ii) serves as an officer, director or partner of the entity; (b) a
49 "relative" of an official of a campus, university or college shall mean
50 any person living in the same household as the individual and any person
51 who is a direct descendant of that individual's grandparents or the
52 spouse of such descendant; and (c) an "official" of a campus, university
53 or college shall mean an employee at the level of dean and above as well
54 as any other employee with decision-making authority over the [~~START-UP~~
55 ~~NY~~] EPIC program.

§ 12. Section 440 of the economic development law, as added by section 1 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

§ 440. Prohibition of anti-competitive behavior. A sponsoring campus, university or college shall not accept any application to locate in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone under subdivision one of section four hundred thirty-six of this article from a business that would compete with other businesses in the same community but outside the [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone, and the commissioner shall reject any application under subdivision two of section four hundred thirty-six of this article upon determining that the business would compete with other businesses in the same community but outside the [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone. The commissioner shall issue and promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to implement this section.

§ 13. Section 215-d of the education law, as added by section 1 of part Z of chapter 56 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

§ 215-d. State university of New York report on economic development activities. The chancellor of the state university of New York shall report to the governor and to the legislature, on or before January first, two thousand fifteen, on economic development activities undertaken by the state university of New York. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, expenditures of capital funds for economic development activities received from the empire state development corporation, SUNY 2020 challenge grant projects, capital expenditures from other sources, and activities for the purpose of securing [~~START-UP NY~~] EPIC approval.

§ 14. Paragraphs a, s and z of subdivision 2 of section 355 of the education law, paragraph a as amended by section 18, paragraph s as amended by section 19 and paragraph z as added by section 20, of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, are amended to read as follows:

a. To take, hold and administer on behalf of the state university or any institution therein, real and personal property or any interest therein and the income thereof either absolutely or in trust for any educational or other purpose within the jurisdiction and corporate purposes of the state university. The trustees may acquire property for such purposes by purchase, appropriation or lease and by the acceptance of gifts, grants, bequests and devises, and, within appropriations made therefor, may equip and furnish buildings and otherwise improve property owned, used or occupied by the state university or any institution therein. The trustees may acquire property by the acceptance of conditional gifts, grants, devises or bequests, the provisions of section eleven of the state finance law notwithstanding. Where real property is to be acquired by purchase or appropriation, such acquisition shall be in accordance with the provisions of section three hundred seven of this chapter except that the powers and duties in said section mentioned to be performed by the commissioner shall be performed by the state university trustees. The provisions of section three of the public lands law notwithstanding, the trustees may provide for the lease of state-owned real property under the jurisdiction of the state university that is part of [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone approved pursuant to article twenty-one of the economic development law, in such manner and upon such terms as the trustees shall determine, provided such lease is consistent with the approved plan for such [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone.

s. To lease or make available to the state university construction fund, the dormitory authority or other public benefit corporation, the New York state teachers' retirement system, the New York state employ-

ees' retirement system, or a business that intends to locate in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone approved pursuant to article twenty-one of the economic development law, a portion of the grounds or real property occupied by a state-operated institution or statutory or contract college for the construction, acquisition, reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement of academic buildings, dormitories or other facilities thereon pursuant to article eight-A of this chapter and for the purpose of facilitating such construction, acquisition, reconstruction, rehabilitation or improvement, to enter into leases and agreements for the use of any such academic building, dormitory or other facility in accordance with the provisions of section three hundred seventy-eight of this [~~chapter~~] title; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect the provisions of any lease or agreement heretofore executed by the state university with the dormitory authority. The state university trustees may also enter into agreements with the state university construction fund, the dormitory authority or other public benefit corporation, the New York state teachers' retirement system, the New York state employees' retirement system or any business that intends to locate in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone approved pursuant to article twenty-one of the economic development law, to furnish heat from a central heating plant to any academic building, dormitory or other facility erected by them or with moneys supplied by them. Any such academic building, dormitory or other facility shall not be subject to taxation for any purpose.

z. In connection with business/university partnerships in support of the corporate purposes of the state university, to participate in joint and cooperative arrangements with businesses that have located in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone approved pursuant to article twenty-one of the economic development law provided such arrangements are consistent with the approved plan for such [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone.

§ 15. The section heading and the opening paragraph of subdivision 1 of section 361 of the education law, as added by section 21 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

[~~START-UP-NY~~] EPIC program leases. Any lease or contract between a state university campus, city university campus or community college as defined in section four hundred thirty-one of the economic development law and a business for the use of vacant land or vacant space owned or leased by such state university campus, community college or city university campus in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone approved pursuant to article twenty-one of the economic development law shall provide:

§ 16. Subdivision 2 of section 420-a of the real property tax law, as amended by section 17 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

2. If any portion of such real property is not so used exclusively to carry out thereupon one or more of such purposes but is leased or otherwise used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be exempt; provided, however, that such real property shall be fully exempt from taxation although it or a portion thereof is used (a) for purposes which are exempt pursuant to this section or sections four hundred twenty-b, four hundred twenty-two, four hundred twenty-four, four hundred twenty-six, four hundred twenty-eight, four hundred thirty or four hundred fifty of this chapter by another corporation which owns real property exempt from taxation pursuant to such sections or whose real property if it owned any would be exempt from taxation pursuant to such sections, (b) for purposes which are exempt pursuant to section four hundred six or section four hundred

1 eight of this chapter by a corporation which owns real property exempt
2 from taxation pursuant to such section or if it owned any would be
3 exempt from taxation pursuant to such section, (c) for purposes which
4 are exempt pursuant to section four hundred sixteen of this chapter by
5 an organization which owns real property exempt from taxation pursuant
6 to such section or whose real property if it owned any would be exempt
7 from taxation pursuant to such section, (d) for purposes relating to
8 civil defense pursuant to the New York state defense emergency act,
9 including but not limited to activities in preparation for anticipated
10 attack, during attack, or following attack or false warning thereof, or
11 in connection with drill or test ordered or directed by civil defense
12 authorities, or (e) for purposes of [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone
13 that has been approved pursuant to article twenty-one of the economic
14 development law, subject to the conditions that the real property must
15 have been owned by the corporation or association organized exclusively
16 for educational purposes and exempt pursuant to this section on June
17 first, two thousand thirteen, and that the exemption shall apply only to
18 the portion of such real property that is used for purposes of the
19 [~~START-UP NY~~] EPIC program; and provided further that such real property
20 shall be exempt from taxation only so long as it or a portion thereof,
21 as the case may be, is devoted to such exempt purposes and so long as
22 any moneys paid for such use do not exceed the amount of the carrying,
23 maintenance and depreciation charges of the property or portion thereof,
24 as the case may be.

25 § 17. Section 39 of the tax law, as added by section 2 of part A of
26 chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, subdivision (c-1) as added by section 1
27 and paragraph 6 of subdivision (k) as amended by section 2-a of part T,
28 and paragraph 4 of subdivision (k) as amended by section 53 of part A of
29 chapter 59 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

30 § 39. Tax benefits for businesses located in [~~tax-free NY areas~~] EPIC
31 zones and employees of such businesses. (a) (1) Any business or owner of
32 a business in the case of a business taxed as a sole proprietorship,
33 partnership or New York S corporation, that is located in [~~a tax-free NY~~
34 ~~area~~] an EPIC zone approved pursuant to article twenty-one of the
35 economic development law is eligible for the tax benefits described in
36 this section. Unless otherwise specified, such business or owner of such
37 business shall be eligible for these tax benefits for a period of ten
38 consecutive taxable years, commencing with the taxable year during which
39 it locates in the [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone.

40 (2) In order to be eligible for these tax benefits during any taxable
41 year, calendar quarter or sales tax quarter, such business must be
42 approved to participate in the [~~START-UP NY~~] EPIC program, must operate
43 at the approved location in the [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone, and must
44 satisfy the eligibility criteria specified in paragraph (b) of subdivi-
45 sion one of section four hundred thirty-three of the economic develop-
46 ment law.

47 (b) [~~Tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone elimination credit. Such business or
48 the owner of such business shall be eligible for the [~~tax-free NY area~~]
49 EPIC zone tax elimination credit described in section forty of this
50 article.

51 (c-1) Excise tax on telecommunication services. Such business or owner
52 of a business shall be eligible for a credit of the excise tax on tele-
53 communication services imposed by section one hundred eighty-six-e of
54 this chapter that is passed through to such business, pursuant to the
55 provisions referenced in subdivision (k) of this section.

(d) Metropolitan commuter transportation district mobility tax. If the ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ **EPIC zone** at which such business is located is within the metropolitan commuter transportation district (MCTD), and such business is an employer engaged in business within the MCTD, the payroll expense of such business at such location within the ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ **EPIC zone** shall be exempt from the metropolitan commuter transportation district mobility tax imposed under article twenty-three of this chapter for forty consecutive calendar quarters, commencing with the calendar quarter during which the employer locates in the ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ **EPIC zone** within the MCTD. If the ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ **EPIC zone** at which such business is located is within the MCTD and the owner of such business is an individual who has net earnings from self-employment at such location, such net earnings shall be exempt from the metropolitan commuter transportation district mobility tax imposed under article twenty-three of this chapter for ten consecutive taxable years commencing with the taxable year during which the business locates in the ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ **EPIC zone**.

(e) To the extent specified, the wages of an individual who is an employee of such business located within ~~[a tax-free NY area]~~ **EPIC zone** received from such business for employment in such ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ **an EPIC zone** shall be eligible for the benefits as provided in article twenty-two of this chapter, the New York city personal income tax as provided in article thirty of this chapter, the Yonkers city income tax as provided in article thirty-A of this chapter, and the Yonkers earnings tax on non-residents during the ten taxable year period for such business specified in subdivision (a) of this section, provided the requirements of this subdivision are satisfied.

(i) The individual when employed by such business must be engaged in work performed exclusively at the location within the ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ **EPIC zone** during the taxable year.

(ii) The individual when employed by such business must be engaged in work at the location of such business within the ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ **EPIC zone** for at least one-half of the taxable year.

(iii) Such business must be in compliance with the requirements set forth in subdivision (a) of this section.

(iv) The individual must be employed by such business in a net new job created by such business in the ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ **EPIC zone**.

(f) Sales and use tax. Such business shall be eligible for a credit or refund for sales and use taxes imposed on the retail sale of tangible personal property or services under subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of section eleven hundred five and section eleven hundred ten of this chapter and similar taxes imposed pursuant to the authority of article twenty-nine of this chapter. The credit or refund shall be allowed for one hundred twenty consecutive months beginning with the month during which such business locates in the ~~[tax-free NY area]~~ **EPIC zone**.

(g) Real estate transfer taxes. Any lease of property to such business shall be exempt from any state or local real estate transfer tax or real property transfer tax.

(h) (A) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the commissioner, to the extent practicable, may disclose publicly the names and addresses of the businesses receiving any of the tax benefits specified in this section. In addition, the commissioner may disclose publicly the amounts of such benefits allowed to each such business, and whether or not a business created or maintained net new jobs during the taxable year. With regard to the income tax exemption specified in subdivision (e) of this section, the commissioner may publicly disclose

1 the aggregate amounts of such tax exemption allowed to employees. In
2 addition, the commissioner may publicly disclose the number of net new
3 jobs such business reports on its tax return or report or any other
4 information necessary for the commissioner of economic development or
5 the campus, college or university sponsoring the ~~[tax-free-NY-area]~~ **EPIC**
6 **zone** approved pursuant to article twenty-one of the economic development
7 law to monitor and enforce compliance with the law, rules and regu-
8 lations governing the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ **EPIC** program.

9 (B) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, the
10 commissioner, in determining whether a business or any of its owners is
11 entitled to the tax benefits described in this section, may utilize and
12 if necessary, disclose to the commissioner of economic development,
13 information derived from the tax returns of such business or related
14 persons of such business and wage reporting information relating to any
15 employees of such business or its related persons.

16 (i) Such business shall not be allowed to claim any other tax credit
17 allowed under this chapter with respect to its activities or employees
18 in such ~~[tax-free-NY-area]~~ **EPIC zone**.

19 (j) If the application of a business for participation in the ~~[START-~~
20 ~~UP-NY]~~ **EPIC** program specifies that failure to meet the performance
21 benchmarks specified in such application shall result in proportional
22 recovery of tax benefits awarded under the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ **EPIC** program,
23 the business shall be required to reduce the total amount of tax bene-
24 fits described in this section that the business or its owners claimed
25 or received during the taxable year by the percentage reduction in net
26 new jobs promised by the performance benchmarks, and if the tax benefits
27 are reduced to an amount less than zero, those negative amounts shall be
28 added back as tax. The amount required to be added back shall be
29 reported on such business's corporate franchise tax report if such busi-
30 ness is taxed as a corporation or on the corporate franchise tax reports
31 or personal income tax returns of the owners of such business if such
32 business is taxed as a sole proprietorship, partnership or New York S
33 corporation.

34 (k) Cross-references. For application of the tax benefits provided for
35 in this section, see the following provisions of this chapter:

36 (1) Section 40.

37 (4) Article 9-A: section 210-B, subdivision 41 and subdivision 44.

38 (5) Article 22: section 606, subsection (i), paragraph (1), subpara-
39 graph (B), clause (xxvii).

40 (6) Article 22: section 606, subsection (ww) and subsection (yy).

41 (7) Article 22: section 612, subsection (c), paragraph (40).

42 (8) Article 23: section 803.

43 (9) Article 28: section 1119, subdivision (d).

44 (10) Article 31: section 1405, subdivision (b), paragraph 11.

45 § 18. The section heading and the opening paragraph of section 39-a of
46 the tax law, as added by section 3 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws
47 of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

48 Penalties for fraud in the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ **EPIC** program. If the commis-
49 sioner of economic development on his or her own initiative or on the
50 recommendation of a sponsoring campus, university or college finally
51 determines that any such business participating in the ~~[START-UP-NY]~~ **EPIC**
52 program authorized under article twenty-one of the economic development
53 law has acted fraudulently in connection with its participation in such
54 program, such business:

55 § 19. Section 40 of the tax law, as added by section 4 of part A of
56 chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, paragraph 1 of subdivision (c) as

1 amended by section 34, clause (ii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph 2 of
2 subdivision (d) as amended by section 35, subparagraph (C) of paragraph
3 2 of subdivision (d) as amended by section 36, subparagraph (B) of para-
4 graph 3 of subdivision (d) as amended by section 37 and paragraph 1 of
5 subdivision (e) as amended by section 38 of part T of chapter 59 of the
6 laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

7 § 40. The [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone tax elimination credit. (a)
8 Allowance of credit. A taxpayer that is a business or owner of a busi-
9 ness in the case of a business taxed as a sole proprietorship, partner-
10 ship or New York S corporation, that is located in [~~a tax-free NY area~~]
11 an EPIC zone approved pursuant to article twenty-one of the economic
12 development law and is subject to tax under article nine-A, or twenty-
13 two of this chapter, shall be allowed a credit against such tax, pursu-
14 ant to the provisions referenced in subdivision (e) of this section, to
15 be computed as hereinafter provided.

16 (b) Amount of credit. The amount of the credit shall be the product
17 of: (1) the [~~tax-free area~~] EPIC zone allocation factor; and (2) the
18 tax factor.

19 (c) [~~Tax-free area~~] EPIC zone allocation factor. The [~~tax-free area~~]
20 EPIC zone allocation factor shall be the percentage representing the
21 business's economic presence in the [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone in
22 which the business was approved to locate pursuant to article twenty-one
23 of the economic development law. This percentage shall be computed by:

24 (1) ascertaining the percentage that the average value of the busi-
25 ness's real and tangible personal property, whether owned or rented to
26 it, in the [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone in which the business was
27 located during the period covered by the taxpayer's report or return
28 bears to the average value of the business's real and tangible personal
29 property, whether owned or rented to it, within the state during such
30 period; provided that the term "value of the business's real and tangi-
31 ble personal property" shall have the same meaning as such term has in
32 paragraph (a) of subdivision two of section two hundred nine-B of this
33 chapter; and

34 (2) ascertaining the percentage that the total wages, salaries and
35 other personal service compensation, similarly computed, during such
36 period of employees, except general executive officers, employed at the
37 business's location in the [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone, bears to the
38 total wages, salaries and other personal service compensation, similarly
39 computed, during such period, of all the business's employees within the
40 state, except general executive officers; and

41 (3) adding together the percentages so determined and dividing the
42 result by two.

43 For purposes of article twenty-two of this chapter, references in this
44 subdivision to property, wages, salaries and other personal service
45 compensation shall be deemed to be references to such items connected
46 with the conduct of a business.

47 (d) Tax factor. (1) General. The tax factor shall be, in the case of
48 article nine-A of this chapter, the largest of the amounts of tax deter-
49 mined for the taxable year under paragraphs (a) through (d) of subdivi-
50 sion one of section two hundred ten of such article after the deduction
51 of any other credits allowable under such article. The tax factor shall
52 be, in the case of article twenty-two of this chapter, the tax deter-
53 mined for the taxable year under subsections (a) through (d) of section
54 six hundred one of such article after the deduction of any other credits
55 allowable under such article.

(2) Sole proprietors, partners and S corporation shareholders. (A) Where the taxpayer is a sole proprietor of a business located in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone, the taxpayer's tax factor shall be that portion of the amount determined in paragraph one of this subdivision that is attributable to the income of the business at its location in the [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone. Such attribution shall be made in accordance with the ratio of the taxpayer's income from such business allocated within the state, entering into New York adjusted gross income, to the taxpayer's New York adjusted gross income, or in accordance with such other methods as the commissioner may prescribe as providing an apportionment that reasonably reflects the portion of the taxpayer's tax attributable to the income of such business. In no event may the ratio so determined exceed 1.0. The income from such business allocated within the state shall be determined as if the sole proprietor was a non-resident.

(B)(i) Where the taxpayer is a member of a partnership that is a business located in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone, the taxpayer's tax factor shall be that portion of the amount determined in paragraph one of this subdivision that is attributable to the income of the partnership. Such attribution shall be made in accordance with the ratio of the partner's income from the partnership allocated within the state to the partner's entire income, or in accordance with such other methods as the commissioner may prescribe as providing an apportionment that reasonably reflects the portion of the partner's tax attributable to the income of the partnership. In no event may the ratio so determined exceed 1.0. The income from the partnership allocated within the state shall be determined as if any of the partners was a non-resident.

(ii) For purposes of article nine-A of this chapter, the term "partner's income from the partnership" means partnership items of income, gain, loss and deduction, and New York modifications thereto, entering into business income and the term "partner's entire income" means business income, allocated within the state. For purposes of article twenty-two of this chapter, the term "partner's income from the partnership" means partnership items of income, gain, loss and deduction, and New York modifications thereto, entering into New York adjusted gross income, and the term "partner's entire income" means New York adjusted gross income.

(C) (i) Where the taxpayer is a shareholder of a New York S corporation that is a business located in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone, the shareholder's tax factor shall be that portion of the amount determined in paragraph one of this subdivision that is attributable to the income of the S corporation. Such attribution shall be made in accordance with the ratio of the shareholder's income from the S corporation allocated within the state, entering into New York adjusted gross income, to the shareholder's New York adjusted gross income, or in accordance with such other methods as the commissioner may prescribe as providing an apportionment that reasonably reflects the portion of the shareholder's tax attributable to the income of such business. The income of the S corporation allocated within the state shall be determined by multiplying the income of the S corporation by a business allocation factor that shall be determined in clause (ii) of this subparagraph. In no event may the ratio so determined exceed 1.0.

(ii) The business allocation factor for purposes of this subparagraph shall be computed by adding together the property factor specified in subclause (I) of this clause, the wage factor specified in subclause

(II) of this clause and the apportionment factor determined under section two hundred ten-A of this chapter and dividing by three.

(I) The property factor shall be determined by ascertaining the percentage that the average value of the business's real and tangible personal property, whether owned or rented to it, within the state during the period covered by the taxpayer's report or return bears to the average value of the business's real and tangible personal property, whether owned or rented to it, within and without the state during such period; provided that the term "value of the business's real and tangible personal property" shall have the same meaning as such term has in paragraph (a) of subdivision two of section two hundred nine-B of this chapter.

(II) The wage factor shall be determined by ascertaining the percentage that the total wages, salaries and other personal service compensation, similarly computed, during such period of employees, except general executive officers, employed at the business's location or locations within the state, bears to the total wages, salaries and other personal service compensation, similarly computed, during such period, of all the business's employees within and without the state, except general executive officers.

(3) Combined returns or reports. (A) Where the taxpayer is a business located in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone and is required or permitted to make a return or report on a combined basis under article nine-A of this chapter, the taxpayer's tax factor shall be the amount determined in paragraph one of this subdivision that is attributable to the income of such business. Such attribution shall be made in accordance with the ratio of the business's income allocated within the state to the combined group's income, or in accordance with such other methods as the commissioner may prescribe as providing an apportionment that reasonably reflects the portion of the combined group's tax attributable to the income of such business. In no event may the ratio so determined exceed 1.0.

(B) The term "income of the business located in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone" means business income calculated as if the taxpayer was filing separately and the term "combined group's income" means business income as shown on the combined report, allocated within the state.

(4) If a business is generating or receiving income from a line of business or intangible property that was previously conducted, created or developed by the business or a related person, as that term is defined in section four hundred thirty-one of the economic development law, the tax factor specified in this subdivision shall be adjusted to disregard such income.

(e) Cross-references. For application of the credit provided for in this section, see the following provisions of this chapter:

(1) Article 9-A: section 210-B, subdivision 41.

(2) Article 22: section 606, subsection (i), paragraph (1), subparagraph (B), clause (xxxvi).

(3) Article 22: section 606, subsection (ww).

§ 20. Clauses (xxxvi) and (xxxviii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (i) and subsections (ww) and (yy) of section 606 of the tax law, clauses (xxxvi) and (xxxviii) of subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (i) as amended by section 68 of part A of chapter 59 of the laws of 2014, subsection (ww) as added by section 9 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, and subsection (yy) as amended by section 9 of part I of chapter 59 of the laws of 2015, are amended to read as follows:

1 (xxxvi) [~~Tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone Amount of
 2 tax elimination credit credit under
 3 subdivision forty-one
 4 of section two hundred ten-B

5 (xxxviii) [~~Tax-free NY area~~] EPIC Amount
 6 zone of credit under
 7 excise tax on subdivision
 8 telecommunications services forty-four of section
 9 credit under subsection (yy) two hundred ten-B

10 (ww) [~~Tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone tax elimination credit. (1) Allowance
 11 of credit. A taxpayer shall be allowed a credit, to be computed as
 12 provided under section forty of this chapter, against the tax imposed by
 13 this article.

14 (2) Application of credit. If the amount of the credit allowed under
 15 this subsection for any taxable year exceeds the taxpayer's tax for such
 16 year, the excess will be treated as an overpayment to be credited or
 17 refunded in accordance with the provisions of section six hundred eight-
 18 y-six of this article, provided, however, that no interest will be paid
 19 thereon.

20 (yy) The [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone excise tax on telecommunication
 21 services credit. A taxpayer that is a business or owner of a business
 22 that is located in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone approved pursuant
 23 to article twenty-one of the economic development law shall be allowed a
 24 credit equal to the excise tax on telecommunication services imposed by
 25 section one hundred eighty-six-e of this chapter and passed through to
 26 such business during the taxable year to the extent not otherwise
 27 deducted in computing New York adjusted gross income. This credit may be
 28 claimed only where any tax imposed by such section one hundred eighty-
 29 six-e has been separately stated on a bill from the provider of telecom-
 30 munication services and paid by such taxpayer with respect to such
 31 services rendered within [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone during the
 32 taxable year. If the amount of the credit allowed under this subsection
 33 for any taxable year exceeds the taxpayer's tax for such year, the
 34 excess will be treated as an overpayment to be credited or refunded in
 35 accordance with the provisions of section six hundred eighty-six of this
 36 article, provided, however, that no interest will be paid thereon.

37 § 21. Paragraph 39-a of subsection (b) and paragraph 40 of subsection
 38 (c) of section 612 of the tax law, paragraph 39-a of subsection (b) as
 39 added by section 5-a of part T of chapter 59 of the laws of 2014 and
 40 paragraph 40 of subsection (c) as added by section 10 of part A of chap-
 41 ter 68 of the laws of 2013, are amended to read as follows:

42 (39-a) The amount of any federal deduction for the excise tax on tele-
 43 communication services to the extent such taxes are used as the basis of
 44 the calculation of [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone excise tax on telecommu-
 45 nication services credit allowed under subsection (yy) of section six
 46 hundred six of this article.

47 (40) Any wages received by an individual as an employee of a business
 48 located within [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone during the first five
 49 years of such business's ten year taxable period specified in subdivi-
 50 sion (a) of section thirty-nine of this chapter, to the extent included
 51 in federal adjusted gross income and allowed under section thirty-nine
 52 of this chapter. During the second five years of such business's ten
 53 year taxable period, the first two hundred thousand dollars of such
 54 wages in the case of a taxpayer filing as a single individual, the first

1 two hundred fifty thousand dollars of such wages in the case of a
2 taxpayer filing as a head of household, and three hundred thousand
3 dollars of such wages in the case of a taxpayer filing a joint return,
4 to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income and allowed
5 under section thirty-nine of this chapter.

6 § 22. Subparagraph 20-a of paragraph (b) of subdivision 9 of section
7 208 of the tax law, as amended by section 4 of part A of chapter 59 of
8 the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

9 (20-a) The amount of any federal deduction for the excise tax on tele-
10 communication services to the extent such taxes are used as the basis of
11 the calculation of the [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone excise tax on tele-
12 communication services credit allowed under subdivision forty-four of
13 section two hundred ten-B of this article.

14 § 23. Subdivision (b) of section 803 of the tax law, as added by
15 section 11 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 (b) If [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone approved pursuant to the
18 provisions of article twenty-one of the economic development law is
19 located within the MCTD, the payroll expense in such [~~tax-free NY area~~]
20 EPIC zone of any employer that is located in such area and accepted into
21 the [~~START-UP NY~~] EPIC program shall be exempt from the tax imposed
22 under this article. In addition, the net earnings from self-employment
23 of an individual from a business in such [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone
24 that is accepted into the [~~START-UP NY~~] EPIC program shall be exempt
25 from the tax imposed under this article.

26 § 24. Subdivisions 41 and 44 of section 210-B of the tax law, subdivi-
27 sion 41 as amended by section 40, and subdivision 44 as amended by
28 section 41 of part T of chapter 59 of the laws of 2015, are amended to
29 read as follows:

30 41. The [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone tax elimination credit. A taxpay-
31 er shall be allowed a credit to be computed as provided in section forty
32 of this chapter, against the tax imposed by this article. Unless the
33 taxpayer has [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone allocation factor of one
34 hundred percent, the credit allowed under this subdivision for any taxa-
35 ble year shall not reduce the tax due for such year to less than the
36 amount prescribed in paragraph (d) of subdivision one of section two
37 hundred ten of this article. However, if the amount of the credit allow-
38 able under this subdivision for any taxable year reduces the tax to such
39 amount or if the taxpayer otherwise pays tax based on the fixed dollar
40 minimum amount, any amount of credit not deductible in such taxable year
41 shall be treated as an overpayment of tax to be credited or refunded in
42 accordance with the provisions of section one thousand eighty-six of
43 this chapter. Provided, however, the provisions of subsection (c) of
44 section one thousand eighty-eight of this chapter notwithstanding, no
45 interest shall be paid thereon.

46 44. The [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone excise tax on telecommunication
47 services credit. A taxpayer that is a business or owner of a business
48 that is located in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone approved pursuant
49 to article twenty-one of the economic development law shall be allowed a
50 credit equal to the excise tax on telecommunication services imposed by
51 section one hundred eighty-six-e of this chapter and passed through to
52 such business during the taxable year to the extent not otherwise
53 deducted in computing entire net income under this article. However,
54 except as otherwise provided for in this subdivision, if the amount of
55 the credit allowable under this subdivision for any taxable year reduces
56 the tax to the amount prescribed in paragraph (d) of subdivision one of

1 section two hundred ten of this chapter or if the taxpayer otherwise
2 pays tax based on the fixed dollar minimum amount, any amount of credit
3 not deductible in such taxable year shall be treated as an overpayment
4 of tax to be credited or refunded in accordance with the provisions of
5 section one thousand eighty-six of this chapter. This credit may be
6 claimed only where any tax imposed by such section one hundred eighty-
7 six-e has been separately stated on a bill from the provider of telecom-
8 munication services and paid by such business with respect to such
9 services rendered within [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone during the
10 taxable year. Unless the taxpayer has [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone
11 allocation factor of one hundred percent, the credit allowed under this
12 subdivision for any taxable year shall not reduce the tax due for such
13 year to less than the amount prescribed in paragraph (d) of subdivision
14 one of section two hundred ten of this chapter. Provided, however, the
15 provisions of subsection (c) of section one thousand eighty-eight of
16 this chapter notwithstanding, no interest shall be paid thereon.

17 § 25. Paragraphs 1 and 2 of subdivision (d) of section 1119 of the tax
18 law, as amended by section 12 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of
19 2013, are amended to read as follows:

20 (1) Subject to the conditions and limitations provided for in this
21 section, a refund or credit will be allowed for taxes imposed on the
22 retail sale of tangible personal property described in subdivision (a)
23 of section eleven hundred five of this article, and on every sale of
24 services described in subdivisions (b) and (c) of such section, and
25 consideration given or contracted to be given for, or for the use of,
26 such tangible personal property or services, where such tangible
27 personal property or services are sold to a qualified empire zone enter-
28 prise or to a qualified entity that is also a tenant in or part of a New
29 York state innovation hot spot as provided in section thirty-eight of
30 this chapter or to a business located in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC
31 zone approved pursuant to article twenty-one of the economic development
32 law, provided that (A) such tangible personal property or tangible
33 personal property upon which such a service has been performed or such
34 service (other than a service described in subdivision (b) of section
35 eleven hundred five of this article) is directly and predominantly, or
36 such a service described in clause (A) or (D) of paragraph one of such
37 subdivision (b) of section eleven hundred five of this article is
38 directly and exclusively, used or consumed by (i) such qualified empire
39 zone enterprise in an area designated as an empire zone pursuant to
40 article eighteen-B of the general municipal law with respect to which
41 such enterprise is certified pursuant to such article eighteen-B, or
42 (ii) such qualified entity at its location in or as part of a New York
43 state innovation hot spot, or (iii) such business at its location in
44 such [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone, or (B) such a service described in
45 clause (B) or (C) of paragraph one of subdivision (b) of section eleven
46 hundred five of this article is delivered and billed to (i) such enter-
47 prise at an address in such empire zone or (ii) such qualified entity at
48 its location in or as part of the New York state innovation hot spot, or
49 (iii) such business at its location in such [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC
50 zone, or (C) the enterprise's place of primary use of the service
51 described in paragraph two of such subdivision (b) of section eleven
52 hundred five is at an address in such empire zone or at its location in
53 or as part of a New York state innovation hot spot, or at its location
54 in such [~~tax-free NY area~~] EPIC zone; provided, further, that, in order
55 for a motor vehicle, as defined in subdivision (c) of section eleven
56 hundred seventeen of this article, or tangible personal property related

1 to such a motor vehicle to be found to be used predominantly in such a
2 zone, at least fifty percent of such motor vehicle's use shall be exclu-
3 sively within such zone or at least fifty percent of such motor vehi-
4 cle's use shall be in activities originating or terminating in such
5 zone, or both; and either or both such usages shall be computed either
6 on the basis of mileage or hours of use, at the discretion of such
7 enterprise. For purposes of this subdivision, tangible personal property
8 related to such a motor vehicle shall include a battery, diesel motor
9 fuel, an engine, engine components, motor fuel, a muffler, tires and
10 similar tangible personal property used in or on such a motor vehicle.

11 (2) Subject to the conditions and limitations provided for in this
12 section, a refund or credit will be allowed for taxes imposed on the
13 retail sale of, and consideration given or contracted to be given for,
14 or for the use of, tangible personal property sold to a contractor,
15 subcontractor or repairman for use in (A) erecting a structure or build-
16 ing of a qualified empire zone enterprise or a business located in [~~a~~
17 ~~tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone approved pursuant to article twenty-one
18 of the economic development law, (B) adding to, altering or improving
19 real property, property or land of such an enterprise or such business,
20 or (C) maintaining, servicing or repairing real property, property or
21 land of such an enterprise or of such business, as the terms real prop-
22 erty, property or land are defined in the real property tax law;
23 provided, however, no credit or refund will be allowed under this para-
24 graph unless such tangible personal property is to become an integral
25 component part of such structure, building, real property, property or
26 land located in an area designated as an empire zone pursuant to article
27 eighteen-B of the general municipal law in, and with respect to which
28 such enterprise is certified pursuant to such article eighteen-B, or in
29 an area approved as [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone pursuant to arti-
30 cle twenty-one of the economic development law where such business is
31 located.

32 § 26. Subsection (d) of section 1340 of the tax law, as added by
33 section 16 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, is amended to
34 read as follows:

35 (d) Any wages received by an individual as an employee of a business
36 located in [~~a tax-free NY area~~] an EPIC zone within the city during the
37 first five years of such business's ten year taxable period specified in
38 subdivision (a) of section thirty-nine of this chapter and earned at
39 such location shall be exempt from the tax authorized to be imposed by
40 this article to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income and
41 allowed under section thirty-nine of this chapter. During the second
42 five years of such business's ten year taxable period, the first two
43 hundred thousand dollars of such wages in the case of a taxpayer filing
44 as a single individual, the first two hundred fifty thousand dollars of
45 such wages in the case of a taxpayer filing as a head of household, and
46 three hundred thousand dollars of such wages in the case of a taxpayer
47 filing a joint return, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross
48 income and allowed under section thirty-nine of this chapter.

49 § 27. Paragraph 11 of subdivision (b) of section 1405 of the tax law,
50 as added by section 13 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, is
51 amended to read as follows:

52 11. Conveyances of real property located in [~~tax-free NY areas~~] EPIC
53 zones approved pursuant to article twenty-one of the economic develop-
54 ment law to businesses located in such areas that are participating in
55 the [~~START-UP NY~~] EPIC program pursuant to such article twenty-one.

§ 28. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 770 of the labor law, as added by section 1 of subpart R of part XX of chapter 55 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The term "tax credit" means any of the following tax credits allowed under the tax law: recovery tax credit, ~~[tax-free New York area]~~ EPIC zone tax elimination credit, minimum wage reimbursement credit, empire state jobs retention program credit, economic transformation and facility redevelopment program tax credit, excelsior jobs program credit, employee training incentive program tax credit, empire state apprenticeship program tax credit, and employment incentive tax credit.

§ 29. Paragraph 36 of subdivision (c) of section 11-1712 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by section 15 of part A of chapter 68 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

(36) Any wages received by an individual as an employee of a business located within ~~[a tax-free NY area]~~ an EPIC zone during the first five years of such business's ten year taxable period specified in subdivision (a) of section thirty-nine of the tax law to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income and allowed under section thirty-nine of the tax law. During the second five years of such business's ten year taxable period, the first two hundred thousand dollars of such wages in the case of a taxpayer filing as a single individual, the first two hundred fifty thousand dollars of such wages in the case of a taxpayer filing as a head of household, and three hundred thousand dollars of such wages in the case of a taxpayer filing a joint return, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income and allowed under section thirty-nine of the tax law.

§ 30. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the amendments to paragraph a of subdivision 2 of section 355 of the education law made by section fourteen of this act shall not affect the expiration and reversion of such paragraph and shall be deemed to expire therewith.

PART DD

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 174 of the laws of 1968, constituting the New York state urban development corporation act, is amended by adding a new section 52-a to read as follows:

§ 52-a. Small business innovation research and small business technology transfer grant program. 1. The corporation, in consultation with the division for small business, shall establish a matching grant program to provide contingent matching fund commitments and funds to small businesses who have been awarded phase one or phase two grants under the federal small business innovation research program or the federal small business technology transfer program. Such grants shall be awarded based on a company's potential for commercialization and job growth. Companies applying to the federal programs named herein shall have an opportunity to apply to the corporation for a commitment letter that may be included in their application to the small business innovation research program or the small business technology transfer program, demonstrating contingent state support, and therefore increasing their likelihood of receiving federal funding. State matching grants shall be provided to small businesses that are selected for award through these federal programs. As used in this section, "small business" shall have the same meaning as provided for in section one hundred thirty-one of the economic development law.

2. Such funds awarded pursuant to this section shall be used to expedite commercialization, including but not necessarily limited to patents and marketing studies in sales efforts. A small business may apply for multiple matching fund grants, but shall only receive one award through this program each calendar year.

3. The corporation, in consultation with the division for small business, shall establish the form and manner in which applications for grant awards shall be submitted and shall establish guidelines for the grant program. The corporation shall review each application for compliance with the eligibility criteria and other requirements set forth in the program guidelines established by the corporation. The corporation may approve or reject each application or may return an application for modifications, if necessary.

4. The corporation, beginning on June first, two thousand twenty-four, and annually thereafter, provided program funds remain, shall submit a report to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly. Such annual report shall include, but need not be limited to: the number of applicants by stage; the number of applicants approved to receive grants; the total amount of grants awarded and the average amount of such grants awarded; and such other information as the department of economic development determines necessary and appropriate. Such report shall be included on the department of economic development's website and any other publicly accessible state databases that list economic development programs, as determined by the corporation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART EE

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of section 1977-a of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 241 of the laws of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

(a) For the purpose of financing project costs for the project for the Battery Park project area other than the financing of loans, advances and mortgage loans to housing companies organized to provide housing within the Battery Park project area, the authority may issue bonds and notes in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not exceeding ~~three~~ five hundred million dollars, excluding bonds and notes issued to refund outstanding bonds and notes.

§ 2. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 1 of section 1977-a of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 628 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Additional authorizations. For the purpose of financing capital costs in connection with a program of infrastructure construction, improvements and other capital expenditures for the project area, the authority may, in addition to the authorizations contained elsewhere in this title, borrow money by issuing bonds and notes in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding one billion five hundred million dollars, plus a principal amount of bonds or notes issued (i) to fund any related debt service reserve fund, (ii) to provide capitalized interest, and (iii) to provide for fees and other charges and expenses including any underwriters' discounts, related to the issuance of such bonds or notes, all as determined by the authority, excluding bonds and notes issued to refund outstanding bonds and notes issued pursuant to this section.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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PART FF

2 Section 1. Section 217 of the state finance law, as amended by section
3 1 of part H of chapter 60 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as
4 follows:

5 § 217. Linked loans. Linked loans shall be made by lenders pursuant to
6 the program only to eligible businesses in connection with eligible
7 projects. A linked loan shall be limited to a maximum amount of [~~two~~]
8 six million dollars. An eligible business may receive more than one
9 linked loan. During the life of the linked loan program, the total
10 amount of money that a business can borrow from the linked program is
11 [~~two~~] six million dollars. The credit decision for making a linked loan
12 shall be made solely by the lender. Notwithstanding the length of the
13 term of a linked loan, the linked deposit relating to the linked loan
14 shall be for a period of not more than four years.

15 § 2. The act shall take effect immediately.

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PART GG

17 Section 1. Section 2 of chapter 393 of the laws of 1994, amending the
18 New York state urban development corporation act, relating to the powers
19 of the New York state urban development corporation to make loans, as
20 amended by section 1 of part Y of chapter 58 of the laws of 2022, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that
23 section one of this act shall expire on July 1, [~~2023~~] 2028, at which
24 time the provisions of subdivision 26 of section 5 of the New York state
25 urban development corporation act shall be deemed repealed; provided,
26 however, that neither the expiration nor the repeal of such subdivision
27 as provided for herein shall be deemed to affect or impair in any manner
28 any loan made pursuant to the authority of such subdivision prior to
29 such expiration and repeal.

30 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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PART HH

32 Section 1. The opening paragraph of paragraph (a) and paragraph (b)
33 of subdivision 2-a of section 314 of the executive law, as amended by
34 chapter 96 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

35 The director shall establish a procedure [~~enabling~~] requiring the
36 office to accept New York municipal corporation certification verifica-
37 tion for minority and women-owned business enterprise applicants in lieu
38 of requiring the applicant to complete the state certification process.
39 [~~The~~] In order to implement such procedure, the office and all New York
40 municipal corporations that have a municipal minority and women-owned
41 business enterprise program shall enter into a memorandum of understand-
42 ing regarding such acceptance of certification verification and the
43 director shall promulgate rules and regulations to set forth criteria
44 for the acceptance of municipal corporation certification. [~~All eligible~~
45 ~~municipal corporation certifications shall require business enterprises~~
46 ~~seeking certification to meet the following standards:~~] Notwithstanding
47 the foregoing, an applicant certified pursuant to this section must meet
48 the definition of a minority-owned business enterprise or women-owned
49 business enterprise set forth in section three hundred ten of this arti-
50 cle.

(b) ~~[The director shall work with all]~~ All New York municipal corporations that have a municipal minority and women-owned business enterprise program ~~[to]~~ shall develop ~~[standards]~~ rules and regulations in order to accept state certification ~~[to meet the municipal corporation minority and women-owned business enterprise certification standards]~~.

§ 2. Clauses (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi) and (vii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 2-a of section 314 of the executive law are REPEALED.

§ 3. Subdivision 6 of section 163 of the state finance law, as separately amended by section 28 of part PP of chapter 56 and chapter 572 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

6. Discretionary buying thresholds. Pursuant to guidelines established by the state procurement council: the commissioner may purchase services and commodities for the office of general services or its customer agencies serviced by the office of general services business services center in an amount not exceeding eighty-five thousand dollars without a formal competitive process; state agencies may purchase services and commodities in an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars without a formal competitive process; and state agencies may purchase commodities or services from small business concerns or those certified pursuant to article fifteen-A of the executive law and article three of the veterans' services law, or commodities or technology that are recycled or remanufactured in an amount not exceeding one million five hundred thousand dollars without a formal competitive process and state agencies may enter into construction or professional service contracts with those certified pursuant to article fifteen-A of the executive law and article three of the veterans' services law in an amount not exceeding one million five hundred thousand dollars without a formal competitive process and for commodities that are food, including milk and milk products, or animal or plant fiber products, grown, produced, harvested, or processed in New York state or textile products manufactured from animal or plant fiber grown or produced predominantly in New York state in an amount not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars, without a formal competitive process.

§ 4. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 3 of section 2879 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 96 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(i) for the selection of such contractors on a competitive basis, and provisions relating to the circumstances under which the board may by resolution waive competition, including, notwithstanding any other provision of law requiring competition, the purchase of goods or services from small business concerns, those certified as minority or women-owned business enterprises pursuant to article fifteen-A of the executive law, those certified pursuant to article three of the veterans' services law or goods or technology that are recycled or remanufactured, in an amount not to exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars without a formal competitive process and the entering into construction and professional service contracts with those certified as minority and women-owned business enterprises pursuant to article fifteen-A of the executive law and those certified pursuant to article three of the veterans' services law in an amount not exceeding one million five hundred thousand dollars without a formal competitive process;

§ 5. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subdivision 3 of section 2879-a of the public authorities law are amended, and a new paragraph (g) is added, to read as follows:

(e) contracts for the purchase, sale or delivery of power or energy, fuel, costs and services ancillary thereto, or financial products related thereto, with a term of less than five years; ~~and~~ (f) contracts for the sale or delivery of power or energy and costs and services ancillary thereto for economic development purposes pursuant to title one of article five of this chapter or article six of the economic development law; and (g) contracts awarded small business concerns, minority or women-owned business enterprises certified pursuant to article fifteen-A of the executive law, service disabled veteran owned businesses certified pursuant to article three of the veterans' services law, or for goods or technology that are recycled or remanufactured in an amount less than one million five hundred thousand dollars pursuant to subdivision three of section 2879 of this chapter, provided, however, that the authority shall file copies of any such contract with the comptroller within sixty days after the execution of such contract.

§ 6. Paragraph 1 of subdivision i of section 311 of the New York city charter, as amended by chapter 569 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

1. agencies may make procurements of goods, services and construction for amounts not exceeding one million five hundred thousand dollars from businesses certified as minority or women-owned business enterprises pursuant to section thirteen hundred four of the charter without a formal competitive process.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately; provided however that sections one and two of this act shall take effect on the three hundred sixty-fifth day after it shall have become a law; provided, further, that if section 28 of part PP of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022 shall not have taken effect on or before such date then section three of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as such chapter of the laws of 2022 takes effect; provided, further, that the amendments to subdivision 2-a of section 314 of the executive law made by sections one and two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith; provided, further, that the amendments to section 163 of the state finance law made by section three of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith.

PART II

Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 2 of chapter 749 of the laws of 2019, constituting the New York city public works investment act, is relettered (a-1) and a new subdivision (a) is added to read as follows:

(a) "Alternative project delivery contract" shall mean any project delivery method authorized by this act, including construction manager build, construction manager at risk, and design-build, pursuant to which one or more contracts for the provision of design or construction management and construction services are awarded pursuant to an open and competitive method of procurement.

§ 2. Paragraph 14 of subdivision (b) of section 2 of chapter 749 of the laws of 2019, constituting the New York city public works investment act, is amended to read as follows:

(14) A quantitative factor to be used in evaluation of bids or offers for awarding of contracts for bidders or offerers that are certified as minority- or women-owned business enterprises pursuant to article 15-A of the executive law, and certified pursuant to local law as minority- or women-owned business enterprises, or for bidders or offerers that are

1 joint ventures that include at least one such certified firm. Where an
2 agency identifies a quantitative factor pursuant to this paragraph, the
3 agency must specify that businesses certified as minority- or women-
4 owned business enterprises pursuant to article 15-A of the executive law
5 as well as those certified as minority- or women-owned business enter-
6 prises or pursuant to section 1304 of the New York city charter, or
7 joint ventures including at least one such certified firm, are eligible
8 to qualify for such factor. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed
9 as a requirement that such businesses be concurrently certified as
10 minority- or women-owned business enterprises under both article 15-A of
11 the executive law and section 1304 of the New York city charter to qual-
12 ify for such quantitative factors. In addition, where the New York city
13 school construction authority acts as the authorized entity, businesses
14 certified as minority- or women-owned business enterprises pursuant to
15 section 1743 of the public authorities law shall be eligible to qualify
16 for such factor.

17 § 3. Section 2 of chapter 749 of the laws of 2019, constituting the
18 New York city public works investment act, is amended by adding two new
19 subdivisions (b-1) and (b-2) to read as follows:

20 (b-1) "Construction manager at risk" shall mean a project delivery
21 method whereby a construction manager:

22 (1) serves as part of a team in conjunction with the owner in the
23 design phase of the project;

24 (2) during the construction phase, acts as general contractor for
25 agreed upon compensation as set forth in the construction manager at
26 risk agreement; and

27 (3) assumes the risk of construction costs exceeding an amount speci-
28 fied in the construction manager at risk agreement.

29 (b-2) "Construction manager build" shall mean a project delivery meth-
30 od whereby a construction manager:

31 (1) serves as part of a team in conjunction with the owner in the
32 design phase of the project;

33 (2) under the oversight of the owner, acts as the single source of
34 responsibility to bid, select and hold construction contracts on behalf
35 of the owner during the construction phase; and

36 (3) manages the construction project on behalf of the owner.

37 § 4. Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of chapter 749 of the laws of 2019,
38 constituting the New York city public works investment act, are amended
39 to read as follows:

40 § 3. Any contract for a public work undertaken pursuant to a project
41 labor agreement in accordance with section 222 of the labor law may be
42 ~~[a design-build]~~ an alternative project delivery contract in accordance
43 with this act.

44 § 4. Notwithstanding any general, special or local law, rule or regu-
45 lation to the contrary, including but not limited to section 7210 of the
46 education law, article 5-A of the general municipal law, article 8 of
47 the public housing law, sections 1734 and 1735 of the public authori-
48 ties law and section 8 of the New York city health and hospitals corpo-
49 ration act, and in conformity with the requirements of this act, for any
50 public work that has an estimated cost of not less than 10 million
51 dollars and is undertaken pursuant to a project labor agreement in
52 accordance with section 222 of the labor law, an authorized entity
53 charged with awarding a contract for public work may use ~~[the]~~ an alter-
54 native project delivery ~~[method referred to as design-build contracts]~~
55 contract. Provided, however, that any authorized entity charged with
56 awarding a contract for public work in connection with property within

1 the jurisdiction of the New York city department of parks and recreation
2 or the New York city housing authority is authorized to use [~~the~~] an
3 alternative project delivery [~~method referred to as design-build~~
4 ~~contracts~~] contract for any such public work that has an estimated cost
5 of not less than one million two hundred thousand dollars if such public
6 work is otherwise in conformity with the requirements of this act.
7 Provided further that any authorized entity may use [~~the~~] an alternative
8 project delivery [~~method referred to as design-build contracts~~] contract
9 for any public work that has an estimated cost of not less than one
10 million two hundred thousand dollars if such public work is otherwise in
11 conformity with the requirements of this act and primarily consists of:
12 pedestrian ramps and similar infrastructure to improve access to side-
13 walks in the city of New York for people with disabilities; renovation
14 and construction of cultural institutions located on publicly owned real
15 property and of public libraries in the city of New York; an energy
16 efficiency, clean energy generation, or energy storage project; or secu-
17 rity infrastructure, including bollards, planters and other physical
18 structures, designed to protect life and property from acts of terror or
19 mass violence.

20 (a) A contractor selected by such an authorized entity to enter into
21 [~~a design-build~~] an alternative project delivery contract [~~shall~~] may be
22 selected [~~through a two-step method,~~] as follows:

23 (1) Step one. Generation of a list of responding entities that have
24 demonstrated the general capability to perform the [~~design-build~~] alter-
25 native project delivery contract. Such list shall consist of a specified
26 number of responding entities, as determined by an authorized entity,
27 and shall be generated based upon the authorized entity's review of
28 responses to a publicly advertised request for qualifications. The
29 authorized entity's request for qualifications shall include a general
30 description of the public work, the maximum number of responding enti-
31 ties to be included on the list, the selection criteria to be used and
32 the relative weight of each criteria in generating the list. Such
33 selection criteria shall include the qualifications and experience of
34 the [~~design and construction~~] entity or team of entities, organization,
35 demonstrated responsibility, ability of the entity or team of entities
36 or of a member or members of the entity or team of entities to comply
37 with applicable requirements, including the provisions of articles 145,
38 147 and 148 of the education law, past record of compliance with the
39 labor law, and such other qualifications the authorized entity deems
40 appropriate, which may include but are not limited to project under-
41 standing, financial capability and record of past performance. The
42 authorized entity shall evaluate and rate all responding entities to the
43 request for qualifications. Based upon such ratings, the authorized
44 entity shall list the responding entities that shall receive a request
45 for proposals in accordance with paragraph [~~two~~] 2 of this subdivision.
46 To the extent consistent with applicable federal law, the authorized
47 entity shall consider, when awarding any contract pursuant to this
48 section, the participation of (i) responding entities that are certified
49 as minority- or women-owned business enterprises pursuant to article
50 15-A of the executive law, or certified pursuant to local law as minori-
51 ty- or women-owned business enterprises, or, where the New York city
52 school construction authority acts as the authorized entity, certified
53 pursuant to section 1743 of the public authorities law; and (ii) small
54 business concerns identified pursuant to subdivision (b) of section
55 139-g of the state finance law. Notwithstanding any other provision of
56 this paragraph, if an authorized entity determines in writing that it is

1 in the best interest of the authorized entity to solicit proposals with-
2 out generating a list pursuant to the process set forth in this para-
3 graph, the authorized entity may instead release a public solicitation
4 pursuant to the procedure set forth in paragraph 2 of this subdivision.
5 In addition, nothing in this section shall be deemed to supersede any
6 pre-qualification guidelines or requirements otherwise authorized by law
7 for an authorized entity.

8 (2) Step two. [~~Selection~~] The second step shall be the selection of
9 the proposal which is the best value to the authorized entity, provided
10 that is a list has not been generated pursuant to paragraph 1 of this
11 subdivision, the authorized entity shall not be required to consider
12 cost or price criteria in selecting the proposal. The authorized entity
13 shall issue a request for proposals to the responding entities, which
14 shall be the listed entities pursuant to paragraph [~~one~~] 1 of this
15 subdivision if such a list has been generated pursuant to such
16 paragraph. If such a responding entity consists of a team of separate
17 entities, the entities that comprise such a team must remain unchanged
18 from the responding entity as listed pursuant to paragraph [~~one~~] 1 of
19 this subdivision, as applicable, unless otherwise approved by the
20 authorized entity. The request for proposals shall set forth the public
21 work's scope of work, and other requirements, as determined by the
22 authorized entity, which may include separate goals for work under the
23 contract to be performed by businesses certified as minority- or women-
24 owned business enterprises pursuant to article 15-A of the executive law
25 or section 1743 of the public authorities law, or certified pursuant to
26 local law as minority- or women-owned business enterprises. The request
27 for proposals shall also specify the criteria to be used to evaluate the
28 responses and the relative weight of each of such criteria. Such crite-
29 ria shall include [~~the proposal's cost,~~] the quality of the proposal's
30 solution, the qualifications and experience of the proposer, if a list
31 has been generated pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subdivision, the
32 proposal's cost, which may include factors that may be considered indi-
33 vidually or in the aggregate, such as the proposed cost of design phase
34 work, the proposed cost of construction phase work, or cost factors
35 relating to construction phase work, as applicable, and other factors
36 deemed pertinent by the authorized entity, which may include, but shall
37 not be limited to, the proposal's manner and schedule of project imple-
38 mentation, the proposer's ability to complete the work in a timely and
39 satisfactory manner, maintenance costs of the completed public work,
40 maintenance of traffic approach, and community impact. The authorized
41 entity may engage in negotiations or other discussions with all quali-
42 fied proposers that have expressed interest, provided that the author-
43 ized entity maintains a written record of the conduct of negotiations or
44 discussions and the basis for every determination to continue or suspend
45 negotiations, and further provided that if the authorized entity deter-
46 mines for a particular contract or for a particular type of contract
47 that it is in the authorized entity's best interest to negotiate or
48 enter into discussions with fewer proposers, it may make such a determi-
49 nation in writing. If the authorized entity enters into such negoti-
50 ations, the authorized entity shall allow all proposers to revise their
51 proposals upon conclusion of negotiations, and the authorized entity
52 shall evaluate the proposers' revised proposals using the criteria
53 included in the request for proposals. Any contract awarded pursuant to
54 this act shall be awarded to a responsive and responsible proposer,
55 which, in consideration of these and other specified criteria deemed
56 pertinent, offers the best value, as determined by the authorized

entity, omitting the consideration of cost or price criteria where authorized by this subdivision. The request for proposals shall include a statement that proposers shall designate in writing those portions of the proposal that contain trade secrets or other proprietary information that are to remain confidential~~[.]~~, so that the material designated as confidential shall be readily separable from the proposal. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit the authorized entity from negotiating final contract terms and conditions including cost. All proposals submitted shall be scored according to the criteria listed in the request for proposals and such final scores shall be published on the authorized entity's website after registration of such contract or the date upon which such contract may be implemented, if registration requirements do not apply.

(b) An authorized entity awarding ~~[a design-build]~~ an alternative project delivery contract to a contractor ~~[offering the best value]~~ in accordance with this act may but shall not be required to use the following types of contracts:

(1) A cost-plus not to exceed guaranteed maximum price form of contract in which the authorized entity shall be entitled to monitor and audit all costs. In establishing the schedule and process for determining a guaranteed maximum price, the contract between the authorized entity and the contractor shall ~~[-(i) Describe]~~ include terms specifying the price for the design phase of the work, the scope of the work and any applicable cost factors relating to construction phase work that were included in the contractor's proposal. A fair and reasonable guaranteed maximum price for the construction phase of the work, or portions of the construction phase of the work, may be agreed to as one or more amendments to such contract based on developments in the design of the project that occur after such contract is executed. Each guaranteed maximum price amendment shall:

(i) Describe the scope of the portion of the construction phase work subject to the amendment, the cost of performing such work, and the maximum costs of any contingencies related to such work,

(ii) Include a detailed line item cost breakdown,

(iii) Include a list of all drawings, specifications and other information on which the guaranteed maximum price is based,

(iv) Include the dates of substantial and final completion on which the guaranteed maximum price is based, as applicable, and

(v) Include a schedule of unit prices~~[-or]~~.

The authorized entity shall maintain a written record of each guaranteed maximum price amendment, which shall include a summary of the negotiation process and a description of the relevant developments in the design of the project, independent cost estimates prepared by or on behalf of the authorized entity, as required pursuant to a policy established by the authorized entity, the contractor's actual cost schedules and unit prices, and any other factors that the authorized entity considered. If the authorized entity and the contractor cannot agree upon a guaranteed maximum price for one or more portions of construction phase work, the authorized entity may direct the contractor to assign all or a portion of the duties and rights under such alternative project delivery contract to another responsive and responsible proposer pursuant to paragraph 2 of subdivision (a) of this section that offered the best value of the remaining proposers and that will agree to accept such an assignment. This paragraph shall not be deemed to prohibit the use of any contract terms or procedures pursuant to any other provision of law, including but not limited to provisions included in this act;

(2) A lump sum contract in which the contractor agrees to accept a set dollar amount for a contract which comprises a single bid without providing a cost breakdown for all costs such as for equipment, labor, materials, as well as such contractor's profit for completing all items of work comprising the public work[-];

(3) Incentive payments identified in the text of the contract for performance objectives; or

(4) a combination of elements of the contract types listed herein.

§ 5. ~~[Any contract]~~ All alternative project delivery contracts entered into pursuant to this act shall include a clause requiring that any professional services regulated by articles 145, 147 and 148 of the education law shall be performed and stamped and sealed, where appropriate, by a professional licensed in accordance with the appropriate article.

§ 6. Construction with respect to each contract entered into by an authorized entity pursuant to this act shall be deemed a "public work" to be performed in accordance with the provisions of article 8 of the labor law, as well as subject to sections 200, 240, 241 and 242 of such law and enforcement of prevailing wage requirements pursuant to applicable law or, for projects or public works receiving federal aid, applicable federal requirements for prevailing wage. Any contract entered into pursuant to this act shall include a clause requiring the selected ~~[design-builder]~~ entity or team of entities to obligate every tier of contractor working on the public work to comply with the project labor agreement referenced in section three of this act, and shall include project labor agreement compliance monitoring and enforcement provisions consistent with the applicable project labor agreement.

§ 5. Subdivisions (c) and (d) of section 9 of chapter 749 of the laws of 2019, constituting the New York city public works investment act, are amended to read as follows:

(c) Employees of authorized entities using ~~[design-build]~~ alternative project delivery contracts serving in positions in newly created titles shall be assigned to the appropriate bargaining unit. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to affect (1) the existing rights of employees of such entities pursuant to an existing collective bargaining agreement, (2) the existing representational relationships among employee organizations representing employees of such entities, or (3) the bargaining relationships between such entities and such employee organizations.

(d) Without limiting contractors' obligations under ~~[design-build]~~ alternative project delivery contracts to issue their own initial certifications of substantial completion and final completion, public employees of authorized entities shall review and determine whether the work performed by contractors is acceptable and has been performed in accordance with the applicable ~~[design-build]~~ alternative project delivery contracts, and if such public employees so determine, such public employees shall accept contractors' substantial or final completion of the public works as applicable. Performance by authorized entities of any review described in this subdivision shall not be construed to modify or limit contractors' obligations to perform the work in strict accordance with the applicable ~~[design-build]~~ alternative project delivery contracts or the contractors' or any subcontractors' obligations or liabilities under any law.

§ 6. Sections 10, 13 and 14 of chapter 749 of the laws of 2019, constituting the New York city public works investment act, section 14

1 as amended by section 4 of part AA of chapter 58 of the laws of 2022,
2 are amended to read as follows:

3 § 10. The submission of a proposal or responses or the execution of a
4 [~~design-build~~] alternative project delivery contract pursuant to this
5 act shall not be construed to be a violation of section 6512 of the
6 education law.

7 § 13. A report shall be submitted no later than June 30, 2020 and
8 annually thereafter, to the governor, the temporary president of the
9 senate and the speaker of the assembly by the city of New York on behalf
10 of its agencies, the New York city housing authority, the New York city
11 school construction authority, and the New York city health and hospi-
12 tals corporation containing information regarding each [~~design-build~~]
13 alternative project delivery contract procured pursuant to this act.
14 Such report shall include a description of each such [~~design-build~~]
15 alternative project delivery contract, information regarding the
16 procurement process for each such [~~design-build~~] alternative project
17 delivery contract including the list of responding entities that demon-
18 strated the general capability to perform the [~~design-build~~] alternative
19 project delivery contract pursuant to paragraph ~~[(1)]~~ 1 of subdivision
20 (a) of section four of this act, if applicable, the total cost of each
21 [~~design-build~~] alternative project delivery contract, an explanation of
22 the estimated savings resulting from the [~~design-build~~] alternative
23 project delivery method, and the participation rate of and total dollar
24 value of monies paid to minority- and women-owned business enterprises
25 under such [~~design-build~~] alternative project delivery contract.

26 § 14. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be
27 deemed repealed eight years after such date, provided that, public works
28 with requests for qualifications or requests for proposals issued prior
29 to such repeal shall be permitted to continue under this act notwith-
30 standing such repeal.

31 § 7. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that this act
32 shall not apply to any public work for which a request for proposals was
33 issued prior to the date on which this act takes effect; and provided
34 further, that the amendments to the New York city public works invest-
35 ment act made by sections one, two, three, four, five and six of this
36 act shall not affect the repeal of such chapter and shall be deemed
37 repealed therewith.

38 PART JJ

39 Section 1. Subdivision 3 of section 16-m of section 1 of chapter 174
40 of the laws of 1968 constituting the New York state urban development
41 corporation act, as amended by section 1 of part Z of chapter 58 of the
42 laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

43 3. The provisions of this section shall expire, notwithstanding any
44 inconsistent provision of subdivision 4 of section 469 of chapter 309 of
45 the laws of 1996 or of any other law, on July 1, ~~[2023]~~ 2028.

46 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

47 PART KK

48 Section 1. Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph 2 of subdivision (a)
49 of section 2504 of the insurance law are amended, and a new subparagraph
50 (C) is added to read as follows:

51 (A) a public corporation or public authority created pursuant to
52 agreement or compact with another state, ~~[or]~~

(B) [~~the city of New York,~~] a public corporation or public authority, in connection with the construction of electrical generating and transmission facilities or construction, extensions and additions of light rail or heavy rail rapid transit and commuter railroads[~~-~~], or

(C) the city of New York, the city school district of the city of New York, the New York city industrial development agency, the New York city health and hospitals corporation, or the New York city housing authority.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART LL

Section 1. Section 2 of part BB of chapter 58 of the laws of 2012 amending the public authorities law, relating to authorizing the dormitory authority to enter into certain design and construction management agreements, as amended by section 1 of part II of chapter 58 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed April 1, [~~2023~~] 2028.

§ 2. The dormitory authority of the state of New York shall provide a report providing information regarding any project undertaken pursuant to a design and construction management agreement, as authorized by part BB of chapter 58 of the laws of 2012, between the dormitory authority of the state of New York and the department of environmental conservation and/or the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and speaker of the assembly. Such report shall include but not be limited to a description of each such project, the project identification number of each such project, if applicable, the projected date of completion, the status of the project, the total cost or projected cost of each such project, and the location, including the names of any county, town, village or city, where each such project is located or proposed. In addition, such a report shall be provided to the aforementioned parties by the first day of March of each year that the authority to enter into such agreements pursuant to part BB of chapter 58 of the laws of 2012 is in effect.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2023.

PART MM

Section 1. Subdivision 4-a of section 2222 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 609 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read as follows:

4-a. Additional fee. In addition to the other fees provided for in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of subdivision four of this section the commissioner shall, upon application in such cases for the registration of a snowmobile or the renewal thereof, collect the annual [~~ninety~~] one hundred twenty-five dollar fee for residents and [~~ninety~~] one hundred twenty-five dollar fee for nonresidents [~~and~~] or a [~~thirty-five~~] fifty-five dollar fee for residents and [~~thirty-five~~] fifty-five dollar fee for nonresidents who provide proof, at the time of registration, that such individual is a member of an organized New York state snowmobile club that is a member of the New York state snowmobile association or is a member of an organized New York state snowmobile club that is a trail maintenance entity and a member of the New York state snowmobile association which are imposed by section 21.07 of the parks, recreation and

1 historic preservation law. In the event that an individual seeking snow-
2 mobile club membership is unable, for any reason, to secure such club
3 membership, he or she may contact the New York state snowmobile associ-
4 ation, who shall secure such membership for such person. This fee shall
5 also be collected from dealers at the time of original registration and
6 at the time of each renewal. The commissioner shall effectuate regu-
7 lations regarding what is required as proof of membership in an organ-
8 ized New York state snowmobile club that is a trail maintenance entity
9 and a member of the New York state snowmobile association for the
10 purposes of this subdivision.

11 § 2. Section 21.07 of the parks, recreation and historic preservation
12 law, as amended by chapter 609 of the laws of 2005, is amended to read
13 as follows:

14 § 21.07 Fee for snowmobile trail development and maintenance. 1. A fee
15 of [~~ninety~~] one hundred twenty-five dollars is hereby imposed upon the
16 resident, and [~~ninety~~] one hundred twenty-five dollars upon the nonresi-
17 dent, owner of a snowmobile for the snowmobile trail development and
18 maintenance fund to be paid to the commissioner of motor vehicles upon
19 the registration thereof in addition to the registration fee required by
20 the vehicle and traffic law, the payment of which fee hereby imposed
21 shall be a condition precedent to such individual resident, individual
22 nonresident or dealer registration.

23 2. Notwithstanding the fee as established in subdivision one of this
24 section, an individual resident or nonresident registering a snowmobile
25 who provides proof at the time of registration, that such individual is
26 a member of an organized New York state snowmobile club that is a member
27 of the New York state snowmobile association or is a member of an organ-
28 ized New York state snowmobile club that is a trail maintenance entity
29 and a member of the New York state snowmobile association, shall pay
30 [~~thirty-five~~] fifty-five dollars for each snowmobile for the snowmobile
31 trail development and maintenance fund in addition to the registration
32 required by the vehicle and traffic law. In the event that an individual
33 seeking snowmobile club membership is unable, for any reason, to secure
34 such club membership, he or she may contact the New York state snowmo-
35 bile association, who shall secure such membership for such person.

36 § 3. Subdivision 3 of section 27.17 of the parks, recreation and
37 historic preservation law, as amended by section 2 of part G of chapter
38 82 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

39 3. Every county or, where applicable, any city, town or village within
40 such county, shall be eligible for a grant for the development and main-
41 tenance of a system of snowmobile trails and a program with relation
42 thereto within its boundaries. Such grants shall be made by the commis-
43 sioner and may constitute up to one hundred percent of the cost of such
44 program including expenditures incurred for signs and markers of snowmo-
45 bile trails. Any county or, where applicable, any city, town or village
46 within such county, applying for such grant shall submit to the commis-
47 sioner [~~by September first of each year an estimate of such expenditures~~
48 ~~for the current fiscal year, in such form and containing such~~] informa-
49 tion as the commissioner may require. No city, town or village may apply
50 for such grant where the county within which it is contained has submit-
51 ted an application for the same fiscal year. For the purpose of this
52 section, "fiscal year" shall mean the period from April first through
53 March thirty-first. The commissioner shall review all such applications
54 and shall determine the amount of state aid to be allocated to each
55 county or, where applicable, any city, town or village within such coun-
56 ty in accordance with the provisions of subdivision five of this

1 section. Of the amount the commissioner determines each county or, where
2 applicable, any city, town or village within such county is eligible to
3 receive, seventy percent shall be made available for distribution by
4 November first and thirty percent for distribution upon demonstration of
5 completion, submitted by June first, of the program.

6 § 4. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a
7 law.

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PART NN

9 Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 40 of the navigation law, as
10 amended by chapter 208 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 2. Whistle. Every [~~mechanically propelled~~] vessel and every rowboat,
13 canoe and kayak shall be provided with an efficient whistle. The word
14 "whistle" shall mean any sound producing mechanical appliance, except
15 sirens, capable of producing a blast of two seconds or more in duration
16 and of such strength as to be heard plainly for a distance of at least
17 one-half mile in still weather. A siren whistle may only be attached to
18 a vessel operated by a police department, fire department or public
19 utility company, and used only on emergency calls. On vessels less than
20 thirty-nine feet in length, a mouth whistle capable of producing a blast
21 of two seconds or more in duration, which can be heard for at least
22 one-half a mile, may be used.

23 § 2. Subdivision 6 of section 40 of the navigation law, as amended by
24 chapter 186 of the laws of 1962, is amended to read as follows:

25 6. Fire extinguishers required. (a) Every mechanically propelled
26 vessel as classified and defined by subdivision one of section forty-
27 three of this article, except outboard motor boats less than twenty-six
28 feet in length, of open construction, shall carry United States coast
29 guard approved fire extinguishers in accordance with the following:

30 Class A motor boats shall carry one [~~B-1~~] 5-B fire extinguisher.

31 Class 1 motor boats shall carry one [~~B-1~~] 5-B fire extinguisher.

32 Class 2 motor boats shall carry two [~~B-1~~] 5-B fire extinguishers.

33 Class 3 motor boats shall carry three [~~B-1~~] 5-B fire extinguishers.

34 Class 4 motor boats shall carry fire extinguishers and other fire
35 fighting equipment as required by the federal navigation law and rules
36 and regulations made by the United States coast guard for uninspected
37 vessels.

38 (b) One class [~~B-2~~] 20-B fire extinguisher may be substituted for two
39 class [~~B-1~~] 5-B fire extinguishers.

40 (c) When the engine compartment of the motor boat is equipped with a
41 fixed fire extinguishing system of a United States coast guard approved
42 type, one less class [~~B-1~~] 5-B fire extinguisher is required.

43 (d) No fire extinguishers of the toxic vaporizing liquid type, includ-
44 ing those containing carbon tetrachloride and chlorobromomethane extin-
45 guishing agents shall be approved by the commissioner.

46 (e) Disposable fire extinguishers are considered expired twelve years
47 after their date of manufacture. Expired or previously used fire extin-
48 guishers do not meet the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subdivi-
49 sion.

50 § 3. Section 40 of the navigation law is amended by adding a new
51 subdivision 13 to read as follows:

52 13. The operator of a vessel under twenty-six feet in length equipped
53 with an engine cut-off switch shall use the engine cut-off switch when
54 the vessel is operating on plane or above displacement speed. The use of

an engine cut-off switch shall not be required when the operator is in a fully enclosed cabin.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2024.

PART 00

Section 1. Subdivision 9 of section 103 of the general municipal law, as amended by chapter 90 of the laws of 2017, subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) as amended by section 1 of part JJ of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

9. (a) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section to the contrary, a board of education, on behalf of its school district, or a board of cooperative educational services, may separately purchase eggs, livestock, fish, dairy products (excluding milk), juice, grains, and species of fresh fruit and vegetables directly from New York State producers or growers, or associations of producers and growers~~;~~
~~provided that:~~

~~(a) (i) such association of producers or growers is comprised of ten or fewer owners of farms who also operate such farms and who have combined to fill the order of a school district or board of cooperative educational services as herein authorized, provided however, that a school district or board of cooperative educational services may apply to the commissioner of education for permission to purchase from an association of more than ten owners of such farms when no other producers or growers have offered to sell to such school or board of cooperative educational services; or~~

~~(ii) such association of producers or growers is comprised of owners of farms who also operate such farms and have combined to fill the order of a school district or board of cooperative educational services, and where such order is for one hundred thousand dollars or less as herein authorized, provided however, that a school district or board of cooperative educational services may apply to the commissioner of education for permission to purchase orders of more than one hundred thousand dollars from an association of owners of such farms when no other producers or growers have offered to sell to such school;~~

~~(b) the amount that may be expended by a school district in any fiscal year for such purchases shall not exceed an amount equal to twenty cents multiplied by the total number of days in the school year multiplied by the total enrollment of such school district;~~

~~(b-1) the amount that may be expended by a board of cooperative educational services in any fiscal year for such purchases shall not exceed an amount equal to twenty cents multiplied by the total number of days in the school year multiplied by the number of students receiving services by such board of cooperative educational services at facilities operated by a board of cooperative educational services;~~

~~(c) all]~~ .

(b) All such purchases shall be administered pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commissioner of education. Such regulations shall: be developed in consultation with the commissioner of agriculture and markets to accommodate and promote the provisions of the farm-to-school program established pursuant to subdivision five-b of section sixteen of the agriculture and markets law and subdivision thirty-one of section three hundred five of the education law as added by chapter two of the laws of two thousand two; ensure that the prices paid by a district or board of cooperative educational services for any items so purchased do not exceed the prices of comparable local farm products that are avail-

1 able to districts through their usual purchases of such items; ensure
2 that all producers and growers who desire to sell to school districts or
3 boards of cooperative educational services can readily access informa-
4 tion in accordance with the farm-to-school law; include provisions for
5 situations when more than one producer or grower seeks to sell the same
6 product to a district or board of cooperative educational services to
7 ensure that all such producers or growers have an equitable opportunity
8 to do so in a manner similar to the usual purchasing practices of such
9 districts or boards of cooperative educational services; [~~develop guide-~~
10 ~~lines for approval of purchases of items from associations of more than~~
11 ~~ten growers and producers;~~] and, to the maximum extent practicable,
12 minimize additional paperwork, recordkeeping and other similar require-
13 ments on both growers and producers and school districts.

14 § 2. Subdivision 10 of section 103 of the general municipal law, as
15 added by chapter 848 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:

16 10. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section to the
17 contrary, a board of education may, on behalf of its school district,
18 separately purchase milk produced in New York State, directly from
19 licensed milk processors [~~employing less than forty people~~] pursuant to
20 the provisions of this subdivision. [~~The amount that may be expended by~~
21 ~~a school district in any fiscal year pursuant to this section shall not~~
22 ~~exceed an amount equal to twenty five cents multiplied by the total~~
23 ~~number of days in the school year multiplied by the total enrollment of~~
24 ~~such school district.~~] All purchases made pursuant to this subdivision
25 shall be administered pursuant to regulations promulgated by the commis-
26 sioner of education. The regulations promulgated by the commissioner of
27 education shall ensure that the prices paid by a school district for
28 items purchased pursuant to this subdivision do not exceed the market
29 value of such items and that all licensed processors who desire to sell
30 to a school district pursuant to this subdivision have equal opportu-
31 nities to do so.

32 § 3. Section 103 of the general municipal law is amended by adding a
33 new subdivision 10-a to read as follows:

34 10-a. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section or any
35 other provision of the law to the contrary, any officer, board or agency
36 of a political subdivision or of any district therein, board of educa-
37 tion, on behalf of a school district, or board of cooperative educa-
38 tional services may purchase food, including milk and milk products and
39 food products, grown, produced, or harvested, in New York State in an
40 amount not exceeding two hundred fifty thousand dollars without a formal
41 competitive process.

42 § 4. Section 103 of the general municipal law is amended by adding a
43 new subdivision 10-b to read as follows:

44 10-b. Each board or agency of a political subdivision or any district
45 therein, board of education, on behalf of a school district, or board of
46 cooperative educational services shall report to the office of general
47 services and department of agriculture and markets on an annual basis
48 the total dollar value procured of food, including milk and milk
49 products and food products, grown, produced, or harvested in New York
50 pursuant to subdivision 9, 10, and/or 10-a of this section, no later
51 than March thirty-first for the previous calendar year.

52 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "waste
2 reduction and recycling infrastructure act".

3 § 2. Legislative intent. The legislature hereby finds and declares
4 that the amount of waste generated in New York is a threat to the envi-
5 ronment. The legislature further finds and declares that it is in the
6 public interest of the state of New York for packaging and paper
7 products producers to take responsibility for the development and imple-
8 mentation of strategies to promote reduction, reuse, recovery, and recy-
9 cling of packaging and paper products through investments in the end-of-
10 product-life management of products.

11 § 3. Article 27 of the environmental conservation law is amended by
12 adding a new title 34 to read as follows:

13 TITLE 34

14 WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

15 Section 27-3401. Definitions.

16 27-3403. Needs assessment and establishment of a packaging and
17 paper products program.

18 27-3405. Advisory committee.

19 27-3407. Post-consumer recycled content, recovery, recycling,
20 and source reduction rates.

21 27-3409. Producer responsibility program plan.

22 27-3411. Reporting requirements and audits.

23 27-3413. Antitrust protections.

24 27-3415. Penalties.

25 27-3417. State preemption.

26 27-3419. Authority to promulgate rules and regulations.

27 27-3421. Severability.

28 § 27-3401. Definitions.

29 When used in this title:

30 1. "Brand" means a name, symbol, word, or mark that identifies a prod-
31 uct, rather than its components, and attributes the product to the owner
32 of the brand.

33 2. "Compostability" means the capability to undergo aerobic biological
34 decomposition in a controlled composting system as demonstrated by meet-
35 ing ASTM D6400 or ASTM D6868, or any successor standards and will produce
36 a marketable product.

37 3. "Consumer" means any person located in the state, who owns or uses
38 packaging and paper products, including, but not limited to, a person
39 residing in a single or multi-family residential unit, a school, state
40 or local agency, business, or institution.

41 4. "Department" means the New York state department of environmental
42 conservation.

43 5. "Extended producer responsibility program" means a program financed
44 and implemented by producers, either individually, or collectively
45 through a producer responsibility organization, that provides for, but
46 is not limited to, the collection, transportation, reuse, recycling,
47 proper end-of-life management, or an appropriate combination thereof, of
48 unwanted packaging and paper products.

49 6. "Packaging and paper products" covered by this title include, but
50 are not limited to, the following:

51 (a) Packaging means any part of a package or container, regardless of
52 recyclability or compostability, including, but not limited to, such
53 material types as paper, plastic, glass, or metal, that is used:

54 (i) for the containment, protection, handling, delivery, serving, and
55 presentation of goods that are sold, offered for sale, or distributed to
56 consumers in the state, including through an internet transaction;

(ii) as secondary packaging intended for the consumer market;
(iii) as tertiary packaging used for transportation or distribution
directly to a consumer or retailer; or
(iv) ordinarily disposed of after for a single or short-term use.

(b) Paper products means:

(i) paper and other cellulosic fibers, whether or not they are used as
a medium for text or images, except bound books;

(ii) containers or packaging used to deliver printed matter directly
to the ultimate consumer or recipient; or

(iii) paper of any description, including but not limited to: flyers;
brochures; booklets; catalogs; telephone directories; paper fiber; card-
board; and paper used for writing or any other purpose.

(c) For the purpose of this title, the packaging and paper products
covered designation does not include the following:

(i) packaging or paper products that could become unsafe or unsanitary
to recycle by virtue of their anticipated use, as determined by the
department;

(ii) literary, text, and reference bound books;

(iii) newspapers, magazines, and periodicals;

(iv) beverage containers subject to title ten of this article;

(v) packaging that is used exclusively in industrial or manufacturing
processes;

(vi) medical devices and packaging, or paper used to contain and which
are included with products regulated as a drug, medical device or
dietary supplement by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration under the
Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, 21 U.S.C. 321 et seq., sec. 3.2(e)
of 21 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations or the Dietary Supplement Health
and Education Act;

(vii) animal biologics, including vaccines, bacterins, antisera, diag-
nostic kits, and other products of biological origin, and other covered
materials regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture under
the Virus, Serum, Toxin Act, 21 U.S.C. 151-159;

(viii) packaging products used to contain, and paper products which
are included with, substances hazardous to the environment, regulated
pursuant to section 37-0103 of this chapter, or packaging products regu-
lated by the federal insecticide, fungicide, and rodenticide act, 7
U.S.C. sec. 136 et seq. or other applicable federal law, rule or regu-
lation;

(ix) architectural paint containers collected and managed pursuant to
title twenty of this article;

(x) a material, or a category of material, intended to be used for
long-term storage or protection of a durable product that can be
expected to be usable for that purpose for a period of at least five
years as defined by the department pursuant to regulations; and

(xi) reusable packaging still functioning for its intended purpose.

7. "Municipality" means any county, city, town, village, local public
authority or benefit corporation, or solid waste management district
within the state of New York.

8. "Post-consumer recycled content" means the content of a product
made from materials that have served their intended end use as consumer
items and that have been separated or diverted from the waste stream for
the purposes of collection and recycling as a secondary material feeds-
tock. Such materials may also include returns of material from the
distribution chain. Post-consumer recycled content does not include
waste material generated by a manufacturer during or after the
completion of a manufacturing process.

1 9. (a) "Producer" means an entity that shall be determined to be the
2 producer, for the purposes of this title, based on the following hierar-
3 chy:

4 (i) the person or company who uses the packaging or paper product
5 under such person's own name or brand and who sells or offers for sale a
6 product that uses the packaging or paper product in the state; or

7 (ii) the person who imports the packaging or paper product as the
8 owner or licensee of a trademark or brand under which the packaging or
9 paper products are sold or distributed in the state; or

10 (iii) the person or company that offers for sale, sells, or distrib-
11 utes a product that uses the packaging or paper product in the state.

12 (b) For purposes of this title, a producer shall not include those
13 that:

14 (i) in the most recent calendar year, have gross sales of less than
15 one million dollars in the state;

16 (ii) in the most recent calendar year, generate less than one ton of
17 packaging and paper products supplied to New York state consumers per
18 year;

19 (iii) operate as a single point of retail sale;

20 (iv) a person or company who produces, harvests, and packages a raw
21 agricultural commodity on the site where the agricultural commodity was
22 grown or raised;

23 (v) are a municipality, local government planning unit, state govern-
24 ment, or federal government; or

25 (vi) a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization or 501(c)(4)
26 social welfare organization.

27 (c) If more than one person is a producer of a brand of packaging or
28 paper product, any such person may assume responsibility for obligations
29 of a producer of that brand under this title. If none of those persons
30 assume responsibility for the obligations of a producer under this
31 title, any and all such persons jointly and severally may be considered
32 the responsible producer of that brand for purposes of this title.

33 10. "Producer responsibility organization" means a not-for-profit
34 organization designated by a group of producers to act as an agent on
35 behalf of each participating producer to develop and implement a produc-
36 er responsibility program. To the extent applicable, a producer respon-
37 sibility organization shall have a governing board that represents the
38 diversity of producers and the covered materials and product types, and
39 such board shall include non-voting members representing a diversity of
40 material trade associations.

41 11. "Readily-recyclable" means a type of packaging or paper product
42 included in the minimum recyclables list established pursuant to section
43 27-3403 of this title.

44 12. "Recovery rate" means the amount of packaging or paper products
45 collected and recovered for reuse or recycling over a program year by
46 material type, divided by the amount of packaging or paper products sold
47 into the state, by material type, expressed as percentages.

48 13. "Recycling" means to separate, dismantle or process the materials,
49 components or commodities contained in discarded packaging and paper
50 products for the purpose of preparing the materials, components, or
51 commodities for use or reuse in new products or components. "Recycling"
52 does not include: (a) energy recovery or energy generation by any means,
53 including but not limited to, combustion, incineration, pyrolysis, gasi-
54 fication, solvolysis, waste to fuel or any chemical conversion process;
55 or (b) landfill disposal of discarded component materials.

1 14. "Recycling collection" means a recycling program that serves resi-
2 dential units, schools, federal, state or local agencies, businesses, or
3 institutions, where such schools, federal, state or local agencies,
4 businesses, or institutions were eligible to be served under a contract
5 with a municipality or by a municipality or by a private sector hauler
6 as of the effective date of this title, and such recycling program is
7 either operated by a municipality or pursuant to a contract with the
8 municipality, or by a private sector hauler, or other public agency or
9 identified through approved local solid waste management plans.

10 15. "Recycling rate" means the amount of discarded packaging and paper
11 products that is managed through recycling, as defined by this title,
12 and is computed by dividing the amount of discarded packaging and paper
13 products collected and recycled, by material type, by the total amount
14 of discarded packaging and paper products collected over a program year,
15 by material type, expressed as percentages.

16 16. "Reusable" means designed with the intent to be repeatedly
17 refilled or reused for the same or similar purpose for which it was
18 created for; compliant with any statutory or regulatory requirements for
19 toxic substances; and safe for washing and sanitizing according to
20 applicable state food safety laws.

21 17. "Source reduction" means any action which causes the elimination
22 of or a net reduction in the generation of solid waste and includes, but
23 is not limited to, reducing the use of nonrecyclable materials, replac-
24 ing disposable materials and products with reusable or refillable mate-
25 rials and products, reducing packaging, and increasing the efficiency of
26 the use of materials. Source reduction does not include replacing a
27 recyclable or compostable material with a nonrecyclable or noncomposta-
28 ble material or a material that is less likely to be recycled or
29 composted.

30 18. "Unit" means each discrete component of a package or container.
31 § 27-3403. Needs assessment and establishment of a packaging and paper
32 products program.

33 1. The department shall, subject to available appropriations, prepare
34 or cause to be prepared one or more statewide needs assessments
35 designed to determine the necessary steps and investment needed to
36 achieve the requirements of this title. An initial needs assessment
37 shall be completed by the department, their contractors, or an independ-
38 ent third party, prior to the approval of any producer responsibility
39 program plan.

40 2. The needs assessment shall be updated every five years or as neces-
41 sary, to reevaluate the program and identify any relevant service needs
42 in the state that are not being met by the program. The department or
43 the third-party contractor shall consult with the producer responsibil-
44 ity organization and local jurisdictions when developing such updated
45 needs assessments.

46 3. By January first, two thousand twenty-four, each producer of pack-
47 aging and paper products as defined in section 27-3401 of this title
48 shall submit a registration form with the department or their contrac-
49 tors. The registration form, as developed by the department, shall
50 include the following information:

51 (a) the producer's name, electronic and physical address, and tele-
52 phone number;

53 (b) the name and title of an officer, director, or other individual
54 designated as the producer's contact for purposes of this title;

55 (c) a list identifying the producer's packaging and paper product
56 brands;

1 (d) estimated sales data; and
2 (e) other information as determined by the department.

3 4. Each producer registration form, shall be accompanied by an initial
4 producer registration fee as follows:

5 (a) five hundred dollars for producers with gross sales of less than
6 five million dollars in the state in the most recent calendar year;

7 (b) one thousand dollars for producers with gross sales of greater
8 than five million dollars but less than twenty million dollars in the
9 state in the most recent calendar year;

10 (c) ten thousand dollars for producers with gross sales of greater
11 than twenty million dollars and less than fifty million dollars in the
12 most recent calendar year; and

13 (d) twenty-five thousand dollars for producers with gross sales of
14 greater than fifty million dollars in the most recent calendar year.

15 5. Each producer implementing an individual extended producer respon-
16 sibility program or producer responsibility organization that files a
17 plan with the department shall submit a registration form and plan
18 implementation registration and administrative fee on behalf of all
19 producers participating in the program. If a producer is not participat-
20 ing in a producer responsibility organization program, they must file a
21 registration form and pay a plan implementation and administrative fee
22 independently. The department shall promulgate an individual producer
23 and producer responsibility plan implementation and administrative fee
24 schedule for costs associated with the implementation, administration,
25 and enforcement of this title. The department shall periodically evalu-
26 ate the amount of the plan implementation and administrative fees and
27 make a determination if the fees should be adjusted based on actual
28 department costs to administer the program.

29 6. All fees collected pursuant to this title shall be deposited into
30 the waste reduction, reuse, and recycling fund established pursuant to
31 section ninety-two-kk of the state finance law.

32 7. By June first, two thousand twenty-four, an advisory committee
33 shall be established and begin performing its obligations pursuant to
34 section 27-3405 of this title.

35 8. (a) By January first, two thousand twenty-six, each producer imple-
36 menting an individual extended producer responsibility program or any
37 producer responsibility organization, shall submit a producer responsi-
38 bility program plan to the department for approval and begin program
39 implementation within six months of plan approval.

40 (b) Any person that becomes a producer after January first, two thou-
41 sand twenty-six, shall submit an individual extended producer responsi-
42 bility program plan within six months and begin program implementation
43 within six months of plan approval, or join a producer responsibility
44 organization.

45 9. Beginning January first, two thousand twenty-seven, no producer
46 shall sell, offer for sale, or distribute packaging or paper products
47 for use in New York unless the producer, or its designated producer
48 responsibility organization, has a producer responsibility program plan
49 approved by the department. Producers may satisfy participation obli-
50 gations individually or jointly with other producers through a producer
51 responsibility organization.

52 10. To address program performance, producers shall be required to
53 evaluate how they are meeting the minimum source reduction, minimum
54 post-consumer recycled content rate, minimum recovery rate, and minimum
55 recycling rate for packaging and paper material types as established in
56 this title.

11. (a) A producer implementing an individual extended producer responsibility program or a producer responsibility organization shall adopt a minimum recyclables list, which lists the minimum types of recyclable paper products and packaging based on available collection and processing infrastructure and recycling markets for covered materials and products, as identified in the needs assessment and subsequent reports. Such a list shall be approved by the department prior to its adoption. The producer implementing an individual extended producer responsibility program or producer responsibility organization shall evaluate the list on an annual basis, and update it as necessary in consultation with the advisory committee and as approved by the department, in response to collection and processing improvements and changes in recycling end markets. If there are multiple lists, the department shall compile the lists and shall publish a compiled list to the public. Such lists may vary by geographic region depending on regional markets and regional collection and processing infrastructure as determined by the department.

(b) All municipalities or private entities shall provide for the collection and recovery of all identified materials and products contained on the minimum recyclables list in a manner that allows for the marketability of the collected recyclables, based on geographic regions, as applicable, in order to be eligible for reimbursement; provided, however, nothing shall penalize a municipality or private recycling service for recovering and recycling materials that are generated in the municipality or geographic region that are not included on the list of minimum types of recyclable covered materials or products so long as it can be demonstrated that such materials have a market as determined by the department in consultation with the producer implementing an individual extended producer responsibility program or producer responsibility organization. Reimbursement shall cover collection, recovery, and processing of all covered materials and products so long as the program includes at least the minimum recyclables list.

(c) The department may grant a waiver of the requirements in paragraph (b) of this subdivision upon a written showing by the municipality or private entity that compliance with such requirement is not practicable for a specific identified product or material. The waiver granted by the department shall not exceed twelve months.

12. No person may charge a consumer a direct point-of-sale or direct point-of-collection fee to recoup the costs associated with meeting the obligations under this title.

§ 27-3405. Advisory committee.

1. The commissioner shall appoint members to the advisory committee, which shall be comprised of an odd number of members, such members shall include:

(a) an association representing municipalities and an additional municipal representative from a city with a population of one million or more residents;

(b) a municipal recycling program;

(c) two representatives from environmental organizations;

(d) an environmental justice community or organization;

(e) a statewide waste recycling and disposal association;

(f) a recyclables handling and recovery facility located within the state of New York;

(g) a recycling collection provider;

1 (h) a manufacturer of packaging materials utilizing post-consumer
2 recycled content;

3 (i) a manufacturer of paper materials utilizing post-consumer recycled
4 content;

5 (j) a representative of an agriculture organization;

6 (k) a representative from the composting industry;

7 (l) a consumer advocate; and

8 (m) a public health specialist.

9 Nonvoting members shall include a representative from each of the
10 following: the retail sector; the grocery sector; and a producer of
11 packaging products, a producer of paper products, and a producer respon-
12 sibility organization established under this title.

13 2. The advisory committee shall select a chair from among the
14 members. The chair will be responsible for selecting secretarial support
15 for the advisory committee.

16 3. The advisory committee shall be consulted as needed, but at least
17 once, during the development of the producer responsibility program
18 plan, prior to any update to the producer responsibility program plan,
19 and prior to the submission of an annual report.

20 4. Each producer responsibility plan prepared by a producer implement-
21 ing an individual extended producer or producer responsibility organiza-
22 tion pursuant to this title shall be submitted to the advisory committee
23 for its review and comments on whether the plan meets the criteria and
24 objectives of this title.

25 5. The advisory committee shall review the submitted annual reports
26 and make such recommendations to the department and the producer respon-
27 sibility organization for improving the plan within sixty days of
28 submission.

29 6. The decisions of the advisory committee shall be by a vote of the
30 majority of its membership.

31 7. Members of the advisory committee shall be reimbursed for any
32 necessary travel expenses, related to participating on the advisory
33 committee, by the producer implementing an individual extended producer
34 responsibility program or producer responsibility organization. Members
35 of the advisory committee shall receive no salary from a producer imple-
36 menting an individual extended producer responsibility program or
37 producer responsibility organization. The costs for secretarial support
38 to the advisory committee shall be paid for by the producer implementing
39 an individual extended producer responsibility program or producer
40 responsibility organization.

41 § 27-3407. Post-consumer recycled content, recovery, recycling, and
42 source reduction rates.

43 1. Within five years of the effective date of this title, a producer
44 of packaging products shall meet the following minimum post-consumer
45 recycled content rates, as applicable, for the material types stated
46 below:

47 (a) All glass packaging sold or offered for sale in the state by a
48 producer shall contain, on average, at least thirty-five percent post-
49 consumer recycled content. Every three years thereafter, the amount of
50 post-consumer recycled content shall increase by five percent, until
51 reaching fifty percent.

52 (b) All metal packaging sold or offered for sale in the state by a
53 producer shall contain, on average, at least fifty percent post-consumer
54 recycled content. Every three years thereafter, the amount of post-con-
55 sumer recycled content shall increase by ten percent, until reaching
56 ninety percent.

1 (c) All rigid plastic packaging sold or offered for sale in the state
2 by a producer shall contain, on average, at least twenty percent post-
3 consumer recycled content. Every three years thereafter, the amount of
4 post-consumer recycled content shall increase by ten percent, until
5 reaching fifty percent.

6 (d) All non-rigid plastic packaging sold or offered for sale in the
7 state by a producer shall contain, on average, at least ten percent
8 post-consumer recycled content. Every three years thereafter, the amount
9 of post-consumer recycled content shall increase by five percent, until
10 reaching forty percent.

11 (e) All corrugated cardboard packaging sold or offered for sale in the
12 state by a producer shall contain, on average, at least fifty percent
13 post-consumer recycled content. Every three years thereafter, the amount
14 of post-consumer recycled content shall increase by five percent, until
15 reaching seventy-five percent.

16 (f) All paper packaging, other than corrugated cardboard packaging,
17 sold or offered for sale in the state by a producer shall contain, on
18 average, at least thirty percent post-consumer recycled content. Every
19 three years thereafter, the amount of post-consumer recycled content
20 shall increase by ten percent, until reaching seventy percent.

21 2. Within five years of the effective date of this title, paper
22 products sold or offered for sale in the state by a producer shall
23 contain, on average, at least thirty percent post-consumer recycled
24 content. Every three years thereafter, the amount of post-consumer recy-
25 clcd content shall increase by ten percent, until reaching seventy
26 percent.

27 3. Any food-grade packaging or paper products are exempt from the
28 post-consumer recycled content requirements of this section for a period
29 of at least ten years from the effective date of this title.

30 4. A producer shall achieve compliance with the post-consumer recycled
31 content requirements of this section based on the average amount of
32 post-consumer recycled content, by weight, contained in its packaging
33 and paper products, by material type. A producer shall calculate the
34 average amount of post-consumer recycled content contained in its pack-
35 aging and paper products using data specific to packaging and products
36 sold or offered for sale in the state, or if such data is unavailable, a
37 producer may use national data. The calculation of averages shall be
38 based on a producer's entire product offering of packaging and paper
39 products, separated by material type.

40 5. A producer or producer responsibility program on behalf of its
41 producers, shall submit to the department at the time of annual report-
42 ing, a certification, in writing, that the packaging and paper products,
43 as applicable, sold or offered for sale in the state, comply with the
44 post-consumer recycled content requirements or have been granted a waiv-
45 er from the requirements of this section.

46 6. The department may require that a producer implementing an individ-
47 ual extended producer responsibility program or producer responsibility
48 organization, submit a third-party verification of a compliance certif-
49 ication made pursuant to this section.

50 7. Within five years of the effective date of this title, a producer
51 implementing an individual extended producer responsibility program or
52 producer responsibility organization shall meet a minimum recovery rate
53 of thirty-five percent, and a minimum recycling rate of twenty-five
54 percent. Every five years thereafter, the recovery rate shall increase
55 by ten percent until reaching eighty-five percent, and the recycling
56 rate shall increase by ten percent until reaching seventy-five percent.

1 8. Within ten years of the effective date of this title, a producer or
2 producer responsibility organization shall ensure that by weight or by
3 unit, packaging products meet a source reduction rate of fifteen
4 percent. Source reduction can be achieved by eliminating single-use
5 packaging, including secondary or tertiary packaging, transitioning from
6 single use to reusable or refillable packaging, or by reducing the
7 amount of source material used in a package, provided however the
8 producer may not change from a material or format that is readily-re-
9 cyclable to a material or format that is not readily-recyclable. The
10 calculation of source reduction may be based on a producer's entire
11 product offering of packaging and paper products, separated into product
12 sublines, or through an aggregate form of a producer responsibility
13 organization.

14 9. The department may review and adjust the minimum source reduction,
15 recycling, and recovery rates established in this title by regulation if
16 the department finds and determines the rates are infeasible. In making
17 a determination of infeasibility, the department shall consider, at a
18 minimum:

- 19 (a) the findings of the needs assessment;
20 (b) information gathered from the producer and producer responsibility
21 organization annual reports; and
22 (c) any other factors deemed appropriate by the department.

23 10. The department may review and adjust any of the post-consumer
24 recycled content rates established in this section by regulation. In
25 making an adjustment pursuant to this subdivision, the department shall
26 consider, at a minimum:

- 27 (a) changes in market conditions, including supply and demand for
28 post-consumer recycled materials, both domestically and globally;
29 (b) the availability of recycled materials suitable to meet the mini-
30 mum post-consumer recycled content requirements;
31 (c) post-consumer recycled content requirements, including the avail-
32 ability of high-quality recycled materials, and food-grade recycled
33 materials;
34 (d) the capacity of recycling or processing infrastructure;
35 (e) utilization rates of the materials;
36 (f) the progress made by producers in meeting the post-consumer recy-
37 cled targets by material type; and
38 (g) any other factors deemed appropriate as determined by the depart-
39 ment, in regulation.

40 11. Any adjustment to the minimum rates, shall only be for such condi-
41 tions and for a duration as established by the department in regulation.

42 12. A producer or producer responsibility organization may submit a
43 request to the department for a waiver from the post-consumer recycled
44 content requirements established pursuant to this section.

45 (a) The department may grant a waiver only if a producer or producer
46 responsibility organization demonstrates, and the department finds, that
47 such producer or producers cannot meet the post-consumer recycled
48 content requirements of this section because:

- 49 (i) it is not technologically or economically feasible to achieve the
50 post-consumer recycled content requirements;
51 (ii) there is inadequate availability of recycled material or a
52 substantial disruption in the supply of recycled material; or
53 (iii) the producer cannot achieve the post consumer recycled content
54 requirements and remain in compliance with applicable rules and regu-
55 lations adopted by the United States Food and Drug Administration, or
56 any other state or federal law, rule, or regulation.

1 (b) The waiver request shall also include, at a minimum:

2 (i) proposed post-consumer recycled content rates the producer or
3 producer responsibility organization deems are achievable, with suffi-
4 cient justification for the determination of such rates;

5 (ii) supporting documentation from a federal or state agency or certi-
6 fied third party expert, as appropriate, demonstrating that the producer
7 or producers cannot comply with the post-consumer recycled content
8 requirements of this section for one of the reasons set forth in this
9 section; and

10 (iii) any other information required by the department as determined
11 in regulation.

12 13. The department shall post on its website, on an annual basis, any
13 determination to grant a waiver from the post-consumer recycled content
14 requirements.

15 § 27-3409. Producer responsibility program plan.

16 1. By January first, two thousand twenty-six, any producer implement-
17 ing an individual extended producer responsibility program or any
18 producer responsibility organization, shall submit to the department a
19 producer responsibility program plan, detailing its proposed collection
20 and recycling program for packaging and paper products.

21 2. The approved producer responsibility program plan shall be valid
22 for five years and shall be reviewed and updated every five years
23 following the implementation date of the original plan. The department
24 shall have the discretion to require the plan to be reviewed or revised
25 prior to the five-year period if the department has cause to believe the
26 minimum post-consumer recycled content rates, minimum recovery rates,
27 minimum recycling rates, as established in this title, or other obli-
28 gations of the plan as set forth in this section are not being met or
29 followed by the producer or producer responsibility organization, or if
30 there has been a change in circumstances that warrants revision of the
31 plan.

32 3. The submitted plan shall, at a minimum, address the following:

33 (a) Contact information. Contact information, including the name,
34 electronic and physical address, and telephone number of the authorized
35 representative of the producer implementing an individual extended
36 producer responsibility program or producer responsibility organization.

37 (b) Participating producer or producers. Identify the producer or
38 producers participating in the submitted producer responsibility program
39 plan.

40 (c) Consultation. A description of how the producer implementing an
41 individual extended producer responsibility program or a producer
42 responsibility organization consulted with the advisory committee,
43 stakeholders, and the public in the development of the plan, and to what
44 extent the producers or the producer responsibility organization specif-
45 ically incorporated their input into the plan. Producers or producer
46 responsibility organizations shall also provide the advisory committee
47 sixty days to review and comment upon the draft plan prior to its
48 submission to the department. Producers implementing an individual
49 extended producer responsibility program or producer responsibility
50 organizations shall assess comments received and provide a summary and
51 analysis of the issues raised by the advisory committee, a statement of
52 the reasons why any significant changes were not incorporated into the
53 plan, and a description of the changes that were made to the plan as a
54 result of those comments.

1 (d) Types and brands of packaging and paper products. A list of the
2 types and brands of packaging and paper products for which the producer
3 or producer responsibility organization is responsible for.

4 (e) Funding mechanism. A description of the proposed funding mechanism
5 that is necessary to meet the requirements of this title and is suffi-
6 cient to cover the cost of plan development and revisions, program oper-
7 ation, municipal and private entity reimbursement, administration of the
8 producer responsibility organization, actual department costs to admin-
9 ister and enforce this title, eligible advisory committee expenses, and
10 maintaining a financial reserve sufficient to operate the program in a
11 fiscally prudent and responsible manner. The following objective fund-
12 ing and reimbursement details shall be provided in the producer respon-
13 sibility plan:

14 (i) Proposed program charges paid by producers shall be set on a
15 material-specific cost of the recycling program. Charges shall vary
16 based on, at a minimum:

17 (A) costs to provide collection or other forms of consumer recycling
18 service that is, at minimum, as convenient as the previous waste
19 collection schema in the particular jurisdiction for all consumers;

20 (B) costs to process a producer's collected packaging and paper
21 products for sale in secondary material markets; and

22 (C) the commodity value of packaging and paper products.

23 (ii) A producer responsibility organization shall also structure
24 program charges paid by producers to provide financial incentives that
25 reward waste and source reduction, reward recycling compatibility inno-
26 ventions and practices, and reward producers of packaging and paper
27 products that can be easily recycled, reused or refilled, or composted.
28 The producer responsibility organization shall create a mechanism to
29 allow producers to receive a credit for achieving source reduction
30 beyond what producers of similar covered material are achieving. The
31 revenue for that credit shall be paid for by charging producers not
32 achieving source reduction for similar products a fee as financial
33 penalty. The program charges shall also disincentivize designs or prac-
34 tices that increase the costs of recycling packaging and paper products.
35 The following shall be considered in setting the program charges:

36 (A) whether the percentage of post-consumer recycled content exceeds
37 minimum post-consumer recycled content rates and that the content does
38 not disrupt the potential for future recycling;

39 (B) whether the packaging or paper product exceeds the minimum source
40 reduction rate;

41 (C) whether the packaging or paper product is compostable;

42 (D) whether the packaging or paper product would typically be readi-
43 ly-recyclable except that the product has the effect of disrupting recy-
44 cling processes or the product includes labels, inks, or adhesives
45 containing heavy metals that would contaminate the recycling process;

46 (E) whether the packaging and paper product is nonfood contact packag-
47 ing that is specifically designed to be reusable or refillable and has a
48 high reuse or refill rate, as determined by the department in regu-
49 lations, and if so, such product shall be excluded from any fees; and

50 (F) other factors as determined by the department, including, but not
51 limited to, recommendations from the advisory committee which promote
52 favorable environmental outcomes such as lower life-cycle contributions
53 of packaging to paper products to greenhouse gas emissions.

54 (iii) In addition to the regular funding mechanism, the producer
55 responsibility organization may include a special assessment charge on
56 specific categories of packaging and paper products if the nature of the

1 packaging and paper product imposes unusual costs in recycling
2 collection or processing in municipal recycling facilities.

3 (f) Determination of reasonable costs. A producer implementing an
4 individual extended producer responsibility program or producer respon-
5 sibility organization is responsible for calculating and dispersing
6 funding to municipalities and private entities (such as solid waste
7 collection, transportation, sorting, and processing companies, and other
8 participating service providers) operating under the producer or produc-
9 er responsibility organization's program plan for reasonable costs
10 incurred by the municipality or private entity. A schedule of such
11 reasonable costs, determined in consultation with the advisory commit-
12 tee, shall be included in the program plan.

13 (i) To calculate reasonable costs, the producer implementing an indi-
14 vidual extended producer responsibility program or producer responsibil-
15 ity organization shall, at a minimum, take the following factors into
16 consideration:

17 (A) population density of the particular jurisdiction to be serviced;
18 (B) the amount received from the sale of source separated materials;
19 and

20 (C) transportation costs to processing facilities, processing costs
21 for each recyclable material, cost of managing non-recyclable material,
22 disposal of processing residuals, and marketing costs of material.

23 (ii) To facilitate the producer implementing an individual extended
24 producer responsibility program or producer responsibility organiza-
25 tion's determination of reasonable costs, participating municipalities
26 and private entities must submit documentation related to their specific
27 costs and the value of materials to the producer implementing an indi-
28 vidual extended producer responsibility program or producer responsibil-
29 ity organization.

30 (iii) The municipality or private entity may not pass on to its resi-
31 dents or customers the costs for which it has been reimbursed by the
32 producer or producer responsibility organization.

33 (iv) Any funds directly collected pursuant to this title shall not be
34 used to carry out lobbying activities, bring a lawsuit against the
35 state, defend litigation involving claims of a producer or producer
36 responsibility organization's failure to comply with the requirements of
37 this chapter, or for payment of penalties for violations of this chap-
38 ter.

39 (g) Municipal and private entity reimbursement. A description of the
40 process for municipalities or private entities (such as solid waste
41 collection, transportation, sorting, and processing companies, and other
42 participating service providers) operating recycling programs under the
43 producer or producer responsibility organization's program plan, to
44 recoup reasonable costs from the producer implementing an individual
45 extended producer responsibility program or producer responsibility
46 organization. If a municipality does not provide collection for recycl-
47 ables or does not elect to participate in a producer or producer respon-
48 sibility organization program, and upon notice to the producer responsi-
49 bility organization and the department of lack of participation, the
50 producer or producer responsibility organization shall be responsible
51 for contracting with a private entity to ensure the convenience stand-
52 ards under this title are met.

53 (h) Outreach and education. A description of the producer's or produc-
54 er responsibility organization's public outreach and education program
55 for consumers and other stakeholders.

1 (i) The plan shall address how the outreach and education program
2 will:

3 (A) be designed to achieve the management goals of packaging and paper
4 products extended producer responsibility under this title, including
5 the prevention of contamination of recovered products that would reduce
6 the product's market value or limit the ability to use the material to
7 create new products;

8 (B) be coordinated across producer and producer responsibility organ-
9 ization programs to avoid confusion for consumers; and

10 (C) consult with municipalities and other stakeholders, coordinate
11 with and assist local municipal programs, municipal contracted programs,
12 solid waste collection companies, and other entities providing services,
13 and develop and provide outreach and education to the diverse popu-
14 lations in the state, including utilizing a variety of outreach and
15 education tools and ensuring materials are accessible to all persons and
16 are provided in multiple languages.

17 (ii) Participating producers shall label or mark packaging and paper
18 products in accordance with current labeling rules, laws, or regulations
19 with information to assist consumers in responsibly managing and recycl-
20 ing packaging and paper products, responsibly composting packaging and
21 paper products, and educating consumers about the percentage of post-
22 consumer recycled content.

23 (iii) Details on the following components of the outreach and educa-
24 tion program shall be provided in the plan, and available to consumers
25 and other stakeholders on the producer's or producer responsibility
26 organization's public education program website:

27 (A) proper end-of-life management of packaging and paper products;

28 (B) the location and availability of recycling collection;

29 (C) how to prevent and minimize litter of packaging and paper
30 products;

31 (D) information on how consumers can reduce their consumption for
32 single-use packaging and paper products in favor of more reusable mate-
33 rials;

34 (E) recycling and composting instructions that are: consistent state-
35 wide, except as necessary to take into account differences among local
36 laws, processing capabilities, and relevant minimum recyclables lists;
37 easy to understand; and easily accessible; and

38 (F) a description of the process for answering stakeholder questions
39 and resolving any issues.

40 (iv) A producer implementing an individual extended producer responsi-
41 bility program or the producer responsibility organization shall regu-
42 larly evaluate the effectiveness of its outreach campaign in terms of
43 program awareness and participation. The plan shall include a
44 description of the evaluation approaches.

45 (v) A producer implementing an individual extended producer responsi-
46 bility program or producer responsibility organization shall undertake
47 outreach, education, and communications that assist in attaining or
48 exceeding the minimum source reduction rates, minimum post-consumer
49 recycled content, minimum recovery rates, and minimum recycling rates.

50 (i) Existing infrastructure. How the producer implementing an individ-
51 ual extended producer responsibility program or the producer responsi-
52 bility organization will work with existing waste haulers, recyclables
53 handling and recovery facilities, recyclers, municipalities, and any
54 other related entities that prepare recovered materials for end markets
55 to:

1 (i) operate or expand current collection programs that utilize exist-
2 ing service providers and infrastructure;

3 (ii) reduce contamination of recyclables collected and delivered to
4 processing facilities with annual reporting on contamination levels in
5 materials received by and processed by recyclables handling and recovery
6 facilities or similar establishments;

7 (iii) invest in new or upgraded infrastructure to improve the recycl-
8 ing of recovered packaging and paper products; and

9 (iv) invest in market development for packaging and paper products to
10 improve source reduction, refill rates, or recycling compatibility.

11 (j) Convenience. A description of how the producer implementing an
12 individual extended producer responsibility program or producer respon-
13 sibility organization intends to meet the convenience requirements set
14 forth as follows:

15 (i) A producer implementing an individual extended producer responsi-
16 bility program or producer responsibility organization shall provide for
17 a free, equitable and convenient system for consumers to recycle the
18 packaging and paper products identified under the producer or producer
19 responsibility organization's program plan, that is, at minimum:

20 (A) as convenient as waste collection;

21 (B) includes all entities participating in the recycling collection
22 schema in the particular jurisdiction; and

23 (C) consistent with relevant state and local laws or as deemed appro-
24 priate by the department.

25 (ii) A producer implementing an individual extended producer responsi-
26 bility program or producer responsibility organization may rely on a
27 range of means to collect various categories of packaging and paper
28 products including, but not limited to, curbside collection, facility
29 drop-off, and events, so long as packaging and paper products collection
30 options include recycling collection services if:

31 (A) The category of packaging and paper products is suitable for recy-
32 cling collection and can be effectively sorted by the facilities receiv-
33 ing the collected material;

34 (B) The packaging and paper products category is not handled through a
35 deposit and return scheme, other mandated product stewardship or
36 extended producer responsibility program, or buy back system that relies
37 on a collection system other than recycling collection; and

38 (C) The provider of the recycling collection service agrees to the
39 producer implementing an individual extended producer responsibility
40 program's or producer responsibility organization's reimbursement proc-
41 ess for reasonable costs.

42 (iii) Where recycling collection is not available and drop-off
43 collection facilities are utilized, consumers shall have free and equi-
44 table access to facilities that are within the jurisdiction and within
45 fifteen miles of at least ninety-five percent of the jurisdiction's
46 population unserved by recycling collection.

47 (k) Minimum source reduction, recycling, recovery and post-consumer
48 recycled content rates. A description of how the producer implementing
49 an individual extended producer responsibility program or producer
50 responsibility organization intends to meet or exceed the minimum source
51 reduction rate, minimum recycling rate, minimum recovery rate, and mini-
52 mum post-consumer recycled content rate for packaging or paper products,
53 by material type.

54 (l) End-of-life management processes. A description of the process for
55 end-of-life management, including recycling and disposal, for each
56 component material, using environmentally sound management practices.

1 (m) A description of how the producer responsibility organization
2 shall provide the right of first refusal to purchase recycled materials
3 from processors on behalf of producer members interested in obtaining
4 recycled feedstock in order to achieve post-consumer recycled content
5 objectives.

6 (n) Packaging and paper products reduction. A description of how a
7 producer responsibility organization will work with producers to reduce
8 packaging and paper products through product design, systems for reus-
9 able packaging informed by the needs assessment, and product and package
10 innovations and how the producer responsibility organization will work
11 with producers to help reduce a producer's total amount of non-reusable
12 packaging.

13 (o) Consumer concerns process. A process to address concerns and ques-
14 tions from consumers.

15 (p) Coordination. A process to coordinate with other producers and
16 producer responsibility organization programs, if applicable.

17 (q) Additional information. Any other information as specified by the
18 department.

19 4. (a) No later than ninety days after the submission of the producer
20 responsibility plan, the department shall determine whether to approve
21 the plan as submitted; approve the plan with conditions; or deny the
22 plan.

23 (b) The department shall consider the following in determining whether
24 to approve a plan:

25 (i) whether the plan adequately addresses all elements described in
26 this section;

27 (ii) whether the producer has undertaken satisfactory consultation
28 with the advisory committee and has provided an opportunity for advisory
29 committee input in the development of the plan prior to submission of
30 the plan;

31 (iii) whether the plan adequately provides for:

32 (A) the producer responsibility organization collecting and funding
33 the costs of collecting and processing packaging and paper products
34 covered by the plan and reimbursing a municipality or private entity;

35 (B) the funding mechanism to cover the entire cost of the producer
36 responsibility organization's program;

37 (C) convenient and free consumer access to collection facilities or
38 collection services;

39 (D) an evaluation system for the program charge structure, which shall
40 be evaluated on an annual basis by the producer responsibility organiza-
41 tion and advisory committee and resubmitted to the department annually;
42 and

43 (E) effective consumer outreach and education.

44 (iv) whether the plan satisfactorily provides for how the producer
45 implementing an individual extended producer responsibility program or
46 the producer responsibility organization will meet the minimum source
47 reduction rates, minimum post-consumer recycled content rates, recovery
48 rates, and recycling rates, which will create or enhance markets for
49 recycled materials; and

50 (v) whether the plan creates a convenient system for consumers to
51 recycle packaging and paper products that meet or exceed the convenience
52 criteria set forth in this title.

53 (c) The department may deny a plan or plan resubmission. (i) If a
54 plan or plan resubmission is denied, the department shall inform the
55 producer implementing an individual extended producer responsibility
56 program or producer responsibility organization in writing as to any

1 deficiencies in said plan or plan resubmission. A producer implementing
2 an individual extended producer responsibility program or producer
3 responsibility organization shall amend and resubmit any denied plans
4 for reconsideration within sixty days of notification of the denial of
5 said plan. The department shall approve or deny said plan within thirty
6 days of resubmission.

7 (ii) If a plan is denied a second time, the department will provide
8 the producer implementing an individual extended producer responsibility
9 program or producer responsibility organization with direction for meet-
10 ing any additional required elements of the plan it deems necessary.

11 (d) The department may rescind the approval of an approved plan at any
12 time for just cause. If a plan is rescinded, the department shall
13 inform the producer implementing an individual extended producer respon-
14 sibility program or producer responsibility organization in writing as
15 to any and all reasons why the plan was rescinded. A producer implement-
16 ing an individual extended producer responsibility program or producer
17 responsibility organization shall amend and resubmit any rescinded plans
18 for reconsideration within sixty days of notification of the rescission
19 of said plan. The department shall approve or reject said plan within
20 thirty days of resubmission.

21 5. The producer implementing an individual extended producer responsi-
22 bility program or producer responsibility organization shall notify the
23 department of any modification to the program. If the department deter-
24 mines that the producer responsibility plan has been substantially modi-
25 fied, the producer implementing an individual extended producer respon-
26 sibility program or producer responsibility organization, after
27 consultation with the advisory committee, shall submit a proposed plan
28 amendment describing the changes to the department within ninety days of
29 the determination. Within ninety days of receipt of a proposed amended
30 plan, the department shall determine whether the amended plan complies
31 with this title. The department shall send a letter notifying the
32 producer implementing an individual extended producer responsibility
33 program or producer responsibility organization of: (a) approval; or (b)
34 disapproval, including the reasons for rejecting the plan. The producer
35 implementing an individual extended producer responsibility program or
36 producer responsibility organization shall provide the department's
37 letter of disapproval to the advisory committee. The producer imple-
38 menting an individual extended producer responsibility program or
39 producer responsibility organization shall submit a revised plan within
40 sixty days after receipt of the letter of disapproval.

41 6. The producer implementing an individual extended producer responsi-
42 bility program or producer responsibility organization shall reimburse
43 the department annually at the time of annual reporting for the actual
44 costs to administer and enforce this title, which shall be deposited to
45 the credit of the waste reduction, reuse, and recycling fund established
46 pursuant to section ninety-two-kk of the state finance law.

47 § 27-3411. Reporting requirements and audits.

48 1. Fifteen months after the first plan of a producer implementing an
49 individual extended producer responsibility program or producer respon-
50 sibility organization is implemented, and annually thereafter, each
51 producer implementing an individual extended producer responsibility
52 program, or each producer responsibility organization, shall submit a
53 report to the department that details the prior calendar year's program.
54 The report shall be posted on the website of the producer implementing
55 an individual extended producer responsibility program or producer
56 responsibility organization and on the department's website.

2. Such annual report shall include:

(a) a detailed description of the methods used to collect, transport, and process packaging and paper products including detailing collection methods made available to consumers and an evaluation of the program's collection convenience;

(b) a detailed description of the amount of packaging and paper products sold, offered for sale, or distributed to consumers in the state on an annual basis, including a percentage of packaging and paper products sold, offered for sale, or distributed to consumers in the state through internet transactions;

(c) the amount per ton or amount per unit, of packaging and paper products collected for reuse or recycling in the state, by material type;

(d) the amount per ton or amount per unit, by material type, of packaging and paper products collected for reuse or recycling in the state by the method of disposition;

(e) the total cost of implementing the program;

(f) financial statements detailing all deposits received and reimbursements paid by the producers covered by the approved plan;

(g) a detailed accounting of how the program compensated municipalities, solid waste collection, transportation, sorting, and reprocessing companies, and other entities, for their recycling efforts and other related services;

(h) a description of investments made in infrastructure and market development in New York state as related to the needs identified, including the amount spent expressed as a percentage of the program's total annual expenditures;

(i) a description of investments made and an evaluation of the effectiveness of outreach and education efforts to determine whether changes are necessary to improve those outreach and education efforts. If the department determines improvements are necessary, the producer implementing an individual extended producer responsibility program or producer responsibility organization shall develop new and improved outreach and education methods for approval by the department;

(j) samples of all educational materials provided to consumers or other entities;

(k) a detailed list of efforts undertaken and an evaluation of the methods used to disseminate such materials including recommendations, if any, for how the educational component of the program can be improved;

(l) the achieved source reduction rates, post-consumer recycled content rates, recovery rates, and recycling rates for packaging and paper product material types, how the rates were derived, and a discussion of how these rates may be improved. If, upon consultation with the advisory committee, there is reason to adjust minimum rates, the annual report shall include suggestions and justifications for the department to consider revision of such rates in regulation;

(m) a detailed description of any efforts undertaken to reduce the amount of packaging used; changes in material types used in packaging that have helped to improve recyclability, post-consumer recycled content rates, recovery rates, recycling rates for packaging, greenhouse gas emissions, and the effect on program implementation costs from such efforts;

(n) a discussion on the feasibility to increase consumer convenience through curbside collection, facility drop-off, collection events or other alternatives, and to expand the program, for example, to include additional service to consumers without previous access to recycling

1 collection, and public spaces, as well as a discussion on how the
2 producer implementing an individual extended producer responsibility
3 program or producer responsibility organization plans for continuous
4 improvement; and

5 (o) any other information as specified by the department in regu-
6 lation.

7 3. Prior to the submission of the annual report, all data and informa-
8 tion that is material to the department's review of the program's
9 compliance with the requirements of this title shall be annually audited
10 and verified by an independent third-party auditor, approved by the
11 department. This includes, but is not limited to, a review and verifica-
12 tion of all financial documentation and all information related to the
13 source reduction rates, material recycling rates, recovery rates, and
14 the post-consumer recycled content rates. A copy of the independent
15 audit shall be included in the annual report.

16 4. The department shall not require public reporting of any confiden-
17 tial information that the department determines to be a trade secret,
18 confidential commercial information, or critical infrastructure informa-
19 tion, in accordance with article six of the public officers law and the
20 department's rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto.

21 § 27-3413. Antitrust protections.

22 A producer implementing an individual extended producer responsibility
23 program or producer responsibility organization that organizes the
24 collection, transportation, and processing of packaging and paper
25 products, in accordance with a producer responsibility program plan
26 approved under this title, shall not be liable for any claim of a
27 violation of antitrust, restraint of trade, or unfair trade practice
28 arising from conduct undertaken in accordance with the program pursuant
29 to this title; provided, however, this section shall not apply to any
30 agreement establishing or affecting the price of packaging or a paper
31 product, or the output or production of any agreement restricting the
32 geographic area or customers to which packaging or a paper product will
33 be sold.

34 § 27-3415. Penalties.

35 1. Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person or entity
36 that violates any provision of or fails to perform any duty imposed
37 pursuant to this title or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant
38 thereto, or any final determination or order of the commissioner made
39 pursuant to this article or article seventy-one of this chapter shall be
40 liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five hundred dollars for each
41 violation and an additional penalty of not more than five hundred
42 dollars for each day during which such violation continues.

43 2. (a) Any producer or producer responsibility organization who
44 violates any provision of or fails to perform any duty imposed pursuant
45 to this title or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto, or
46 any final determination or order of the commissioner made pursuant to
47 this article or article seventy-one of this chapter shall be liable for
48 a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars for each violation
49 and an additional penalty of not more than three thousand dollars for
50 each day during which such violation continues.

51 (b) All producers participating in a producer responsibility organiza-
52 tion shall be jointly and severally liable for any penalties assessed
53 against the producer responsibility organization pursuant to this title
54 and article seventy-one of this chapter.

55 3. Civil penalties under this section shall be assessed by the depart-
56 ment after an opportunity to be heard pursuant to the provisions of

1 section 71-1709 of this chapter, or by the court in any action or
2 proceeding pursuant to section 71-2727 of this chapter, and in addition
3 thereto, such person or entity may by similar process be enjoined from
4 continuing such violation and any permit, registration, or other
5 approval issued by the department may be revoked or suspended or a pend-
6 ing renewal denied.

7 4. The department and the attorney general are hereby authorized to
8 enforce the provisions of this title and all monies collected shall be
9 deposited to the credit of the waste reduction, reuse, and recycling
10 fund as established pursuant to section ninety-two-kk of the state
11 finance law.

12 § 27-3417. State preemption.

13 Jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to costs and funding mechanisms
14 of producer responsibility organizations relating to the recovery of
15 packaging and paper products by this title, is vested exclusively in the
16 state, provided however that nothing in this section shall (i) relieve a
17 municipality from complying with the requirements under existing law or
18 prohibit a municipality from enforcing such existing law, (ii) preclude
19 a municipality or solid waste collection company from determining what
20 additional materials shall be required to be source separated for reuse
21 or recycling in a municipality, or (iii) preclude a municipality or
22 solid waste collection company from coordinating the collection of pack-
23 aging and paper products for recycling or reuse.

24 § 27-3419. Authority to promulgate rules and regulations.

25 The department shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regu-
26 lations necessary and appropriate for the administration of this title,
27 including but not limited to plan implementation, registration and
28 administrative fee schedules, waivers, and adjustments of rates.

29 § 27-3421. Severability.

30 The provisions of this title shall be severable and if any phrase,
31 clause, sentence, or provision of this title or the applicability there-
32 of to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of
33 this title and the application thereof shall not be affected thereby.

34 § 4. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 92-kk to
35 read as follows:

36 § 92-kk. Waste reduction, reuse, and recycling fund. 1. There is here-
37 by established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the
38 commissioner of the department of taxation and finance, a special fund
39 to be known as the "waste reduction, reuse, and recycling fund".

40 2. The waste reduction, reuse, and recycling fund shall consist of all
41 revenue collected from initial producer registration fees and plan
42 implementation registration and administrative fees pursuant to title
43 thirty-four of article twenty-seven of the environmental conservation
44 law and any cost recoveries or other revenues collected pursuant to
45 title thirty-four of article twenty-seven of the environmental conserva-
46 tion law, and any other monies deposited into the fund pursuant to law.

47 3. Moneys of the fund, subject to appropriation, shall be used for
48 execution of the program pursuant to title thirty-four of article twen-
49 ty-seven of the environmental conservation law, and expended for the
50 purposes as set forth in title thirty-four of article twenty-seven of
51 the environmental conservation law and may be made available for grants
52 for planning and implementation related to waste reduction, reuse, and
53 recycling based on funding availability and needs determined by the
54 department of environmental conservation.

55 § 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 2024.

PART QQ

Section 1. Section 56-0501 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 3 to read as follows:

3. Beginning in state fiscal year two thousand twenty-three--two thousand twenty-four, environmental restoration projects may be funded with-in available appropriations.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 56-0502 of the environmental conservation law is REPEALED.

§ 3. Subdivisions 1-a and 5 of section 56-0502 of the environmental conservation law, subdivision 1-a as added and subdivision 5 as amended by section 2 of part D of chapter 577 of the laws of 2004, are amended and a new subdivision 1 is added to read as follows:

1. "Contaminant" shall mean hazardous waste as defined in section 27-1301 of this chapter, petroleum as defined in section one hundred seventy-two of the navigation law, and emerging contaminants as defined in section eleven hundred twelve of the public health law.

1-a. "Contamination" or "contaminated" shall ~~[have the same meaning as provided in section 27-1405 of this chapter]~~ mean the presence of a contaminant in any environmental media, including soil, surface water, groundwater, air, or indoor air.

5. "Municipality", for purposes of this title, shall have the same meaning as provided in subdivision fifteen of section 56-0101 of this article, except that such term shall not refer to a municipality that ~~[generated, transported, or disposed of, arranged for, or that caused the generation, transportation, or disposal of contamination located at real property proposed to be investigated or to be remediated under an environmental restoration project. For purposes of this title, the term municipality includes a municipality acting in partnership with a community based organization]~~ , through deliberate action or inaction, intentionally or recklessly caused or contributed to contamination, outside of its performance of governmental functions, which threatens public health or the environment, at real property to be investigated or remediated under an environmental restoration project.

§ 4. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 of section 56-0503 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by section 38 of part BB of chapter 56 of the laws of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A provision that the municipality shall assist in identifying a responsible party by searching local records, including property tax rolls, or document reviews, and if, in accordance with the required departmental approval of any settlement with a responsible party, any responsible party payments become available to the municipality, before, during or after the completion of an environmental restoration project, which were not included when the state share was calculated pursuant to this section, ~~[the state assistance share shall be recalculated, and]~~ the value of such settlement shall be used by the municipality to fund its municipal share, and the state assistance share shall not be recalculated, to the extent that the total of all such settlement amounts is equal to or less than the municipal share. To the extent the total of all such settlement amounts exceeds the municipal share, the municipality shall pay such exceedance to the state, for deposit into the environmental restoration project account of the hazardous waste remedial fund established under section ninety-seven-b of the state finance law~~[, the difference between the original state assistance payment and the recalculated state share. Recalculation of the state share shall be~~

~~done each time a payment from a responsible party is received by the municipality];~~

§ 5. Paragraphs (a), (d), and (e) of subdivision 1 of section 56-0505 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by section 5 of part D of chapter 1 of the laws of 2003, are amended and two new paragraphs (f) and (g) are added to read as follows:

(a) the benefit to the environment and public health realized by the expeditious remediation of the property proposed to be subject to such project;

(d) real property in a designated brownfield opportunity area pursuant to section nine hundred seventy-r of the general municipal law or real property in a disadvantaged community pursuant to subdivision five of section 75-0101 of this chapter; [and]

(e) the opportunity for other funding sources to be available for the investigation or remediation of such property, including, but not limited to, enforcement actions against responsible parties (other than the municipality to which state assistance was provided under this title; or a successor in title, lender, or lessee who was not otherwise a responsible party prior to such municipality taking title to the property), state assistance payments pursuant to title thirteen of article twenty-seven of this chapter, and the existence of private parties willing to remediate such property using private funding sources. Highest priority shall be granted to projects for which other such funding sources are not available~~[-]~~, excluding state or federal funds for the investigation or remediation project received or to be received by the municipality;

(f) for drinking water contamination sites as defined in section 27-1201 of this chapter, any requirements made by the commissioner of health pursuant to section 27-1205 of this chapter, for a municipally owned public water system to take action to reduce exposure to an emerging contaminant or contaminants; and

(g) any such other criteria deemed appropriate by the department.

§ 6. Subdivision 2 of section 56-0505 of the environmental conservation law is REPEALED.

§ 7. Subdivisions 3, 4, and 5 of section 56-0505 of the environmental conservation law are renumbered subdivisions 2, 3, and 4 and subdivision 2, as amended by section 5 of part D of chapter 1 of the laws of 2003 and as renumbered by this section, is amended to read as follows:

2. The remediation objective of an environmental restoration remediation project shall meet the same standard for protection of public health and the environment that applies to remedial actions undertaken pursuant to ~~[section]~~ sections 27-1313 and 27-1205 of this chapter.

§ 8. Subdivision 3 of section 56-0509 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by section 4 of part D of chapter 577 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

3. The state shall indemnify and save harmless any municipality~~[-]~~ that completes an environmental restoration remediation project in compliance with the terms and conditions of a state assistance contract or written agreement pursuant to subdivision three of section 56-0503 of this title providing such assistance and any successor in title, lessee, or lender ~~[identified in paragraph (a) of subdivision one of this section in the amount of any judgment or settlement, obtained against such municipality, successor in title, lessee, or lender in any court for any common law cause of action arising out of the presence of any contamination in or on property at anytime before the effective date of a contract entered into pursuant to this title]~~ for judgments or settlements obtained against such municipality, successor in title, lessee, or

lender in any court for any common law cause of action arising out of municipal actions related to the implementation of the environmental restoration remediation project. Such municipality, successor in title, lessee, or lender shall be entitled to representation by the attorney general, unless the attorney general determines, or a court of competent jurisdiction determines, that such representation would constitute a conflict of interest, in which case the attorney general shall certify to the comptroller that such party is entitled to private counsel of its choice, and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses shall be reimbursed by the state. Any settlement of such an action shall be subject to the approval of the attorney general as to form and amount, and this subdivision shall not apply to any settlement of any such action which has not received such approval.

§ 9. Notwithstanding subdivisions a, b, and c of section 32 of chapter 413 of the laws of 1996, a memorandum of understanding shall not be required to make available twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) from the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act of 1996 for state assistance payments to municipalities for environmental remediation in accordance with title 5 of article 56 of the environmental conservation law.

§ 10. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART RR

Section 1. The section heading of section 11-0935 of the environmental conservation law, as added by section 1 of part ZZ of chapter 55 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

Deer hunting [~~pilot~~] program.

§ 2. Section 2 of part ZZ of chapter 55 of the laws of 2021 amending the environmental conservation law relating to establishing a deer hunting pilot program is amended to read as follows:

§ 2. This act shall take effect June 1, 2021 [~~and shall expire and be deemed repealed December 31, 2023~~].

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART SS

Section 1. Section 33-0705 of the environmental conservation law, as amended by section 1 of item NN of subpart B of part XXX of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

§ 33-0705. Fee for registration.

The applicant for registration shall pay a fee as follows:

a. [~~On or before July 1, 2023, six~~] Six hundred dollars for each pesticide proposed to be registered, provided that the applicant has submitted to the department proof in the form of a federal income tax return for the previous year showing gross annual sales, for federal income tax purposes, of three million five hundred thousand dollars or less; and

b. [~~On or before July 1, 2023, for~~] For all others, six hundred twenty dollars for each pesticide proposed to be registered[~~;~~

~~c. After July 1, 2023, fifty dollars for each pesticide proposed to be registered~~].

§ 2. Section 9 of chapter 67 of the laws of 1992, amending the environmental conservation law relating to pesticide product registration timetables and fees, as amended by section 2 of item NN of subpart B of part XXX of chapter 58 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

§ 9. This act shall take effect April 1, 1992 provided, however, that section three of this act shall take effect July 1, 1993 [~~and shall expire and be deemed repealed on July 1, 2023~~].

§ 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.

PART TT

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Suffolk County water quality restoration act".

§ 2. Legislative intent. The county of Suffolk ("county"), with a population of one million five hundred thousand persons, has in excess of three hundred eighty thousand existing onsite systems, comprised mostly of cesspools and septic systems, with two hundred nine thousand of these onsite systems in environmentally sensitive areas which could benefit from nitrogen-reducing technologies. The United States Environmental Protection Agency recognizes Long Island as having a sole source aquifer system for its drinking water supply. Suffolk county has an imminent need to preserve this valuable water resource by reducing the amount of nitrogen discharged into the groundwater by onsite systems. The full water cycle is impacted by increasing quantities of nutrients, pathogens, pesticides, volatile organic contaminants and saltwater intrusion, as well as a number of emerging threats such as prescription drugs and sea level rise.

The Suffolk county subwatersheds wastewater plan ("SWP"), certified by the department of environmental conservation as a Nine Elements Watershed (9E) plan, has documented the devastating effects of high levels of nitrogen pollution, not only on the drinking water quality, but also on coastal ecosystems, dissolved oxygen, water clarity, eelgrass, wetlands, shellfish, coastal resilience and in triggering harmful algal blooms. The SWP, is a long-term plan to address the need for wastewater treatment infrastructure throughout the county comprehensively over a period of fifty years. The SWP delineates the source and concentration of nitrogen loading in one hundred ninety-one subwatersheds throughout the county, and establishes nitrogen reduction goals for each watershed.

For many areas of the county, installing or connecting sewers is not a practical or cost-effective method of treating wastewater. For that reason, the SWP prescribes a hybrid approach that relies on sewerage where feasible, and the replacement of cesspools and septic systems with innovative/alternative onsite wastewater treatment systems. The consolidation of any or all of the twenty-seven county sewer districts, as well as unsewered areas of the county, into a county-wide wastewater management district would allow for the implementation of a much needed integrated long-term wastewater solution for the county through comprehensive planning and management to improve water quality and support new housing production.

The purpose of this act is to create a water quality restoration fund to finance projects for the protection, preservation, and rehabilitation of groundwater and surface waters as recommended by the SWP. This act would allow the funding of projects that will mitigate wastewater pollutants utilizing the best available technology consistent with the SWP and address barriers to housing and economic development.

This act shall provide Suffolk county with the authority to create a county-wide wastewater management district through the consolidation of existing county special districts with currently unsewered areas of the

1 county and the authority to consolidate existing town districts and
2 village sewer systems. A county-wide wastewater management district will
3 provide an integrated and efficient approach to managing wastewater
4 services across the county; allow the county to enhance and expand its
5 incentive program to property owners to upgrade their wastewater treat-
6 ment systems without risk of adverse personal income tax consequences;
7 to manage, monitor and enforce nitrogen reduction programs throughout
8 the county; to complete additional sewer extension projects; improve the
9 economic wellbeing of communities; make progress on barriers to housing
10 development; and provide an opportunity to consolidate and streamline
11 the county's existing sewer district system and normalize the inequita-
12 ble rate structure that has long existed.

13 § 3. The county law is amended by adding a new section 256-b to read
14 as follows:

15 § 256-b. Suffolk county wastewater management district. 1. (a)
16 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special or local law to
17 the contrary, including this article, the county legislature of Suffolk
18 county is hereby authorized to establish by resolution a Suffolk county
19 wastewater management district, hereinafter referred to in this section
20 as the "district", which shall include all powers of a sewer district
21 and a wastewater disposal district as provided in section two hundred
22 fifty of this article and as set forth in this subdivision, pursuant to
23 the procedure contained in this section.

24 (b) In addition to the powers provided in section two hundred fifty of
25 this article, the district shall have the power, as determined by the
26 county legislature, to: (i) consolidate all of the original sewer
27 districts within the county as well as unsewered areas of the county,
28 under the jurisdiction of the district; (ii) establish one or more zones
29 of assessment within the district based upon territorial boundaries, the
30 method of wastewater collection, treatment and disposal, existing or
31 proposed, or both, and make changes to such zones of assessments; (iii)
32 acquire interests in real property which may be completed by the trans-
33 fer of property of original sewer districts to the district, necessary
34 for the installation and maintenance of district facilities; (iv) prior-
35 itize district projects in accordance with the Suffolk county subwat-
36 ershed wastewater plan (SWP) adopted by the county legislature, and any
37 amendments thereto; (v) receive funds from the county or the water qual-
38 ity restoration fund, as established by subdivision eleven of this
39 section; (vi) assume and pay any remaining indebtedness of each original
40 sewer district; (vii) establish and provide for the collection of charg-
41 es, rates, taxes or assessments to provide for the costs of operation,
42 expenses, the sums sufficient to pay the annual installment of principal
43 of, and interest on, obligations for improvements of the district, main-
44 tenance and improvements of the district, including but not limited to:
45 (A) special assessment as defined in subdivision fifteen of section one
46 hundred two of the real property tax law; (B) special ad valorem levy as
47 defined in subdivision fourteen of section one hundred two of the real
48 property tax law; (C) sewer rent as provided under article fourteen-F of
49 the general municipal law; (viii) distribute grant proceeds within the
50 district in accordance with the goals established in the SWP; and (ix)
51 adopt, amend and repeal, from time to time, rules and regulations for
52 the operation of a county district.

53 2. Boundaries. The boundaries of the district upon formation shall
54 include the boundaries of all county special districts consolidated into
55 the district and all unsewered areas of the county. The ultimate purpose
56 of the district shall be to consolidate and extend the district bounda-

1 ries to coincide with the territorial boundaries of the county of
2 Suffolk.

3 3. County agency review and report. The county legislature shall
4 direct the county agency, appointed or established pursuant to section
5 two hundred fifty-one of this article, to review and report thereon to
6 the county legislature on the creation of the district and the merger
7 therewith of any or all existing county sewer districts in accordance
8 with this section and such other details as may be directed by the coun-
9 ty legislature consistent with this article. When the agency has caused
10 such report to be prepared, it shall transmit it to the county legisla-
11 ture. Upon receipt of the report, the county legislature shall call a
12 public hearing pursuant to subdivision five of this section to create a
13 Suffolk county wastewater management district in accordance with this
14 section. Such report shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the
15 legislature of Suffolk county.

16 4. Resolution. The county legislature of Suffolk county may adopt a
17 resolution calling a public hearing upon the proposed creation of the
18 district.

19 5. Notice. The clerk of the county legislature shall give notice of
20 the hearing described in subdivision four of this section in such news-
21 papers and within such time period as set forth in section two hundred
22 fifty-four of this article. Such notice shall specify the time, date
23 and location of such hearing and, in general terms, describe the
24 proposed establishment of the district and the proposed basis of the
25 future assessment of all costs of operation, maintenance and improve-
26 ments of the district.

27 6. Hearing and resolution to establish. (a) The county legislature
28 shall meet at the time, date and location specified in such notice and
29 hear all persons interested in the subject matter thereof concerning the
30 same. If the county legislature determines that it is in the public
31 interest to establish the district as specified in such notice, it shall
32 further determine by resolution: (i) whether all property and property
33 owners within the proposed district are benefited thereby; and (ii)
34 whether all of the property and property owners benefited are included
35 within the limits of the proposed district, the county legislature may
36 adopt a resolution, subject to a mandatory referendum, establishing the
37 district.

38 (b) The permission of the state comptroller shall not be required to
39 establish a district created pursuant to this section.

40 7. Notice of adoption of resolution. Within ten days after the
41 adoption by the county legislature of the resolution to establish the
42 district described in subdivision six of this section, the county legis-
43 lature shall give notice thereof, at the expense of the county, by the
44 publication of a notice in such newspapers and within such time period
45 as set forth in section one hundred of this chapter. Such notice shall
46 set forth the date of adoption of the resolution and contain an abstract
47 of such resolution, describing, in general terms, the district, the
48 basis for the future assessment of all costs of operation, maintenance
49 and improvements, and that such resolution was adopted subject to a
50 mandatory referendum.

51 8. Assessments, levys and charges. After the establishment of the
52 district in accordance with this section, the county is hereby author-
53 ized by resolution approved by majority vote of the total membership of
54 the county legislature to assess, levy and collect upon each lot or
55 parcel of land subject to taxation within the district: (a) special
56 assessment as that term is defined in subdivision fifteen of section one

1 hundred two of the real property tax law; (b) special ad valorem levy as
2 that term is defined in subdivision fourteen of section one hundred two
3 of the real property tax law; and (c) sewer rents as provided by article
4 fourteen-F of the general municipal law. Such costs and expenses may
5 include, but shall not be limited to, the amount of money required to
6 pay the annual expenses of maintenance, operation, personnel services of
7 the district and the sums sufficient to pay the annual installment of
8 principal of, and interest on, obligations for improvements of the
9 district. Such sums so levied shall be collected by the local tax
10 collectors or receivers of taxes and assessments and shall be paid over
11 to the chief fiscal officer of the county, in the same manner and at the
12 same time as taxes levied for general county purposes. The chief fiscal
13 officer shall keep a separate account of such moneys and they shall be
14 used only for purposes set forth in this section, and in addition, all
15 monies collected from each zone of assessment established or amended in
16 accordance with this section shall be further segregated and shall not
17 be commingled with monies of other zones of assessment except upon
18 approval by resolution of the county legislature upon recommendation of
19 the district board of trustees established in accordance with the
20 Suffolk county water quality restoration act.

21 9. Other laws. All provisions of the real property tax law and the
22 Suffolk county tax act, as the same may be amended from time to time,
23 not inconsistent with the provisions of this article, relating to the
24 assessing, levy and collection and enforcement of special assessments,
25 ad valorem levies and sewer rents in the county shall apply and be of
26 equal force and applicability to special assessments, ad valorem levies
27 and sewer rents authorized pursuant to this section.

28 10. Towns and villages. This section shall not be construed as merging
29 the sewer districts of towns and villages within the county of Suffolk
30 into the district created by this section, however the merger of any
31 town or village district, or village sewerage system with the district
32 shall be in accordance with section two hundred seventy-seven of this
33 article and shall consolidate with the Suffolk county wastewater manage-
34 ment district and result in the extension of this district's boundaries.

35 11. Water quality restoration fund. (a) Notwithstanding any provision
36 of law to the contrary, monies shall be deposited in a special fund by
37 the county of Suffolk, to be designated as the water quality restoration
38 fund, to be created by said county therefor, separate and apart from any
39 other funds and accounts of the county. In no event shall monies depos-
40 ited in the fund be transferred to any other account. Deposits into the
41 fund may include revenues of Suffolk county from whatever source. The
42 fund shall be able to receive any state grants or funding and also be
43 authorized to accept gifts of funds. Interest accrued by monies deposit-
44 ed into the fund shall be credited to the fund. The procedural require-
45 ments of this subdivision shall only apply to projects that intend to
46 use monies from the water quality restoration fund and nothing contained
47 in this section shall be construed to prevent the financing in whole or
48 in part, pursuant to the local finance law, of any project authorized
49 pursuant to this section. Monies from the fund may be utilized to repay
50 any indebtedness or obligations incurred pursuant to the local finance
51 law consistent with effectuating the purposes of this section. Monies
52 in said fund may be appropriated from or expended in any fiscal year to
53 implement the powers set forth in this section and to repay any indebt-
54 edness or obligations incurred pursuant to the local finance law for the
55 purposes authorized pursuant to this section.

1 (b) (i) For purposes of this section: "water quality improvement
2 project" shall mean the planning, design, construction, acquisition,
3 enlargement, extension, or alteration of a wastewater treatment facili-
4 ty, including individual hookups, or an individual septic system,
5 including an alternative wastewater treatment facility or an individual
6 septic system with active treatment, to treat, neutralize, stabilize,
7 eliminate or partially eliminate sewage or reduce pollutants, including
8 permanent or pilot demonstration wastewater treatment projects, or
9 equipment or furnishings thereof. Such projects shall have as their
10 purpose the remediation of existing water quality to meet specific water
11 quality standards consistent with the SWP. Projects consistent with or
12 listed in the SWP that are part of a plan adopted by a local government
13 resulting in a net nitrogen reduction shall be eligible for consider-
14 ation by the district board of trustees, established in accordance with
15 subdivision six of this section.

16 (ii) Other than for the payment of indebtedness or obligations
17 incurred as set forth in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, and except
18 for the preparation of the SWP implementation plan, itself, no monies
19 may be expended until the SWP implementation plan has been prepared and
20 approved as provided for in this section.

21 (c) (i) Within the local law establishing the water quality restora-
22 tion fund, the county shall establish a district board of trustees of
23 seventeen members to prepare, review and approve the SWP implementation
24 plan for submission to the county executive and county legislature and
25 shall specify the powers and duties of the district board of trustees,
26 including the procedures for appointment of a chairperson. Such
27 approval shall be in addition to all other approvals required by law.
28 The board of trustees shall consist of: (A) a representative from the
29 department of environmental conservation; (B) a representative from the
30 East End supervisors and mayors association; (C) a representative of the
31 Suffolk town supervisors association; (D) a representative of the
32 Suffolk County Village Officials Association; (E) a town representative
33 from the State Central Pine Barrens Joint Planning and Policy Commission
34 to be designated by the commission; (F) a municipal representative from
35 the Peconic Estuary Partnership; (G) a municipal representative from the
36 State South Shore Estuary Reserve; (H) a municipal representative from
37 the Long Island Sound Estuary; (I) a representative of the Long Island
38 Federation of Labor; (J) a representative of Building and Construction
39 Trades Council of Nassau & Suffolk counties; (K) a representative from a
40 regional environmental organization; (L) the chair of the Suffolk county
41 planning commission; (M) the county executive or designee; (N) the
42 presiding officer of the county legislature or designee; (O) the minori-
43 ty leader of the county legislature or designee; (P) the county depart-
44 ment of public works commissioner or designee; and (Q) the county
45 department of health services commissioner or designee.

46 (ii) The powers and duties of the district board of trustees shall
47 oversee the annual audit pursuant to paragraph (e) of this subdivision,
48 making prudent recommendations for resource allocations for county-ap-
49 proved alternative wastewater treatment technologies not contemplated in
50 the Suffolk county subwatersheds wastewater plan and long-term progress
51 monitoring of the implementation of the Suffolk county subwatersheds
52 wastewater plan regarding achievements of nitrogen load reductions and
53 ecological endpoints.

54 (d) SWP implementation plan. The district board of trustees shall
55 prepare, review and approve and submit to the county executive the SWP
56 implementation plan within one year of the effective date of this

1 section, and in every five years thereafter in a like manner. The board
2 of trustees shall conduct a public hearing on said plan before its
3 adoption or subsequent amendment. Said plan shall list every water qual-
4 ity restoration project which the county plans to undertake pursuant to
5 the fund and shall state how such project would improve existing water
6 quality. Funds may only be expended pursuant to this section for
7 projects which have been included in said plan. Said plan shall be
8 consistent with state, federal, county, and local government land use
9 and wastewater management plans. After submission and approval by the
10 county executive, such plan shall be submitted to the county legisla-
11 ture. Upon review, the county legislature shall determine, by local
12 law, whether to approve the proposed plan, if the plan is denied, the
13 plan shall be remanded to the board of trustees for further study. Such
14 plan shall not become effective until approved by local law. Projects
15 may be added or removed from the currently effective SWP implementation
16 plan in a like manner.

17 (e) Annual audit. The county shall annually commission an independent
18 audit of the fund. The audit shall be conducted by an independent certi-
19 fied public accountant or an independent public accountant. Said audit
20 shall be performed by a certified public accountant or an independent
21 public accountant other than the one that performs the general audit of
22 the county's finances. Such audit shall be an examination of the fund
23 and shall determine whether the fund has been administered consistent
24 with the provisions of this section and all other applicable provisions
25 of state law. Said audit shall be initiated within sixty days of the
26 close of the fiscal year of the county and shall be completed within one
27 hundred twenty days of the close of the fiscal year. A copy of the
28 audit shall be submitted annually to the state comptroller and the coun-
29 ty comptroller. A copy of the audit shall be made available to the
30 public within thirty days of its completion. A notice of the completion
31 of the audit shall be published in the official newspaper of the county
32 and shall also be posted on the internet website for the county. The
33 cost of the audit may be a charge to the fund.

34 (f) Annual report. In addition to any other report required by this
35 section, the district board of trustees, through its chairperson, shall
36 deliver annually a report to the county legislature. Such report
37 shall be presented by May fifteenth of each year. The report shall
38 describe in detail the projects undertaken, the monies expended, and the
39 administrative activities of the water quality fund and district estab-
40 lished in accordance with this section, during the prior year. At the
41 conclusion of the report, the chairperson of the district board of trus-
42 tees shall be prepared to answer the questions of the county legislature
43 with respect to the projects undertaken, the monies expended, and the
44 administrative activities during the past year.

45 § 4. Paragraph a of section 11.00 of the local finance law is amended
46 by adding a new subdivision 109 to read as follows:

47 109. Septic systems. The acquisition, construction, or reconstruction
48 of or addition to septic systems funded by programs established by the
49 county of Suffolk, twenty-five years.

50 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

51 PART UU

52 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of section 11.00 of the local finance law is
53 amended by adding a new subdivision 109 to read as follows:

109. Lead service line replacement programs established by a municipality, school district or district corporation, including, but not limited to programs that inventory, design and replace publicly owned and privately owned lead service lines within an established water system, thirty years. As used in this subdivision, "lead service line" means a service line made in whole or in part of lead, which connects a water main to a building inlet. A lead service line may be owned by the water system, a property owner, or both. A lead gooseneck, pigtail, or connector shall be eligible for replacement regardless of the service line material to which a lead gooseneck, pigtail, or connector is attached. Gooseneck, pigtail, or connector means a short section of piping, typically not exceeding two feet, which can be bent and used for connections between rigid service piping. A galvanized iron or steel service line is considered a lead service line if it ever was or is currently downstream of any lead service line or service line of unknown material.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

PART VV

Section 1. Expenditures of moneys appropriated to the department of agriculture and markets from the special revenue funds-other/state operations, miscellaneous special revenue fund-339, public service account shall be subject to the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, direct and indirect expenses relating to the department of agriculture and markets' participation in general ratemaking proceedings pursuant to section 65 of the public service law or certification proceedings pursuant to article 7 or 10 of the public service law, shall be deemed expenses of the department of public service within the meaning of section 18-a of the public service law. No later than August 15, annually, the commissioner of the department of agriculture and markets shall submit an accounting of such expenses, including, but not limited to, expenses in the prior state fiscal year for personal and non-personal services and fringe benefits, to the chair of the public service commission for the chair's review pursuant to the provisions of section 18-a of the public service law.

§ 2. Expenditures of moneys appropriated to the department of state from the special revenue funds-other/state operations, miscellaneous special revenue fund-339, public service account shall be subject to the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, direct and indirect expenses relating to the activities of the department of state's utility intervention unit pursuant to subdivision 4 of section 94-a of the executive law, including, but not limited to participation in general ratemaking proceedings pursuant to section 65 of the public service law or certification proceedings pursuant to article 7 or 10 of the public service law, and expenses related to the activities of the major renewable energy development program established by section 94-c of the executive law, shall be deemed expenses of the department of public service within the meaning of section 18-a of the public service law. No later than August 15, annually, the secretary of state shall submit an accounting of such expenses, including, but not limited to, expenses in the prior state fiscal year for personal and non-personal services and fringe benefits, to the chair of the public service commission for the chair's review pursuant to the provisions of section 18-a of the public service law.

§ 3. Expenditures of moneys appropriated to the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation from the special revenue funds-other/state operations, miscellaneous special revenue fund-339, public service account shall be subject to the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, direct and indirect expenses relating to the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation's participation in general ratemaking proceedings pursuant to section 65 of the public service law or certification proceedings pursuant to article 7 or 10 of the public service law, shall be deemed expenses of the department of public service within the meaning of section 18-a of the public service law. No later than August 15, annually, the commissioner of the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation shall submit an accounting of such expenses, including, but not limited to, expenses in the prior state fiscal year for personal and non-personal services and fringe benefits, to the chair of the public service commission for the chair's review pursuant to the provisions of section 18-a of the public service law.

§ 4. Expenditures of moneys appropriated to the department of environmental conservation from the special revenue funds-other/state operations, environmental conservation special revenue fund-301, utility environmental regulation account shall be subject to the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, direct and indirect expenses relating to the department of environmental conservation's participation in state energy policy proceedings, or certification proceedings pursuant to article 7 or 10 of the public service law, shall be deemed expenses of the department of public service within the meaning of section 18-a of the public service law. No later than August 15, annually, the commissioner of the department of environmental conservation shall submit an accounting of such expenses, including, but not limited to, expenses in the prior state fiscal year for personal and non-personal services and fringe benefits, to the chair of the public service commission for the chair's review pursuant to the provisions of section 18-a of the public service law.

§ 5. Notwithstanding any other law, rule or regulation to the contrary, expenses of the department of health public service education program incurred pursuant to appropriations from the cable television account of the state miscellaneous special revenue funds shall be deemed expenses of the department of public service. No later than August 15, annually, the commissioner of the department of health shall submit an accounting of expenses in the prior state fiscal year to the chair of the public service commission for the chair's review pursuant to the provisions of section 217 of the public service law.

§ 6. Any expense deemed to be expenses of the department of public service pursuant to sections one through four of this act shall not be recovered through assessments imposed upon telephone corporations as defined in subdivision 17 of section 2 of the public service law.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2023.

PART WW

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 3-101 of the energy law, as amended by chapter 374 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

2. to encourage conservation of energy and to promote the clean energy and climate agenda, including but not limited to greenhouse gas

reduction, set forth within chapter one hundred six of the laws of two thousand nineteen, also known as the New York state climate leadership and community protection act, in the construction and operation of new commercial, industrial, agricultural and residential buildings, and in the rehabilitation of existing structures, through equipment and systems including but not limited to heating, cooling, ventilation, lighting, insulation and design techniques and the use of energy audits and life-cycle costing analysis;

§ 2. Subdivision 3 of section 11-103 of the energy law, as amended by chapter 374 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the state fire prevention and building code council in accordance with the mandate under this article shall have exclusive authority among state agencies to promulgate a construction code incorporating energy conservation features and clean energy features applicable to the construction of any building, including but not limited to greenhouse gas reduction. Any other code, rule or regulation heretofore promulgated or enacted by any other state agency, incorporating specific energy conservation and clean energy requirements applicable to the construction of any building, shall be superseded by the code promulgated pursuant to this section. Notwithstanding the foregoing[7]:

(a) consistent with state energy policy as described in subdivisions two and three of section 3-101 of this chapter, if any provision of the code or any provision of the uniform code is, or may be, inconsistent with or in conflict with any regulations promulgated pursuant to the New York climate leadership and community protection act set forth within chapter one hundred six of the laws of two thousand nineteen, product performance standards adopted pursuant to article sixteen of this chapter, any regulation promulgated by the department of environmental conservation pursuant to the environmental conservation law, or any other law or regulation intended to further the state's clean energy and climate agenda, and, notwithstanding any exemptions accompanying such provision, if such provision is designed to achieve a greater amount of greenhouse gas or co-pollutant emissions reductions than the inconsistent or conflicting provision of the code or uniform code, the state fire prevention and building code council shall amend the code or uniform code in a manner that would eliminate the inconsistency or conflict, subject to any exemptions allowed by law and provided that such amendment is consistent with the purposes and intent of this article or article eighteen of the executive law, as applicable, with accepted engineering practices, and with nationally recognized and published standards that protect building occupant safety and reduce fire risks; and

(b) nothing in this section shall be deemed to expand the powers of the council to include matters that are exclusively within the statutory jurisdiction of the public service commission, the department of environmental conservation, the office of renewable energy siting or another state entity.

§ 3. Subdivision 6 of section 11-104 of the energy law, as added by chapter 374 of the laws of 2022, is amended and two new subdivisions 7 and 8 are added to read as follows:

6. To the fullest extent feasible, the standards for construction of buildings in the code shall be designed to help achieve the state's clean energy and climate agenda, including but not limited to greenhouse gas reduction, set forth within chapter one hundred six of the laws of two thousand nineteen, also known as the New York state climate leader-

1 ship and community protection act, and as further identified by the New
2 York state climate action council established pursuant to section
3 75-0103 of the environmental conservation law. Consistent with the fore-
4 going:

5 (a) the code shall prohibit the installation of fossil-fuel equipment
6 and building systems, in any new one-family residential building of any
7 height or new multi-family residential building not more than three
8 stories in height on or after December thirty-first, two thousand twen-
9 ty-five, and the code shall prohibit the installation of fossil-fuel
10 equipment and building systems, in any new multi-family residential
11 building more than three stories in height or new commercial building on
12 or after December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-eight; and

13 (b) notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b) of subdivision one
14 of section 11-103 of this article and subject to such exemptions as may
15 be set forth in regulations promulgated pursuant to article sixteen of
16 this chapter, the code shall prohibit the installation of fossil-fuel
17 heating equipment and building systems at any time on or after January
18 first, two thousand thirty in any one-family residential building of any
19 height or multi-family residential building not more than three stories
20 in height existing on or after such date, and the code shall prohibit
21 the installation of fossil-fuel heating equipment and building systems
22 at any time on or after January first, two thousand thirty-five in any
23 multi-family residential building more than three stories in height or
24 commercial building existing on or after that date.

25 7. (a) The provisions set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivi-
26 sion six of this section shall not be construed as prohibiting the
27 continued use and maintenance of fossil-fuel equipment and building
28 systems, including as related to cooking equipment, installed prior to
29 the effective date of the applicable prohibition. In addition, the
30 provisions set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision six of
31 this section shall include such exemptions as the state fire prevention
32 and building code council deems appropriate for the purposes of allowing
33 the installation and use of fossil-fuel equipment and building systems
34 where such are installed and used:

35 (i) for generation of emergency back-up power and emergency replace-
36 ment of existing equipment and building systems;

37 (ii) in a manufactured home as defined in subdivision seven of section
38 six hundred one of the executive law; or

39 (iii) in a building or part of a building that is used as a manufac-
40 turing facility, commercial food establishment, laboratory, laundromat,
41 hospital, other medical facility, critical infrastructure such as backup
42 power for wastewater treatment facilities, agricultural building as
43 defined by the council, or crematorium.

44 (b) Where the code includes an allowed exemption pursuant to subpara-
45 graph (i) or (iii) of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, other than
46 agricultural buildings as defined by the council, such exemption shall
47 include provisions that, to the fullest extent feasible, limit the use
48 of fossil-fuel equipment and buildings systems to the system and area of
49 the building for which a prohibition on fossil-fuel equipment and build-
50 ing systems is infeasible; require the area or service within a new
51 building where fossil-fuel equipment and building systems are installed
52 be electrification ready; and minimize emissions from the fossil-fuel
53 equipment and building systems that are allowed to be used, provided
54 that the provisions set forth in this paragraph do not adversely affect
55 health, safety, security, or fire protection, and financial consider-

1 ations shall not be sufficient basis to determine physical or technical
2 infeasibility.

3 (c) Exemptions included in the code pursuant to this subdivision shall
4 be periodically reviewed by the state fire prevention and building code
5 council to assure that they continue to effectuate the purposes of
6 subdivision six of this section to the fullest extent feasible. The
7 state fire prevention and building code council may from time to time
8 amend such exemptions as necessary.

9 8. For the purposes of this section:

10 (a) "Fossil-fuel" means fuel used for combustion, in the form of any
11 of the following: natural gas derived from naturally occurring geologic
12 deposits of principally methane; petroleum; coal; or any form of solid,
13 liquid or gaseous fuel sourced from any of the foregoing materials.

14 (b) "Fossil-fuel equipment and building systems" shall mean (i) equip-
15 ment, as such term is defined in section 11-102 of this article, that
16 uses fossil-fuel; or (ii) systems embedded in a building that will be
17 used for or to support the supply, distribution, or delivery of fossil-
18 fuel for any purpose, other than for use by motor vehicles.

19 (c) "Fossil-fuel heating equipment and building systems" shall mean
20 (i) equipment, as such term is defined in section 11-102 of this arti-
21 cle, that uses fossil-fuel for space heating or hot water supply; or
22 (ii) systems embedded in a building that will be used for or to support
23 the supply, distribution, or delivery of fossil-fuel for space heating
24 or hot water supply. Fossil-fuel heating equipment and building systems
25 shall not include equipment and building systems related to cooking.

26 (d) "Electrification ready" means the new building or portion thereof
27 where fossil-fuel equipment and building systems are allowed to be used
28 which contains electrical systems and designs that provide sufficient
29 capacity for a future replacement of such fossil-fuel equipment and
30 building systems with electric-powered equipment, including but not
31 limited to sufficient space, drainage, electrical conductors or race-
32 ways, bus bar capacity, and overcurrent protective devices for such
33 electric-powered equipment.

34 § 4. Section 16-109 of the energy law, as added by chapter 374 of the
35 laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

36 § 16-109. Conflicts with other laws. [~~Nothing in this~~] This article
37 [~~or in~~] and any regulation adopted pursuant to this article shall
38 [~~limit, impair, or supersede~~] be subject to the provisions of subdivi-
39 sion one of section three hundred eighty-three of the executive law [~~or~~]
40 and the provisions of subdivision three of section 11-103 of this chap-
41 ter.

42 § 5. Section 371 of the executive law, as added by chapter 707 of the
43 laws of 1981, is amended to read as follows:

44 § 371. Statement of legislative findings and purposes. 1. The legisla-
45 ture hereby finds and declares that:

46 a. The present level of loss of life, injury to persons, and damage to
47 property as a result of fire demonstrates that the people of the state
48 have yet to receive the basic level of protection to which they are
49 entitled in connection with the construction and maintenance of build-
50 ings;

51 b. There does not exist for all areas of the state a single, adequate,
52 enforceable code establishing minimum standards for fire protection and
53 construction, maintenance and use of materials in buildings. Instead,
54 there exists a multiplicity of codes and requirements for various types
55 of buildings administered at various levels of state and local govern-
56 ment. There are, in addition, extensive areas of the state in which no

code at all is in effect for the general benefit of the people of the state;

c. The present system of enforcement of fire protection and building construction codes is characterized by a lack of adequately trained personnel, as well as inconsistent qualifications for personnel who administer and enforce those codes;

d. Whether because of the absence of applicable codes, inadequate code provisions or inadequate enforcement of codes, the threat to the public health and safety posed by fire remains a real and present danger for the people of the state; ~~and~~

e. The fire protection and building construction code requirements shall align with regulations promulgated pursuant to the New York climate leadership and protection act set forth within chapter one hundred six of the laws of two thousand nineteen so as to support the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as set forth in section eight of such act; and

f. The multiplicity of fire protection and building construction code requirements poses an additional problem for the people of the state since it increases the cost of doing business in the state by perpetuating multiple requirements, jurisdictional overlaps and business uncertainties, and, in some instances, by artificially inducing high construction costs.

2. The legislature declares that it shall be the public policy of the state of New York to:

a. Immediately provide for a minimum level of protection from the hazards of fire in every part of the state;

b. Provide for the promulgation of a uniform code addressing building construction and fire prevention in order to provide a basic minimum level of protection to all people of the state from hazards of fire and inadequate building construction. In providing for such a uniform code, it is declared to be the policy of the state of New York to:

(1) reconcile the myriad existing and potentially conflicting regulations which apply to different types of buildings and occupancies;

(2) recognize that fire prevention and fire prevention codes are closely related to the adequacy of building construction codes, that the greatest portion of a building code's requirements are fire safety oriented, and that fire prevention and building construction concerns should be the subject of a single code;

(3) recognize that the decarbonization of new and existing buildings is closely related to the state's clean energy and climate agenda as described in the New York climate leadership and community protection act set forth in chapter one hundred six of the laws of two thousand nineteen, and that the uniform code shall enable the state's clean energy objectives to the maximum extent practicable;

(4) place public and private buildings on an equal plane with respect to fire prevention and adequacy of building construction;

~~(4)~~ (5) require new and existing buildings alike to keep pace with advances in technology concerning fire prevention and building construction, including, where appropriate, that provisions apply on a retroactive basis; and

~~(5)~~ (6) provide protection to both residential and non-residential buildings;

c. Insure that the uniform code be in full force and effect in every area of the state;

d. Encourage local governments to exercise their full powers to administer and enforce the uniform code; and

1 e. Provide for a uniform, statewide approach to the training and qual-
2 ification of personnel engaged in the administration and enforcement of
3 the uniform code.

4 § 6. Subdivision 2 of section 375 of the executive law, as amended by
5 chapter 309 of the laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

6 2. To study the operation of the uniform fire prevention and building
7 code, the state energy conservation construction code established by
8 article eleven of the energy law, local regulations and other laws
9 relating to the construction of buildings and the protection of build-
10 ings from fire to ascertain their effects upon the cost of building
11 construction and the effectiveness of their provisions for health, safe-
12 ty and security, particularly as such provisions relate to the
13 protection of life and property from the dangers of fire, and the effec-
14 tiveness of their provisions for the reduction of greenhouse gas emis-
15 sions and co-pollutants in furtherance of the state's clean energy and
16 climate agenda pursuant to the New York climate leadership and community
17 protection act set forth within chapter one hundred six of the laws of
18 two thousand nineteen.

19 § 7. Subdivision 19 of section 378 of the executive law, as renumbered
20 by chapter 47 of the laws of 2022, is renumbered subdivision 20 and a
21 new subdivision 19 is added to read as follows:

22 19. a. The uniform code shall prohibit the installation of fossil-fuel
23 equipment and building systems, in any new one-family residential build-
24 ing of any height or new multi-family residential building not more than
25 three stories in height on or after December thirty-first, two thousand
26 twenty-five, and the uniform code shall prohibit the installation of
27 fossil-fuel equipment and building systems, in any new multi-family
28 residential building more than three stories in height or new commercial
29 building on or after December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-eight.

30 b. Notwithstanding the provisions of section nineteen of chapter seven
31 hundred seven of the laws of nineteen hundred eighty-one and subject to
32 such exemptions as may be set forth in regulations promulgated pursuant
33 to article sixteen of the energy law, the uniform code shall prohibit
34 the installation of fossil-fuel heating equipment and building systems
35 at any time on or after January first, two thousand thirty in any one-
36 family residential building of any height or multi-family residential
37 building not more than three stories in height existing on or after that
38 date, and the uniform code shall prohibit the installation of fossil-
39 fuel heating equipment and building systems at any time on or after
40 January first, two thousand thirty-five in any multi-family residential
41 building more than three stories in height or commercial building exist-
42 ing on or after that date.

43 c. The provisions set forth in paragraphs a and b of this subdivision
44 shall not be construed as prohibiting the continued use and maintenance
45 of fossil-fuel equipment and building systems, including as related to
46 cooking equipment, installed prior to the effective date of the applica-
47 ble prohibition. In addition, the provisions set forth in paragraphs a
48 and b of this subdivision shall include such exemptions as the state
49 fire prevention and building code council deems appropriate for the
50 purposes of allowing the installation and use of fossil-fuel equipment
51 and building systems where such systems are installed and used:

52 (i) for generation of emergency back-up power and emergency replace-
53 ment of existing equipment and building systems;

54 (ii) in a manufactured home as defined in subdivision seven of section
55 six hundred one of the executive law; or

(iii) in a building or part of a building that is used as a manufacturing facility, commercial food establishment, laboratory, laundromat, hospital, other medical facility, critical infrastructure such as backup power for wastewater treatment facilities, agricultural building as defined by the council, or crematorium.

d. Where the uniform code includes an allowed exemption pursuant to subparagraph (i) or (iii) of paragraph c of this subdivision, other than agricultural buildings as defined by the council, such exemption shall include provisions that, to the fullest extent feasible, limit the use of fossil-fuel equipment and building systems to the system and area of the building for which a prohibition on fossil-fuel equipment and building systems is infeasible; require the area or service within a new building where fossil-fuel equipment and building systems are installed be electrification ready; and minimize emissions from the fossil-fuel equipment and building systems that are allowed to be used, provided that such provisions do not adversely affect health, safety, security, or fire protection, and financial considerations shall not be sufficient basis to determine physical or technical infeasibility.

e. Exemptions included in the uniform code pursuant to this subdivision shall be periodically reviewed by the code council to assure that they continue to effectuate the purposes of paragraph e of subdivision one and subparagraph three of paragraph b of subdivision two of section three hundred seventy-one of this article to the fullest extent feasible. The code council may from time to time amend such exemptions as necessary.

f. For the purposes of this subdivision:

(i) "Fossil-fuel" means fuel used for combustion, in the form of any of the following: natural gas derived from naturally occurring geologic deposits of principally methane; petroleum; coal; or any form of solid, liquid or gaseous fuel sourced from any of the foregoing materials.

(ii) "Fossil-fuel equipment and building systems" shall mean (i) equipment, as such term is defined in section 11-102 of the energy law, that uses fossil-fuel; or (ii) systems embedded in a building that will be used for or to support the supply, distribution, or delivery of fossil-fuel for any purpose, other than for use by motor vehicles.

(iii) "Fossil-fuel heating equipment and building systems" shall mean (i) equipment, as such term is defined in section 11-102 of the energy law, that uses fossil-fuel; or (ii) systems embedded in a building that will be used for or to support the supply, distribution, or delivery of fossil-fuel for space heating or hot water supply. Fossil-fuel heating equipment and building systems shall not include equipment and building systems related to cooking.

(iv) "Electrification ready" means the new building or portion thereof where fossil-fuel equipment and building systems are allowed to be used which contains electrical systems and designs that provide sufficient capacity for a future replacement of such fossil-fuel equipment and building systems with electric-powered equipment, including but not limited to sufficient space, drainage, electrical conductors or raceways, bus bar capacity, and overcurrent protective devices for such electric-powered equipment.

g. In cities with a population of one million or more, such cities' local code provisions shall be at least as stringent as the provisions set forth by this subdivision.

§ 8. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 379 of the executive law, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 348 of the laws of 2017 and subdivision 2

1 as added by chapter 707 of the laws of 1981, are amended to read as
2 follows:

3 1. Except in the case of factory manufactured homes, intended for use
4 as one or two family dwelling units or multiple dwellings of not more
5 than two stories in height, the legislative body of any local government
6 may duly enact or adopt local laws or ordinances imposing higher or more
7 restrictive standards for construction within the jurisdiction of such
8 local government than are applicable generally to such local government
9 in the uniform code. Within thirty days of such enactment or adoption,
10 the chief executive officer, or if there be none, the chairman of the
11 legislative body of such local government, shall so notify the council,
12 and shall petition the council for a determination of whether such local
13 laws or ordinances are more stringent than the standards for
14 construction applicable generally to such local government in the
15 uniform code. Such local laws or ordinances shall take full force and
16 effect upon an affirmative [~~determination~~] finding and approval by the
17 council as provided [~~herein~~] in subdivision two of this section.

18 2. If the council finds that such standards are higher or more
19 restrictive and a. standards are reasonably necessary because of special
20 conditions prevailing within the local government and that such stand-
21 ards conform with accepted engineering and fire prevention practices and
22 the purposes of this article, or b. are reasonably necessary to further
23 the state's clean energy and climate agenda, including but not limited
24 to greenhouse gas emissions reduction and other objectives of the New
25 York climate leadership and protection act set forth within chapter one
26 hundred six of the laws of two thousand nineteen, and that such stand-
27 ards conform with accepted engineering and fire prevention practices and
28 the purposes of this article, the council shall [~~adopt~~] approve such
29 standards, in whole or part. The council shall have the power to limit
30 the term or duration of such standards, impose conditions in connection
31 with the adoption thereof, and to terminate such standards at such
32 times, and in such manner as the council may deem necessary, desirable
33 or proper.

34 § 9. Paragraphs h and i of subdivision 1 of section 381 of the execu-
35 tive law, as added by chapter 560 of the laws of 2010, are amended and a
36 new paragraph j is added to read as follows:

37 h. minimum basic training and in-service training requirements for
38 personnel charged with administration and enforcement of the state ener-
39 gy conservation construction code; [~~and~~]

40 i. standards and procedures for measuring the rate of compliance with
41 the state energy conservation construction code, and provisions requir-
42 ing that such rate of compliance be measured on an annual basis[~~-~~]; and

43 j. authorizing the issuance of a permit for construction based on
44 existing provisions of the uniform code where a substantially complete
45 set of construction drawings have been submitted prior to the effective
46 date of any amendment to the uniform code.

47 § 10. Subdivision 1 of section 383 of the executive law is amended by
48 adding a new paragraph d to read as follows:

49 d. This article shall be subject to the provisions of subdivision
50 three of section 11-103 of the energy law.

51 § 11. The article heading of article 16 of the energy law, as amended
52 by chapter 374 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

53 APPLIANCE AND EQUIPMENT

54 [~~EFFICIENCY~~] PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

55 § 12. Subdivision 18 of section 16-102 of the energy law, as amended
56 by chapter 374 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

18. "[~~Efficiency~~] Performance standard" means a standard that defines performance metrics and/or defines prescriptive design requirements associated with the regulated category of product in order to: (a) reduce energy consumption[~~7~~]; (b) reduce water consumption[~~7~~ and]; (c) reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with energy consumption [and/or]; or (d) increase demand flexibility. A performance standard may be designed to promote one of the foregoing objectives, and multiple performance standards for a regulated category of product may be used to promote multiple objectives.

§ 13. Subdivision 1 of section 16-104 of the energy law, as amended by chapter 374 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

1. The provisions of this article apply to the establishment of, testing for compliance with, certification of compliance with, and enforcement of [~~efficiency~~] performance standards for the following new products which are sold, or offered for sale, leased or offered for lease, rented or offered for rent or installed or offered to install in New York state unless preempting federal appliance standards are in effect: (a) automatic commercial ice cube machines; (b) ceiling fan light kits; (c) commercial pre-rinse spray valves; (d) commercial refrigerators, freezers and refrigerator-freezers; (e) consumer audio and video products; (f) illuminated exit signs; (g) incandescent reflector lamps; (h) very large commercial packaged air-conditioning and heating equipment; (i) metal halide lamp fixtures; (j) pedestrian traffic signal modules; (k) power supplies; (l) torchiere lighting fixtures; (m) unit heaters; (n) vehicular traffic signal modules; (o) portable light fixtures; (p) bottle-type water dispensers; (q) commercial hot food holding cabinets; (r) portable electric spas; (s) replacement dedicated-purpose pool pump motors; (t) air compressors; (u) air purifiers; (v) commercial dishwashers; (w) commercial fryers; (x) commercial steam cookers; (y) computers and computer monitors; (z) general service lamps; (aa) federally exempt fluorescent lamps; (bb) portable air conditioners; (cc) residential ventilating fans; (dd) telephones; (ee) faucets; (ff) showerheads; (gg) urinals; (hh) water closets; (ii) sprinkler bodies; (jj) uninterruptable power supplies; (kk) light emitting diode lamps; (ll) electric vehicle supply equipment; (mm) commercial battery charger systems; (nn) commercial ovens; (oo) commercial clothes dryers; (pp) commercial and industrial fans and blowers; (qq) imaging equipment; (rr) landscape irrigation controllers; (ss) outdoor lighting; (tt) plug-in luminous signs; (uu) small network equipment; (vv) tub spout diverters; (ww) commercial hot food holding cabinets; (xx) gas fireplaces; (yy) products for which efficiency or other performance standards shall have been established pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of subdivision one of section 16-106 of this article; and (zz) products that had been subject to any federal efficiency standard referred to in section 16-105 of this article that have been continued in this state pursuant to such section.

§ 14. Subdivision 4 of section 16-104 of the energy law, as added by chapter 374 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

4. The adoption of [~~efficiency~~] performance standards for any water-related appliances, equipment or fixtures shall be subject to approval by the commissioner of environmental conservation. Any such standard which would conflict with the provisions of section 15-0314 of the environmental conservation law shall not take effect until and unless waived by the commissioner of environmental conservation.

§ 15. Subdivision 5 of section 16-104 of the energy law, as added by chapter 374 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

1 5. In adopting the flexible demand appliance performance standards,
2 the New York state energy research and development authority shall
3 consider the National Institute of Standards and Technology reliability
4 and cybersecurity protocols, relevant New York cybersecurity laws, regu-
5 lations, and advisories, or other cybersecurity protocols that are
6 equally or more protective, and shall adopt, at a minimum, the North
7 American Electric Reliability Corporation's Critical Infrastructure
8 Protection standards.

9 § 16. Section 16-106 of the energy law, as amended by chapter 374 of
10 the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

11 § 16-106. Powers and duties of the president and the secretary. 1. The
12 president in consultation with the secretary shall have and be entitled
13 to exercise the following powers and duties:

14 (a) To adopt regulations establishing [~~efficiency~~] performance stand-
15 ards for the products listed in paragraphs (a) through (xx) of subdivi-
16 sion one of section 16-104 of this article, including but not limited
17 to, establishing [~~efficiency~~] performance standards for power supplies
18 in the active mode and no-load mode or other such products while in the
19 active mode and in the standby-passive-mode;

20 (b) To adopt regulations establishing [~~efficiency~~] performance stand-
21 ards for products not specifically listed in paragraphs (a) through (xx)
22 of subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article, provided that the
23 president determines that establishing such [~~efficiency~~] performance
24 standards would serve to promote energy reduction, water conservation,
25 greenhouse gas reduction, [~~and/or~~] or increased demand flexibility asso-
26 ciated with the regulated product categories in this state. To the maxi-
27 mum extent feasible the president shall coordinate any such adoption
28 with similar efforts by other states. Any regulation adopted pursuant to
29 this paragraph may include provisions establishing procedures for test-
30 ing the [~~efficiency~~] performance of the covered products and provisions
31 establishing procedures for manufacturers of such product to certify
32 that such products meet the [~~efficiency~~] performance standards, if the
33 president determines that such manufacturer's certifications should be
34 required;

35 (c) To review [~~efficiency~~] performance standards as adopted from time
36 to time by other states for products not listed in paragraphs (a)
37 through (xx) of subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article, and
38 to adopt regulations establishing [~~efficiency~~] performance standards
39 similar to those adopted by any other state for such products, provided
40 that the president determines that establishing such [~~efficiency~~]
41 performance standards would serve to promote energy reduction, water
42 conservation, greenhouse gas reduction, [~~and/or~~] or increased demand
43 flexibility associated with the regulated product categories in this
44 state. Any regulation adopted pursuant to this paragraph may include
45 provisions establishing procedures for testing the [~~efficiency~~] perform-
46 ance of the covered products and provisions establishing procedures for
47 manufacturers of such product to certify that such products meet the
48 [~~efficiency~~] performance standards, if the president determines that
49 such manufacturer's certifications should be required;

50 (d) To adopt regulations to achieve the purposes of this article. Such
51 regulations shall ensure that compliance therewith will not result in a
52 net increase in co-pollutant emissions or otherwise disproportionately
53 burden disadvantaged communities as identified by the climate justice
54 working group established under section 75-0111 of the environmental
55 conservation law. In order to increase public participation and improve
56 the efficacy of any [~~efficiency~~] performance standards adopted pursuant

1 to ~~[subdivision]~~ paragraph (b) or (c) of this ~~[section]~~ subdivision, the
2 president shall, before publication of a notice of proposed rule making,
3 conduct public meetings to provide meaningful opportunities for public
4 comment from all segments of the population that would be impacted by
5 the standards or regulations, including persons living in disadvantaged
6 communities as identified by the climate justice working group estab-
7 lished under section 75-0111 of the environmental conservation law;

8 (e) To conduct investigations, test, and obtain data with respect to
9 research experiments and demonstrations, and to collect and disseminate
10 information regarding the purposes to be achieved pursuant to this arti-
11 cle;

12 (f) To accept grants or funds for purposes of administration and
13 enforcement of this article. Notwithstanding any other provision of law
14 to the contrary, the president is hereby authorized to accept grants or
15 funds, including funds directed through negotiated settlements or
16 consent orders pursuant to this article. All funds accepted by the pres-
17 ident for the purposes of this article shall be deposited in the ~~[effi-~~
18 ~~ciency]~~ performance standards administration account established by the
19 New York state energy research and development authority and maintained
20 in a segregated account ~~[in the custody of the commissioner of taxation~~
21 ~~and finance]~~, established in accordance with section one thousand eight
22 hundred fifty-nine of the public authorities law. All expenditures from
23 the ~~[efficiency]~~ performance standards administration account pursuant
24 to this article shall be made by the New York state energy research and
25 development authority to carry out studies, investigations, research,
26 expenses to provide for expert witness, consultant, enforcement, admin-
27 istrative and legal fees, including disbursements to the department of
28 state to support enforcement activities authorized by the secretary
29 pursuant to this section, and other related expenses pursuant to this
30 article. All deposits made to the ~~[efficiency]~~ performance standards
31 administration account made by the New York state energy research and
32 development authority, all funds maintained in the ~~[efficiency]~~ perform-
33 ance standards administration account, and disbursements therefrom, made
34 pursuant to this article shall be subject to an annual independent audit
35 as part of such authority's audited financial statements, and such
36 authority shall prepare an annual report summarizing ~~[efficiency]~~
37 performance standards administration account balance and activities for
38 each fiscal year ending March thirty-first. In addition to submitting
39 such report as provided in section one thousand eight hundred sixty-sev-
40 en of the public authorities law, the authority shall provide such
41 report to the secretary no later than ninety days after commencement of
42 such fiscal year;

43 (g) To consult with the appropriate federal agencies, including, but
44 not limited to, the federal department of energy and other potentially
45 affected parties in carrying out the provisions of this article; and

46 (h) To conduct investigations, in consultation with the secretary, to
47 determine if products covered by standards adopted pursuant to this
48 article comply with such standards; to conduct tests to determine if
49 products covered by standards adopted pursuant to this article comply
50 with such standards; to prepare written reports of the results of such
51 investigations and tests; to provide such reports to the secretary; in
52 consultation with the secretary, to negotiate settlement agreements with
53 any person that violates the provisions of subdivision two of section
54 16-104 of this article, or fails to perform any duty imposed by this
55 article, or violates or fails to comply with any rule, regulation,
56 determination, or order adopted, made, or issued by the president or the

1 secretary pursuant to this article, pursuant to which such person shall
2 agree to cease such violation and to pay such civil penalty as may be
3 specified in such agreement, the terms of which will be incorporated
4 into a consent order signed by such person, the president, and the
5 secretary; to consult with the secretary in connection with determi-
6 nations made by the secretary pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision
7 five of this section; and to cooperate with the secretary in enforcement
8 proceedings conducted by the secretary pursuant to this article.

9 1-a. Notwithstanding any other provision of this article, no [~~effi-~~
10 ~~ciency~~] performance standard adopted pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivi-
11 sion one of this section shall become effective less than one hundred
12 eighty days after publication of the notice of adoption of such standard
13 in the state register; no [~~efficiency~~] performance standard adopted
14 pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of subdivision one of this section
15 shall become effective less than one year after publication of the
16 notice of adoption of such [~~efficiency~~] performance standard in the
17 state register; no amendment of any [~~efficiency~~] performance standard
18 adopted pursuant to this article or of any efficiency standard continued
19 in this state pursuant to section 16-105 of this article shall become
20 effective less than one hundred eighty days after publication of the
21 notice of adoption of such amendment in the state register; and no new
22 or amended [~~efficiency~~] performance standard adopted pursuant to this
23 article shall go into effect if federal government [~~efficiency~~] perform-
24 ance standards regarding such product preempt state standards unless
25 preemption has been waived pursuant to federal law.

26 2. (a) On or before January first, two thousand twenty-three, the
27 president, in consultation with the secretary, shall adopt regulations
28 in accordance with the provisions of this article establishing:

29 (i) performance standards for energy efficiency [~~standards~~] for new
30 products of the types referred to in paragraphs (a) through (f), para-
31 graphs (h) through (y), paragraphs (aa) through (jj) and paragraphs (mm)
32 through (xx) of subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article;

33 (ii) procedures for testing the efficiency of the new products of the
34 types referred to in paragraphs (a) through (f) and paragraphs (h)
35 through (xx) of subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article;

36 (iii) procedures for manufacturers to certify that new products of the
37 types referred to in paragraphs (a) through (f) and paragraphs (h)
38 through (xx) of subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article meet
39 the performance standards for energy efficiency [~~standards~~] to be
40 adopted pursuant to this article, if the president determines that such
41 manufacturer's certifications should be required; and

42 (iv) such further matters as are necessary to insure the proper imple-
43 mentation and enforcement of the provisions of this article.

44 (b) With respect to the types of products referred to in paragraph
45 (g), (z) or (kk) of subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article
46 (incandescent reflector lamps, general service lamps, and light emitting
47 diode lamps), the president shall conduct a study by December thirty-
48 first, two thousand twenty-three to determine whether [~~an~~] a performance
49 standard for energy efficiency [~~standard~~] for such products should be
50 established, taking into account factors including the potential impact
51 on electricity usage, product availability and consumer and environ-
52 mental benefits. If the president determines based on this study that
53 such a standard would reduce energy use and would not be preempted by
54 the federal law, the president shall adopt regulations in accordance
55 with the provisions of this article establishing efficiency standards
56 for such products.

3. Subsequent to adopting regulations pursuant to subdivisions one and two of this section, the president, in consultation with the secretary, may amend such regulations, including increasing the stringency of the [efficiency] performance standards.

4. By March fifteenth of two thousand twenty-one, the secretary and the president shall produce a report to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, the chair of the assembly committee on energy and the chair of the senate committee on energy and telecommunications on the status of regulations establishing performance standards for energy efficiency [standards] pursuant to this article, which shall indicate for each product enumerated in subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article the status of the implementation of [efficiency] performance standards. The report shall also set forth the estimated potential annual reductions in energy use and potential utility bill savings resulting from adopted performance standards for energy efficiency [standards] for the years two thousand twenty-five and two thousand thirty-five and the potential cumulative reductions in energy use through the year two thousand thirty-five. Such report shall be updated in the same manner by March fifteenth, two thousand twenty-six and two thousand thirty and copies of such updates shall be posted by March fifteenth, two thousand twenty-seven and March fifteenth, two thousand thirty on the websites of the authority and the department of state. Each such updated report shall also include the potential annual and cumulative results achieved pursuant to the performance metrics established for product performance standards promulgated pursuant to subdivision eighteen of section 16-102 of this article and section 16-104 of this article.

5. (a) In addition to all other powers and authority given to the secretary by this article, the secretary shall have and be entitled to exercise the following powers and duties:

(i) To request the president to conduct investigations to determine if products covered by [efficiency] performance standards adopted pursuant to this article comply with such [efficiency] performance standards; to consult with the president in connection with the president's performance of such investigations; to request the president to conduct tests to determine if products covered by [efficiency] performance standards adopted pursuant to this article comply with such [efficiency] performance standards; and to request the president's cooperation in connection with enforcement proceedings conducted by the secretary pursuant to this article;

(ii) To order the immediate cessation of any distribution, sale or offer for sale, lease or offer to lease, rent or offer to rent, import, or offer to import, or installation or offer of installation of any product listed in paragraphs (a) through (xx) of subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article, or of any product for which [efficiency] performance standards shall have been established pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of subdivision one of this section, or any product that is subject to a federal efficiency standard that shall have been continued in this state pursuant to section 16-105 of this article, if the secretary, in consultation with the president, determines that such product does not meet the applicable [efficiency] performance standard or if such product does not satisfy the testing procedures or manufacturer's certification procedures adopted pursuant to the regulations authorized by this article;

(iii) To accept grants or funds for purposes of administration and enforcement of this article;

(iv) To impose, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, civil penalties and/or injunctive relief for any violation of this article or any regulation adopted pursuant to this article. Any penalties collected by the secretary under this section shall be placed in the account established under section ninety-seven-~~www~~ of the state finance law, relating to the consumer protection account; and

(v) To adopt such rules and regulations as the secretary may deem necessary or appropriate for the purpose of carrying out the powers and duties granted to the secretary by this article.

(b) The secretary may exercise the powers and authority granted to the secretary by this subdivision, or by any other provision of this article, through the consumer protection division established by the secretary pursuant to section ninety-four-a of the executive law or through such other divisions, officers, or employees of the department of state as the secretary may designate from time to time.

§ 17. Subdivision 2 of section 16-107 of the energy law, as added by chapter 374 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

2. Any person that sells or offers for sale, leases or offers for lease, rents or offers for rent, or installs or offers to install, manufactures or tests in New York state any new product of a type listed in paragraphs (a) through (xx) of subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article, or any new product for which [efficiency] performance standards shall have been established pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of subdivision one of section 16-106 of this article, or any product that is subject to federal efficiency standards that shall have been continued in this state pursuant to section 16-105 of this article, shall be obliged, on the request of the secretary or his or her designee, or the request of the president or his or her designee, to supply the secretary and/or the president with such information and documentation as may be required concerning such person's business, business practices, or business methods, or proposed business practices or methods. The obligations contained in this subdivision shall not apply to any person that sells or offers for sale, leases or offers for lease, rents or offers for rent, or installs or offers to install only products described in subdivision three of section 16-104 of this article. The power to make information and document requests is in addition to and not in limitation of the power to issue subpoenas.

§ 18. Subdivision 1 of section 16-108 of the energy law, as amended by chapter 374 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

1. Any person who issues:

(a) a certification that a product listed in paragraphs (a) through (xx) of subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article complies with the [efficiency] performance standards for such product established by or pursuant to this article;

(b) a certification that a product not listed in paragraphs (a) through (xx) of subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article complies with [efficiency] performance standards for such product established pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of subdivision one of section 16-104 of this article; or

(c) a certification that a product that is subject to federal efficiency standards that shall have been continued in this state pursuant to section 16-105 of this article complies with such efficiency standards, knowing that such product does not comply with such efficiency standards, shall be liable for a civil penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars for each such product certified and an additional

1 penalty of not more than ten thousand dollars for each day during which
2 such violation continues.

3 § 19. Section 17-101 of the energy law is amended by adding twenty new
4 subdivisions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20,
5 21, 22, 23 and 24 to read as follows:

6 5. "Authority" means the New York state energy research and develop-
7 ment authority.

8 6. "Benchmark" means to input and submit the total energy and water
9 consumed for a building for the previous calendar year and other
10 descriptive information for such building as required by the benchmark-
11 ing tool. Total energy and water consumption shall not include separate-
12 ly metered uses that are not integral to building operations, such as
13 broadcast antennas, as determined by the president.

14 7. "Benchmarking tool" means the United States environmental
15 protection agency's ENERGY STAR portfolio manager internet-based report-
16 ing interface or any similar tool as determined by the president to be
17 reasonably comparable, and any additional tools specified in regulations
18 adopted by the president.

19 8. "Benchmarking information" means information generated by the
20 benchmarking tool and descriptive information about the physical build-
21 ing and its ownership, management, and operational characteristics.

22 9. "Public benchmarking information" means information generated by
23 the benchmarking tool and descriptive information about the physical
24 building and its operational characteristics that is disclosed to the
25 public. The public benchmarking information shall include, but shall not
26 be limited to:

27 (a) descriptive information, including building address; primary use
28 type; and gross floor area as defined by the benchmarking tool glossary;

29 (b) output information, including site and source energy use intensi-
30 ty; weather normalized site and source energy use intensity; total annu-
31 al greenhouse gas emissions; water use per gross square foot; and the
32 Energy Star score, where available;

33 (c) compliance or noncompliance with this law; and

34 (d) a comparison of the annual summary statistics across calendar
35 years for all years since annual reporting and disclosure has been
36 required for the covered building.

37 10. "Benchmarking submission" means a subset of:

38 (a) information input into the benchmarking tool; and

39 (b) benchmarking information generated by the benchmarking tool, as
40 determined by the president.

41 11. "Covered building" means (a) a state building, or (b) as it
42 appears in the records of the department of taxation and finance, which
43 information shall be shared by the department of taxation and finance
44 with the authority for purposes of implementation of this article: (i)
45 a building that exceeds twenty-five thousand gross square feet (four
46 thousand six hundred forty-five square meters), (ii) two or more build-
47 ings on the same tax lot that together exceed fifty-thousand gross
48 square feet (nine thousand two hundred ninety square meters), or (iii)
49 two or more buildings held in the condominium form of ownership that are
50 governed by the same board of managers and that together exceed fifty-
51 thousand gross square feet (nine thousand two hundred ninety square
52 meters). "Covered building" shall not include real property, not more
53 than three stories, consisting of a series of attached, detached or
54 semi-detached dwellings, for which ownership and the responsibility for
55 maintenance of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC)
56 systems and hot water heating systems is held by each individual dwell-

ing unit owner, and with no HVAC system or hot water heating system in the series serving more than two dwelling units.

12. "Energy" means electricity, natural gas, steam, hot or chilled water, fuel oil, kerosene, propane, or other fuel product for use in a building, or on-site electricity generation, including renewable and storage technologies for purposes of providing heating, cooling, lighting, water heating, or for powering or fueling other end-uses in the building and related facilities.

13. "Energy grade" means a scale representing the ratio of the energy performance of an existing building based on the benchmark inputs of a building and calculated within the benchmarking tool, comparing the building to a nationally representative dataset of similar buildings, accounting for regional characteristics in weather and operating conditions specific to the building.

14. "Energy use intensity" means the kBtUs (1,000 british thermal units) used per square foot of gross floor area.

15. "Greenhouse gas" shall have the same meaning as defined in section 75-0101 of the environmental conservation law.

16. "Gross floor area" means the total number of enclosed square feet measured between the exterior surfaces of the fixed walls within any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

17. "Owner" means:

(a) an individual or entity possessing title to a covered building property, or the lessee, where such lessee is the sole tenant of the covered property and is subject to a triple net lease;

(b) the board of managers in the case of a condominium;

(c) the board of directors in the case of a cooperative apartment corporation;

(d) the entity in physical possession of the building or having beneficial use and occupancy of the building in the case of a covered building with title possessed by a state entity solely for purposes of securing bonds, notes or other obligations issued by such state entity, in which case, the state entity will not also be deemed the owner hereunder. For the purpose of this paragraph, a "state entity" shall mean any state agency, state authority or subsidiary of a state authority; or

(e) an agent authorized to act on behalf of any of the above.

18. "Portfolio manager" means the energy star portfolio manager, the internet-based tool developed and maintained by the United States environmental protection agency to track and assess the relative energy performance of buildings nationwide, or its successor.

19. "President" means the president of the authority.

20. "Qualified benchmarker" means an individual or entity that possesses a benchmarking certification or other credential or credentials approved by the president or the president's designee.

21. "Qualifying financial distress" means:

(a) the covered building is the subject of a qualified tax lien sale or public auction due to property tax arrears;

(b) the covered building is controlled by a court appointed receiver;

(c) a foreclosure action has commenced on the covered building during the calendar year for which benchmarking is required;

(d) title to the covered building was transferred by deed in lieu of foreclosure or by a referee's deed in foreclosure during the calendar year for which benchmarking is required;

(e) the owner of a covered building has commenced a bankruptcy filing; or

1 (f) other situations as authorized by the president or the president's
2 designee.

3 22. "Tenant" means a person or entity occupying or holding possession
4 of a building, part of a building or premises pursuant to a rental
5 agreement.

6 23. "Utility" means an entity that distributes and/or sells energy to
7 a covered building.

8 24. "State building" means a building that is more than ten thousand
9 gross square feet (nine hundred twenty-nine square meters), as it
10 appears in the records of the department of taxation and finance, which
11 information shall be shared by the department of taxation and finance
12 with the authority for purposes of implementation of this article, that
13 is owned by the state or for which the state regularly pays all of the
14 annual energy bills, provided that two or more buildings on the same tax
15 lot shall be deemed to be one building.

16 § 20. The energy law is amended by adding a new section 17-107 to read
17 as follows:

18 § 17-107. Benchmarking applicability and submission. 1. No later than
19 the first day of May, two thousand twenty-five, and no later than the
20 first day of May of every year thereafter, each owner shall ensure that
21 such owner's covered buildings shall be benchmarked for the previous
22 calendar year and the benchmarking submission shall be provided to the
23 authority as directed by the president.

24 2. The president or the president's designee may exempt from the
25 benchmarking requirement a municipality with a benchmarking requirement
26 in effect that meets or exceeds the benchmarking rules established by
27 the authority.

28 3. The president or the president's designee may temporarily exempt
29 from the benchmarking requirement the owner of a covered building that
30 submits documentation establishing, to the satisfaction of the president
31 or the president's designee, any of the following:

32 (a) the covered building has characteristics that make benchmarking
33 impracticable, including buildings that do not fit any of the building
34 types, definitions or use details listed in the portfolio manager;

35 (b) the covered building had average physical occupancy of less than
36 fifty percent throughout the calendar year for which benchmarking is
37 required;

38 (c) the covered building is a new construction and the covered
39 building's certificate of occupancy or temporary certificate of occupan-
40 cy was issued during the calendar year for which benchmarking is
41 required;

42 (d) the covered building experienced qualifying financial distress
43 during the year for which benchmarking is required; or

44 (e) the covered building has been issued a full demolition permit for
45 the prior calendar year, provided that demolition work has commenced,
46 some energy-related systems have been compromised and legal occupancy is
47 no longer possible prior to the first day of May of the year in which
48 the benchmarking report is due.

49 4. The president or the president's designee may exempt from the
50 benchmarking requirement the owners of all covered buildings located
51 within an exempt municipality that comply with the municipality's bench-
52 marking requirement.

53 5. The president or the president's designee may exempt from the
54 benchmarking requirement related to water the owner of a covered build-
55 ing in jurisdictions where whole building water use data is not avail-

1 able in increments required by the benchmarking tool or as defined by
2 the president or the president's designee.

3 6. The president or the president's designee may grant an extension of
4 time if the owner of the covered building demonstrates, to the satisfac-
5 tion of the president or the president's designee, that despite good
6 faith efforts, the owner could not satisfy the requirements of this
7 article by the imposed deadlines.

8 7. The president or the president's designee may require that data be
9 validated by a qualified benchmarker or that benchmarking be performed
10 by a qualified benchmarker.

11 § 21. The energy law is amended by adding a new section 17-108 to read
12 as follows:

13 § 17-108. Benchmarking notification and posting. 1. Between September
14 first and December thirty-first of each year, the authority shall notify
15 owners of their obligation to benchmark pursuant to section 17-107 of
16 this article.

17 2. By December first of each year, the authority shall post the list
18 of the addresses of covered buildings on the authority's website.

19 § 22. The energy law is amended by adding a new section 17-109 to read
20 as follows:

21 § 17-109. Disclosure, analysis, and publication of benchmarking infor-
22 mation. 1. No later than the thirty-first day of December, two thousand
23 twenty-five and by the fifteenth day of September of each year thereaft-
24 er, the authority shall publish public benchmarking information regard-
25 ing all covered buildings for the previous calendar year, except that
26 public benchmarking information regarding a covered building for such
27 building's first year of required compliance shall not be published by
28 the authority, regardless of whether or not the authority received
29 benchmarking information for that building.

30 2. In addition to the publishing of public benchmarking information
31 required by subdivision one of this section, the authority shall annual-
32 ly publish:

33 (a) summary statistics and trend analyses regarding energy consumption
34 for covered buildings derived from aggregation of benchmarking informa-
35 tion; and

36 (b) information regarding how each covered building compares with
37 comparable covered buildings in New York state, and how each covered
38 building's performance has changed over time.

39 3. No later than the thirty-first day of December, two thousand twen-
40 ty-five, and no later than the fifteenth day of September of each year
41 thereafter, each exempted municipality shall make available to the
42 authority, in a form as required by the authority, any benchmarking
43 information possessed by such municipality.

44 4. Any analysis or possession of information concerning covered build-
45 ings by the authority is subject to rules regarding personal, private or
46 sensitive information as defined by the New York state office of infor-
47 mation technology services and article six of the public officers law.

48 5. The authority may provide an owner or manager of a covered building
49 with benchmarking information related to such covered building that is
50 not public benchmarking information.

51 6. Nothing in this section should be construed to supersede sections
52 eighty-four through section ninety of the public officers law, except
53 with respect to the authority's publishing of public benchmarking infor-
54 mation as required in this section.

55 § 23. The energy law is amended by adding a new section 17-110 to read
56 as follows:

1 § 17-110. Maintenance of benchmarking records. 1. Owners shall main-
2 tain records sufficient to provide for the reporting of public bench-
3 marking information to the authority. Such records shall be preserved
4 for a period of at least three years. At the request of the president
5 such records shall be made available for inspection and audit.

6 2. At the time legal title of any covered building is transferred, the
7 buyer and seller shall arrange for the seller to provide to the buyer,
8 at or before closing, all information necessary for the buyer to report
9 benchmarking information for the entire year in a timely manner.

10 § 24. The energy law is amended by adding a new section 17-111 to read
11 as follows:

12 § 17-111. Powers and duties of the president. The president shall have
13 the authority to promulgate regulations establishing rules for the
14 administration and enforcement of the requirements of this article, such
15 as compliance, enforcement, and exemptions for benchmark reporting and
16 data verification requirements and for the following:

17 1. to establish through regulation the obligation to post and publicly
18 display energy grades;

19 2. to establish through regulation exemption criteria for qualifying
20 buildings to delay compliance with the benchmarking or energy grades
21 requirements for up to three years if the owner demonstrates, to the
22 satisfaction of the president or their designated representative, finan-
23 cial distress, change of ownership, vacancy, major renovation, pending
24 demolition, or other acceptable circumstances determined by the presi-
25 dent;

26 3. to negotiate settlements and to impose civil infraction penalties,
27 finest, and fees as sanctions for a violation of this section or a regu-
28 lation issued pursuant to this article. Failure to benchmark energy and
29 water use for the prior calendar year by deadlines set by the president
30 may result in a penalty of five hundred dollars. Continued failure to
31 benchmark may result in additional violations on a quarterly basis and
32 an additional penalty of five hundred dollars per violation. Failure to
33 annually post the energy grade for the building by deadlines set by the
34 president may result in a penalty of one thousand two hundred fifty
35 dollars. Penalties collected shall be deposited into a benchmarking
36 administration account; and

37 4. to accept grants or funds for purposes of administration and
38 enforcement of this article. Notwithstanding any other provision of law
39 to the contrary, the president is hereby authorized to accept grants or
40 funds, including funds directed through fines, compliance penalties, or
41 negotiated settlements pursuant to this article, and is authorized to
42 establish the benchmarking administration account to be administered by
43 the New York state energy research and development authority and main-
44 tained in a segregated account, established in accordance with section
45 eighteen hundred fifty-nine of the public authorities law. All funds
46 accepted by the president for the purposes of this article shall be
47 deposited in the benchmarking administration account established by the
48 New York state energy research and development authority and maintained
49 in a segregated account, established in accordance with section eighteen
50 hundred fifty-nine of the public authorities law. All expenditures from
51 the benchmarking administration account pursuant to this article shall
52 be made by the New York state energy research and development authority
53 to carry out studies, investigations, research, expenses to provide for
54 expert witness, consultant, enforcement, administrative and legal fees,
55 including disbursements to the department of taxation and finance to
56 support compliance activities authorized by the president pursuant to

this section, and other related expenses pursuant to this article. All deposits made to the benchmarking administration account made by the New York state energy research and development authority, all funds maintained in the benchmarking administration account, and disbursements therefrom, made pursuant to this article shall be subject to an annual independent audit as part of such authority's audited financial statements, and such authority shall prepare an annual report summarizing benchmarking administration account balance and activities for each fiscal year ending March thirty-first and provide such report to the secretary no later than ninety days after commencement of such fiscal year.

§ 25. The energy law is amended by adding a new section 17-112 to read as follows:

§ 17-112. Enforcement and administration. 1. It shall be unlawful for any entity or person to fail to comply with the requirements of this article or any rule or regulation promulgated by the authority of this article or to misrepresent any material fact in a document required to be prepared or disclosed pursuant to this article or any rule or regulation promulgated by the authority of this article.

2. Except for minor alterations or alterations reasonably necessary to protect building occupant safety and reduce fire risks or as approved by the president or the president's designee, no county, city, town or village shall issue a permit for the construction of or work related to any commercial, residential, or mixed-use building if the building is not already in compliance with the requirements of this article or any rule or regulation promulgated by the authority pursuant to this article.

3. Any person or entity who violates the provisions of this article, not including sections 17-103 and 17-105 of this article, shall be subject to a civil penalty.

4. The attorney general for the state of New York may commence a civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction for damages, civil penalties, cost recovery, reasonable attorney and expert witness fees, and injunctive or other appropriate relief to enforce compliance with this section or a regulation issued pursuant to this section.

§ 26. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that the amendments to subdivision 4 of section 16-106 of the energy law made by section sixteen of this act shall not affect the repeal of such subdivision and shall be deemed to repeal therewith; and, provided, however, that section twenty-one of this act shall take effect January 1, 2024.

PART XX

Section 1. Section 1005 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 27-a to read as follows:

27-a. (a) As deemed feasible and advisable by the trustees, the authority is authorized to plan, design, develop, finance, construct, own, operate, maintain and improve, either alone or jointly with other entities, including but not limited to local development corporations formed under section fourteen hundred eleven of the not-for-profit corporation law, renewable energy generating projects in the state, including its territorial waters, and/or on property or in waters under the jurisdiction or regulatory authority of the United States, or any component thereof, and to acquire, lease or otherwise dispose of property interests related to the development or disposition of renewable

1 energy generating projects, as the authority determines is necessary and
2 desirable to: (i) support the state's greenhouse gas emission reduction
3 goals provided for in the climate leadership and community protection
4 act; (ii) provide or maintain an adequate and reliable supply of elec-
5 tric power and energy in the state; (iii) assist local governments in
6 achieving local energy and environmental goals; and (iv) advance other
7 important state energy and social policies. The acquisition, lease or
8 other disposal of property interests related to the development or
9 disposition of renewable energy generating projects authorized by this
10 paragraph may be done through a competitive selection process, a non-
11 competitive selection process, or by negotiation, and the disposal of
12 such interests shall be exempt from the requirements of title five-A of
13 article nine of this chapter. Renewable energy generating projects
14 developed by or for the authority that meet eligibility criteria under
15 state programs administered by the public service commission and the New
16 York state energy research and development authority shall be entitled
17 to receive renewable energy certificates in accordance with such
18 programs.

19 (b) The authority shall periodically confer with the New York state
20 energy research and development authority, the office of renewable ener-
21 gy siting, and the department of public service, concerning the state's
22 progress on meeting the renewable energy targets established by the
23 climate leadership and community protection act to help inform its exer-
24 cise of the authority provided for in paragraph (a) of this subdivision.
25 In exercising the authority provided for in paragraph (a) of this subdi-
26 vision, the authority is encouraged to consider the use of public-pri-
27 vate partnerships to the extent the authority determines that such
28 collaborations will provide benefits to the state or mitigate financial
29 risks to the authority.

30 (c) Notwithstanding section twenty-eight hundred twenty-seven-a of
31 this chapter, the authority shall have the right, either alone or with
32 one or more other entities, to form subsidiary corporations, and form or
33 acquire interests in "special purpose entities" including, but not
34 limited to, business corporations, not-for-profit corporations, limited
35 liability companies, or other special purpose entities or ventures, and
36 transfer interests in subsidiaries and special purpose entities, for the
37 purpose of undertaking the actions authorized by paragraph (a) of this
38 subdivision and facilitating the development of transmission facilities
39 as authorized by this title. The authority may by resolution direct any
40 of its trustees, officers, or employees to organize subsidiary corpo-
41 rations and special purpose entities pursuant to the business corpo-
42 ration law, not-for-profit corporation law, or limited liability company
43 law. Any such resolution shall prescribe the purposes for which any such
44 entity is to be formed.

45 (d) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the authority may
46 transfer to and receive from any subsidiary or special purpose entity
47 any consideration, moneys, real or personal or mixed property, contrac-
48 tual and other rights, or any project, deemed appropriate to carry out
49 the purposes of this subdivision. Each subsidiary or special purpose
50 entity formed by the authority shall have all the privileges, immunities
51 and exemptions of the authority to the extent the same are not incon-
52 sistent with the statute or statutes pursuant to which such subsidiary
53 or special purpose entity was formed.

54 (e) The source of any financing and/or loans for any of the actions
55 authorized in this subdivision may include: (i) the proceeds of notes
56 issued pursuant to section one thousand nine-a of this title; (ii) the

1 proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to section one thousand ten of this
2 title; (iii) other funds made available by the authority for such
3 purposes; or (iv) any other funds made available to the authority from
4 non-authority sources.

5 (f) The authority is authorized to sell renewable power, energy,
6 ancillary services and/or renewable energy credits or attributes associ-
7 ated with any renewable energy generating project authorized by this
8 subdivision and developed after its effective date as follows:

9 (i) to the New York state energy research and development authority,
10 including for the purpose of supporting the greenhouse gas emission
11 reduction goals in the climate leadership and community protection act
12 as well as other state energy policies, through participation in
13 programs administered by the New York state energy research and develop-
14 ment authority or for such other purposes as the authority and the New
15 York state energy research and development authority may agree;

16 (ii) into markets operated by the federally designated electric bulk
17 system operator for New York state;

18 (iii) to any load serving entity in the state, including the Long
19 Island power authority (directly, or through its service provider, as
20 appropriate), including but not limited to the purpose of providing bill
21 credits to end-use electricity consumers in disadvantaged communities
22 for renewable energy produced by renewable energy systems as provided
23 for in subdivision twenty-seven-b of this section;

24 (iv) to manufacturers of green hydrogen and other new technologies
25 that are intended in whole or part to displace fossil fuel use in the
26 state for use at facilities located in the state;

27 (v) to any public entity or authority customer;

28 (vi) to community distributed generation providers, energy aggregators
29 and similar entities for the benefit of subscribers to community
30 distributed generation projects, including end-use electricity consumers
31 located in disadvantaged communities; and

32 (vii) to any CCA community.

33 (g) For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms shall have
34 the meanings indicated in this paragraph unless the context indicates
35 another meaning or intent:

36 (i) "Authority customer" means an entity located in the state to which
37 the authority sells or is under contract to sell power or energy under
38 the authority in this title or any other law.

39 (ii) "CCA community" means one or more municipal corporations located
40 within the state that have provided for the purchase of power, energy,
41 or renewable energy credits or other attributes under a CCA program.

42 (iii) "CCA program" means a community choice aggregation program
43 approved by the public service commission.

44 (iv) "Disadvantaged communities" has the meaning ascribed to that term
45 by subdivision five of section 75-0101 of the environmental conservation
46 law.

47 (v) "Public entity" has the same meaning as in subparagraph five of
48 paragraph (b) of subdivision seventeen of this section.

49 (vi) "Renewable energy generating project" or "project" means:

50 (A) facilities that generate power and energy by means of a renewable
51 energy resource;

52 (B) facilities that store and discharge power and energy; and

53 (C) transmission and other infrastructure that supports or facilitates
54 the transmission and distribution of electricity from renewable energy
55 generating projects to delivery points within the state of New York.

(vii) "Renewable energy resource" means solar power, wind power, hydroelectric, green hydrogen, and any other generation resource authorized by any renewable energy standard adopted by the state for the purpose of implementing any state clean energy standard.

(h) The authority shall complete and submit a report, on or before January thirty-first, two thousand twenty-five, and annually thereafter, to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, and the temporary president of the senate, and shall post such report on the authority's website such that the report is accessible for public review. Such report shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) a description of the renewable energy projects the authority has planned, designed, developed, financed, or constructed and that it owns, operates, maintains or improves, alone or jointly with other entities, under the authority of this subdivision;

(ii) a description of the acquisition, lease or other disposition of interests in renewable energy generating projects by the authority under this subdivision;

(iii) a listing of all power, energy, ancillary services and related credits and attributes sold or purchased by the authority from such projects;

(iv) a listing of the entities to which the authority has supplied, allocated or sold any power, energy, ancillary services or related credits or attributes from such projects; and

(v) a listing and description of all subsidiaries and special purpose entities that the authority formed, or in which the authority acquired or transferred interests.

§ 2. Section 1005 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 27-b to read as follows:

27-b. (a) Definitions. For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "bill credit" means a monthly monetary credit as determined by the public service commission to the utility bill of an end-use electricity consumer located in a disadvantaged community, including a low and moderate income consumer, for renewable energy produced by renewable energy systems developed, constructed, owned, or contracted for by the power authority of the state of New York and injected into a distribution or transmission facility at one or more points in New York state, together with any enhanced incentive payments for a community distributed generation project serving a disadvantaged community provided for in paragraph (b) of subdivision seven of section sixty-six-p of the public service law, together with any other funding made available by the authority for such purposes;

(ii) "disadvantaged community" means a community defined as a disadvantaged community in accordance with article seventy-five of the environmental conservation law;

(iii) "jurisdictional load serving entity" has the same meaning as defined in paragraph (a) of subdivision one of section sixty-six-p of the public service law;

(iv) "renewable energy" means electrical energy produced by a renewable energy system; and

(v) "renewable energy systems" has the same meaning as defined in paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section sixty-six-p of the public service law.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the authority is authorized to establish a program, to be known as the "renewable energy access and community help program" or "REACH", that will enable end-use

1 electricity consumers in disadvantaged communities, including such end-
2 use electricity customers who reside in buildings that have on-site
3 net-metered generation or who participate in a community choice aggre-
4 gation or community distributed generation project, unless they opt out
5 of REACH, to receive bill credits generated by the production of renewa-
6 ble energy by a renewable energy system developed, constructed, owned,
7 or contracted for by the authority. Such bill credits shall be in addi-
8 tion to any other renewable energy program or any other program or bene-
9 fit that end-use electricity consumers in disadvantaged communities
10 receive. For purposes of this subdivision, a renewable energy system
11 developed, constructed, owned, or contracted for by the authority shall
12 be: (i) sized up to and including five megawatts alternating current and
13 interconnected to the distribution system or transmission system in the
14 service territory of the electric utility that serves the end-use elec-
15 tricity consumers that receive bill credits; or (ii) sized above five
16 megawatts alternating current and interconnected to the distribution or
17 transmission system at one or more points anywhere within the state.

18 (c) For purposes of implementing REACH, the authority is authorized
19 to:

20 (i) develop, construct, own, and/or operate renewable energy systems
21 and related energy facilities, including energy storage facilities;

22 (ii) contract for the development, construction and/or operation of
23 renewable energy systems;

24 (iii) generate and store renewable energy, and inject energy, from
25 renewable energy systems into transmission or distribution systems at
26 one or more points in the state;

27 (iv) sell, purchase, and otherwise contract regarding renewable ener-
28 gy, renewable energy credits or attributes and other energy products and
29 services generated by renewable energy systems; and

30 (v) enter into contracts for purposes of implementing REACH, including
31 but not limited to agreements with developers, owners and operators of
32 renewable energy systems, and agreements with jurisdictional load serv-
33 ing entities and the Long Island power authority, or its service provid-
34 er, to provide for bill credits to end-use electricity consumers in
35 disadvantaged communities for renewable energy produced by renewable
36 energy systems, upon terms and conditions approved by the public service
37 commission pursuant to subdivisions seven and eight of section sixty-
38 six-p of the public service law.

39 (d) The authority shall complete and submit a report, on or before
40 January thirty-first, two thousand twenty-five, and annually thereafter,
41 to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of
42 the senate, the minority leader of the assembly, and the minority leader
43 of the senate which shall include, but not be limited to:

44 (i) contracts entered into by the authority for the development,
45 construction and/or operation of renewable energy systems that are
46 intended in whole or in part to support REACH, and the planned location
47 of such projects;

48 (ii) renewable energy systems that are being planned and developed or
49 that have been developed by or for the authority that are intended in
50 whole or in part to support REACH, and the location of such projects;

51 (iii) an estimate of the aggregate amount of bill credits provided to
52 end-use electricity consumers in disadvantaged communities under REACH;
53 and

54 (iv) an estimate of: (A) the total amount of revenues generated from
55 the sale of renewable capacity, energy, renewable credits or attributes,
56 related ancillary services that are used to fund bill credits; and (B)

any other authority funds, as determined to be feasible and advisable by the trustees, the authority has contributed for the purpose of funding bill credits under REACH.

(e) The authority may request from any department, division, office, commission or other agency of the state or state public authority, and the same are authorized to provide, such assistance, services and data as may be required by the authority in carrying out the purposes of this subdivision.

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 66-p of the public service law, as added by chapter 106 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1. As used in this section:

(a) "jurisdictional load serving entity" means any entity subject to the jurisdiction of the commission that secures energy to serve the electrical energy requirements of end-use customers in New York state[+].

(b) "renewable energy systems" means systems that generate electricity or thermal energy through use of the following technologies: solar thermal, photovoltaics, on land and offshore wind, hydroelectric, geothermal electric, geothermal ground source heat, tidal energy, wave energy, ocean thermal, and fuel cells which do not utilize a fossil fuel resource in the process of generating electricity.

(c) "bill credit" shall have the same meaning as in subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision twenty-seven-b of section one thousand five of the public authorities law.

(d) "disadvantaged community" means a community defined as a disadvantaged community under article seventy-five of the environmental conservation law.

(e) "renewable energy" means electrical energy produced by a renewable energy system.

§ 4. Section 66-p of the public service law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8 to read as follows:

8. The commission shall, no later than eighteen months after the effective date of this subdivision, commence necessary proceedings to enable the power authority of the state of New York to provide bill credits from renewable energy systems under the renewable energy access and community help program, or "REACH", established pursuant to subdivision twenty-seven-b of section one thousand five of the public authorities law, to end-use electricity consumers in disadvantaged communities for renewable energy produced by renewable energy systems developed, constructed, owned, or contracted for by the power authority of the state of New York. Such bill credits shall be in addition to any other renewable energy program or any other program or benefit that end-use electricity consumers in disadvantaged communities receive, and any other incentives made available by the power authority of the state of New York. For purposes of this subdivision, a renewable energy system developed, constructed, owned, or contracted for by the authority shall be:

(a) sized up to and including five megawatts alternating current and interconnected to the distribution system or transmission system in the service territory of the electric utility that serves the end-use consumers that receive bill credits; or

(b) sized above five megawatts alternating current and interconnected to the distribution or transmission system at one or more points anywhere in New York state. The commission shall, after public notice and comment under the state administrative procedure act, establish such programs implementing REACH which:

1 (i) provide that jurisdictional load serving entities shall enter into
2 agreements with the power authority of the state of New York to carry
3 out REACH;

4 (ii) provide that jurisdictional load serving entities shall file
5 tariffs and other solutions determined by the commission to implement
6 REACH at a reasonable cost while ensuring safe and reliable electric
7 service;

8 (iii) provide that, unless they opt out, end-use electricity consumers
9 in disadvantaged communities, including such end-use electricity custom-
10 ers who have or who reside in buildings that have on-site net-metered
11 generation or who participate in a community choice aggregation or
12 community distributed generation project, shall receive bill credits for
13 renewable energy produced by a renewable energy system developed,
14 constructed, owned, or contracted for by the power authority of the
15 state of New York;

16 (iv) consider enhanced incentive payments in bill credits to end-use
17 electricity consumers in disadvantaged communities for renewable energy
18 systems including solar and community distributed generation projects as
19 provided for in paragraph (b) of subdivision seven of this section;

20 (v) to the extent practicable include energy storage in renewable
21 energy systems to deliver clean energy benefits to end-use electricity
22 consumers in disadvantaged communities as provided for in paragraphs (a)
23 and (b) of subdivision seven of this section; and

24 (vi) address recovery by jurisdictional load serving entities of their
25 prudently incurred costs of administering REACH in electric service
26 delivery rates of the utility in whose service territory end-use elec-
27 tricity consumers in a disadvantaged community participate in REACH.

28 § 5. Section 1005 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a
29 new subdivision 27-c to read as follows:

30 27-c. (a) Within two years of the effective date of this subdivision,
31 the authority shall publish a plan providing for the proposed phase out,
32 by December thirty-first, two thousand thirty-five, of the production of
33 electric energy from its small natural gas power plants should the
34 authority determine that such plants or the electricity production ther-
35 efrom are not needed for any of following purposes: (i) emergency power
36 service; or (ii) electric system reliability, including but not limited
37 to, operating facilities to maintain power system requirements for
38 facility thermal limits, voltage limits, frequency limits, fault current
39 duty limits, or dynamic stability limits, in accordance with the system
40 reliability standards of the North American electric reliability corpo-
41 ration, criteria of the northeast power coordinating council, rules of
42 the New York state reliability council, and as applicable, reliability
43 rules of the utility in whose service territory a small natural gas
44 power plant is located. Notwithstanding any other provision of this
45 paragraph, the authority may continue to produce electric energy at any
46 of the small natural gas power plants if existing or proposed replace-
47 ment generation resources would result in a net increase of emissions of
48 carbon dioxide within or outside New York state.

49 (b) In determining whether to cease electricity production from any
50 small natural gas power plant, the authority is authorized to confer
51 with the federally designated electric bulk system operator for the
52 state, the New York state energy research and development authority, the
53 department of public service, and the distribution utility in whose
54 service territory such small natural gas power plant operates, in addi-
55 tion to such other stakeholders as the authority determines to be appro-
56 priate.

(c) Nothing in this subdivision is intended to, nor shall be construed to, prohibit the authority in its discretion from using, or permitting the use of, including through lease, sale, or, other arrangement, any small natural gas power plant or its site or associated infrastructure in whole or in part for electric system purposes that does not involve the combustion of fossil fuels, including, but not limited to providing system voltage support, energy storage, interconnection of existing or new renewable generation, or the use of the generator step up transformers and substations for transmission or distribution purposes.

(d) For purposes of this subdivision, the term "small natural gas power plant" means each of the seven electric generating power plants owned and operated by the authority located at six sites in Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island and one site in Brentwood, Suffolk county, which each use one or more simple cycle combustion turbine units, totaling eleven units, fueled by natural gas and which typically operate during periods of peak electric system demand.

§ 6. Section 1020-f of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 517 of the laws of 1986, is amended by adding a new subdivision (jj) to read as follows:

(jj) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as deemed feasible and advisable by the trustees, to enter into contracts with the power authority of the state of New York for the provision of bill credits generated by the production of renewable energy by a renewable energy system developed, constructed, owned, or contracted for by the power authority of the state of New York under the renewable energy access and community help program established pursuant to subdivision twenty-seven-b of section one thousand five of this article and, unless such end-use electricity consumers opt out, to provide such bill credits to end-use electricity consumers in disadvantaged communities, including such end-use electricity customers who have or who reside in buildings that have on-site net-metered generation or who participate in a community choice aggregation or community distributed generation project.

§ 7. Section 1005 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new subdivision 27-d to read as follows:

27-d. The authority is authorized, as deemed feasible and advisable by the trustees, to make available an amount up to twenty-five million dollars annually to fund training programs to help prepare workers for employment in the renewable energy field. The authority shall coordinate with the department of labor and the New York state energy and research development authority on initiatives to help prepare workers for employment in the renewable energy field and to maximize the impact of authority resources made available pursuant to this subdivision.

§ 8. Paragraph (a) and subparagraph 1 of paragraph (b) of subdivision 13-b of section 1005 of the public authorities law, added by section 4 of part CC of chapter 60 of the laws of 2011, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Residential consumer electricity cost discount. Notwithstanding any provision of this title or article six of the economic development law to the contrary, the authority is authorized, as deemed feasible and advisable by the trustees, to use revenues from the sale of hydroelectric power, and such other funds of the authority as deemed feasible and advisable by the trustees, to fund monthly payments to be made for the benefit of such classes of electricity consumers as enjoyed the benefits of authority hydroelectric power withdrawn pursuant to subdivision thirteen-a of this section, for the purpose of mitigating price impacts associated with the reallocation of such power in the manner described

1 in this subdivision. Such monthly payments shall commence after such
2 hydroelectric power is withdrawn and shall cease August first, two thou-
3 sand twenty-three. The total annual amount of monthly payments for each
4 of the three twelve month periods following withdrawal of such [~~hyrdoe-~~
5 ~~lectric~~] hydroelectric power shall be one hundred million dollars. The
6 total annual amount of monthly payments for each of the two subsequent
7 twelve month periods shall be seventy million dollars and fifty million
8 dollars, respectively. Thereafter, the total annual amount of monthly
9 payments for each twelve month period through the final period ending
10 August first, two thousand twenty-three shall be thirty million dollars.
11 The total amount of monthly payments shall be apportioned by the author-
12 ity among the utility corporations that, prior to the effective date of
13 this subdivision, purchased such hydroelectric power for the benefit of
14 their domestic and rural consumers according to the relative amounts of
15 such power purchased by such corporations. The monthly payments shall be
16 credited to the electricity bills of such corporations' domestic and
17 rural consumers in a manner to be determined by the public service
18 commission of the state of New York. The monthly credit provided by any
19 such corporation to any one consumer shall not exceed the total monthly
20 electric utility cost incurred by such consumer.

21 (1) Beginning with the second twelve month period after such hydro-
22 electric power is withdrawn, up to eight million dollars of the residen-
23 tial consumer electricity cost discount established by paragraph (a) of
24 this subdivision shall be dedicated for monthly payments to agricultural
25 producers who receive electric service at the residential rate, provided
26 that in the final twelve month period ending August first, two thousand
27 twenty-three, the amount dedicated for agricultural producers shall not
28 exceed twenty percent of the amount made available for the overall resi-
29 dential consumer electricity cost discount. The total amount of monthly
30 payments shall be apportioned by the authority among the utility corpo-
31 rations in the same manner as they are apportioned in paragraph (a) of
32 this subdivision. Monthly payments shall be credited to the electricity
33 bills of such corporations' agricultural consumers in a manner to be
34 determined by the public service commission of the state of New York.
35 The combined monthly credit, under this paragraph and paragraph (a) of
36 this subdivision, provided by any such corporation to any one consumer
37 shall not exceed the total monthly electric utility cost incurred by
38 such consumer.

39 § 9. Subdivision 13-b of section 1005 of the public authorities law,
40 as added by section 4 of part CC of chapter 60 of the laws of 2011,
41 paragraph (a) and subparagraph 1 of paragraph (b) as amended by section
42 8 of this act, is amended to read as follows:

43 13-b. [~~Residential consumer discount programs. (a) Residential consum-~~
44 ~~er electricity cost discount. Notwithstanding any provision of this~~
45 ~~title or article six of the economic development law to the contrary,~~
46 ~~the authority is authorized, as deemed feasible and advisable by the~~
47 ~~trustees, to use revenues from the sale of hydroelectric power, and such~~
48 ~~other funds of the authority as deemed feasible and advisable by the~~
49 ~~trustees, to fund monthly payments to be made for the benefit of such~~
50 ~~classes of electricity consumers as enjoyed the benefits of authority~~
51 ~~hydroelectric power withdrawn pursuant to subdivision thirteen a of this~~
52 ~~section, for the purpose of mitigating price impacts associated with the~~
53 ~~reallocation of such power in the manner described in this subdivision.~~
54 ~~Such monthly payments shall commence after such hydroelectric power is~~
55 ~~withdrawn and shall cease August first, two thousand twenty-three. The~~
56 ~~total annual amount of monthly payments for each of the three twelve~~

~~month periods following withdrawal of such hydroelectric power shall be one hundred million dollars. The total annual amount of monthly payments for each of the two subsequent twelve month periods shall be seventy million dollars and fifty million dollars, respectively. Thereafter, the total annual amount of monthly payments for each twelve month period through the final period ending August first, two thousand twenty-three shall be thirty million dollars. The total amount of monthly payments shall be apportioned by the authority among the utility corporations that, prior to the effective date of this subdivision, purchased such hydroelectric power for the benefit of their domestic and rural consumers according to the relative amounts of such power purchased by such corporations. The monthly payments shall be credited to the electricity bills of such corporations' domestic and rural consumers in a manner to be determined by the public service commission of the state of New York. The monthly credit provided by any such corporation to any one consumer shall not exceed the total monthly electric utility cost incurred by such consumer.~~

~~(b)] Agricultural consumer electricity cost discount. (1) [Beginning with the second twelve month period after such hydroelectric power is withdrawn, up to eight million dollars of the residential consumer electricity cost discount established by paragraph (a) of this subdivision shall be dedicated for monthly payments to agricultural producers who receive electric service at the residential rate, provided that in the final twelve month period ending August first, two thousand twenty-three, the amount dedicated for agricultural producers shall not exceed twenty percent of the amount made available for the overall residential consumer electricity cost discount. The total amount of monthly payments shall be apportioned by the authority among the utility corporations in the same manner as they are apportioned in paragraph (a) of this subdivision. Monthly payments shall be credited to the electricity bills of such corporations' agricultural consumers in a manner to be determined by the public service commission of the state of New York. The combined monthly credit, under this paragraph and paragraph (a) of this subdivision, provided by any such corporation to any one consumer shall not exceed the total monthly electric utility cost incurred by such consumer.]~~ Notwithstanding any provision of this title or article six of the economic development law to the contrary, the authority is authorized, beginning in two thousand twenty-four, as deemed feasible and advisable by the trustees, to use revenues from the sale of hydroelectric power, and such other funds of the authority as deemed feasible and advisable by the trustees, to fund monthly payments to be made for the benefit of agricultural producers who receive electric service at the residential rate who enjoyed the benefits of authority hydroelectric power withdrawn pursuant to subdivision thirteen-a of this section, and who were previously eligible to receive benefits under the agricultural consumer electricity cost discount created by section four of part CC of chapter sixty of the laws of two thousand eleven, for the purpose of mitigating price impacts associated with the reallocation of such power in the manner described in this subdivision. Such monthly payments shall commence September first, two thousand twenty-four. The total annual amount of monthly payments shall not exceed five million dollars.

~~(2) The authority shall work cooperatively with the department of public service to evaluate the agricultural consumer electricity cost discount, which shall include an assessment of the benefits to recipients compared to the benefits the recipients received from the authority's hydroelectric power, withdrawn pursuant to subdivision thirteen-a~~

1 of this section, during the twelve month period ending December thirty-
2 first, two thousand ten, and compared to other agricultural consumers
3 that did not choose to receive the discount.

4 ~~[(c)]~~ (b) Energy efficiency program. (1) Beginning with the withdrawal
5 of such hydroelectric power, the authority or the New York state energy
6 research and development authority, shall conduct an energy efficiency
7 program for five years to provide energy efficiency improvements for the
8 purpose of reducing energy consumption for domestic and rural consumers.
9 Such energy efficiency program may be undertaken in cooperation with
10 other energy efficiency programs offered by utility corporations, state
11 agencies and authorities including but not limited to the New York state
12 energy research and development authority; provided however that energy
13 savings attributable to such other energy efficiency programs shall not
14 be included in determining the amount of energy saved pursuant to the
15 program established by this paragraph;

16 (2) The authority or the New York state energy research and develop-
17 ment authority shall annually post on their website a report evaluating
18 the energy efficiency program, including but not limited to, the number
19 of domestic and rural consumers who opted to participate in the program
20 and, if practicable, the estimated savings the domestic and rural
21 consumers received by participating in the energy efficiency program.

22 § 10. Subdivision 13-b of section 1005 of the public authorities law
23 is REPEALED.

24 § 11. Nothing in this act is intended to limit, impair, or affect the
25 legal authority of the Power Authority of the State of New York under
26 any other provision of law.

27 § 12. Severability. If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph,
28 section, or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of competent
29 jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or
30 invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation
31 to the word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, section, or part ther-
32 eof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall
33 have been rendered.

34 § 13. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
35 section nine of this act shall take effect January 1, 2024; and provided
36 further, however, that section ten of this act shall take effect Decem-
37 ber 31, 2029.

38 PART YY

39 Section 1. Section 4 of part LL of chapter 58 of the laws of 2019
40 amending the public authorities law relating to the provision of renewa-
41 ble power and energy by the Power Authority of the State of New York is
42 amended to read as follows:

43 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
44 the provisions of sections two and three of this act shall expire on
45 June 30, ~~[2024]~~ 2044 when upon such date the provisions of such sections
46 shall be deemed repealed, provided that such repeal shall not affect or
47 impair any act done, any right, permit or authorization accrued or
48 acquired, or any liability incurred, prior to the time such repeal takes
49 effect, and provided further that any project or contract that was
50 awarded by the power authority of the state of New York prior to such
51 repeal shall be permitted to continue under this act notwithstanding
52 such repeal.

53 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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PART ZZ

2 Section 1. Expenditures of moneys by the New York state energy
3 research and development authority for services and expenses of the
4 energy research, development and demonstration program, including
5 grants, the energy policy and planning program, and the Fuel NY program
6 shall be subject to the provisions of this section. Notwithstanding the
7 provisions of subdivision 4-a of section 18-a of the public service law,
8 all moneys committed or expended in an amount not to exceed \$28,725,000
9 shall be reimbursed by assessment against gas corporations, as defined
10 in subdivision 11 of section 2 of the public service law and electric
11 corporations as defined in subdivision 13 of section 2 of the public
12 service law, where such gas corporations and electric corporations have
13 gross revenues from intrastate utility operations in excess of \$500,000
14 in the preceding calendar year, and the total amount assessed shall be
15 allocated to each electric corporation and gas corporation in proportion
16 to its intrastate electricity and gas revenues in the calendar year
17 2021. Such amounts shall be excluded from the general assessment
18 provisions of subdivision 2 of section 18-a of the public service law.
19 The chair of the public service commission shall bill such gas and/or
20 electric corporations for such amounts on or before August 10, 2023 and
21 such amounts shall be paid to the New York state energy research and
22 development authority on or before September 10, 2023. Upon receipt,
23 the New York state energy research and development authority shall
24 deposit such funds in the energy research and development operating fund
25 established pursuant to section 1859 of the public authorities law. The
26 New York state energy research and development authority is authorized
27 and directed to: (1) transfer up to \$4 million to the state general fund
28 for climate change related services and expenses of the department of
29 environmental conservation from the funds received; and (2) commencing
30 in 2016, provide to the chair of the public service commission and the
31 director of the budget and the chairs and secretaries of the legislative
32 fiscal committees, on or before August first of each year, an itemized
33 record, certified by the president and chief executive officer of the
34 authority, or his or her designee, detailing any and all expenditures
35 and commitments ascribable to moneys received as a result of this
36 assessment by the chair of the department of public service pursuant to
37 section 18-a of the public service law. This itemized record shall
38 include an itemized breakdown of the programs being funded by this
39 section and the amount committed to each program. The authority shall
40 not commit for any expenditure, any moneys derived from the assessment
41 provided for in this section, until the chair of such authority shall
42 have submitted, and the director of the budget shall have approved, a
43 comprehensive financial plan encompassing all moneys available to and
44 all anticipated commitments and expenditures by such authority from any
45 source for the operations of such authority. Copies of the approved
46 comprehensive financial plan shall be immediately submitted by the chair
47 to the chairs and secretaries of the legislative fiscal committees. Any
48 such amount not committed by such authority to contracts or contracts to
49 be awarded or otherwise expended by the authority during the fiscal year
50 shall be refunded by such authority on a pro-rata basis to such gas
51 and/or electric corporations, in a manner to be determined by the
52 department of public service, and any refund amounts must be explicitly
53 lined out in the itemized record described above.

54 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
55 have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2023.

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PART AAA

2 Section 1. Legislative findings and declaration. 1. Pursuant to arti-
3 cle 75 of the environmental conservation law, as added by the Climate
4 Leadership and Community Protection Act, the department of environmental
5 conservation must promulgate regulations, by January 1, 2024, to ensure
6 achievement of the statewide greenhouse gas emission limits, as defined
7 and established therein. Among other requirements, the regulations
8 promulgated by such department pursuant to section 75-0109 of the envi-
9 ronmental conservation law must ensure that the aggregate emissions of
10 greenhouse gases from greenhouse gas emission sources will not exceed
11 the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits established in section
12 75-0107 of the environmental conservation law; include legally enforcea-
13 ble emissions limits, performance standards, or measures or other
14 requirements to control emissions from greenhouse gas emission sources;
15 and reflect, in substantial part, the findings of the scoping plan
16 prepared by the Climate Action Council pursuant to section 75-0103 of
17 the environmental conservation law.

18 2. The scoping plan prepared by the Climate Action Council pursuant to
19 section 75-0103 of the environmental conservation law recommends that
20 the department of environmental conservation and the New York state
21 energy research and development authority adopt an economy-wide cap and
22 invest program to, among other purposes, ensure achievement of the
23 statewide greenhouse gas limits, as defined and established in article
24 75 of the environmental conservation law.

25 3. An economy-wide cap and invest program, established through regu-
26 lation by the department of environmental conservation and the New York
27 state energy research and development authority, would meet the require-
28 ments of section 75-0109 of the environmental conservation law.

29 4. While the establishment of an economy-wide cap and invest program
30 through regulation is the most cost-effective means of achieving the
31 statewide greenhouse gas emission limits, as defined and established in
32 article 75 of the environmental conservation law, the state must ensure
33 that energy costs are affordable for all members of the public.

34 5. To promote affordability, a portion of the proceeds of the auction
35 or sale of allowances under the economy-wide cap and invest program will
36 be designated to mitigate costs through the creation of a climate action
37 fund, that will assist in reducing the costs of the program for the
38 people of the state and for industrial small businesses within the
39 state, and which, in combination with other investments made possible by
40 the cap and invest program, help households and industrial small busi-
41 nesses reduce their energy costs by switching to clean energy.

42 6. In promulgating the regulations, pursuant to section 75-0109 of the
43 environmental conservation law, to establish an economy-wide cap and
44 invest program, the department of environmental conservation in consul-
45 tation with the New York state energy research and development authority
46 will prioritize affordability in the design of the program, including by
47 considering as part of the rulemaking process the aggregate cost of the
48 program when applying the carbon dioxide equivalent and statewide green-
49 house gas emission limit, as those terms are defined in section 75-0101
50 of the environmental conservation law, and, in addition the aggregate
51 cost of the program if the carbon dioxide equivalent and statewide
52 greenhouse gas limit as defined under internationally accepted best
53 practices or other metrics is applied.

54 7. To ensure the state maintains its role as a climate leader, the
55 economy-wide cap and invest program will be designed with the capacity

1 to link with other similar programs in other jurisdictions to lower
2 overall costs for the state to achieve the statewide greenhouse gas
3 emission limits, as defined and established in article 75 of the envi-
4 ronmental conservation law, and catalyze additional emissions reductions
5 and greater scale in the clean energy economy across multiple jurisdic-
6 tions.

7 8. The economy-wide cap and invest program to be established by the
8 department of environmental conservation and the New York state energy
9 research and development authority will be designed to create jobs and
10 preserve the competitiveness of the state's existing businesses, includ-
11 ing creating well-paying, family-sustaining jobs and by recognizing
12 energy intensive and trade exposed industries and designing program
13 elements, such as direct allocation of allowances to qualifying green-
14 house gas emission sources in such industries, to prevent leakage.

15 9. The economy-wide cap and invest program to be established by the
16 department of environmental conservation and the New York state energy
17 research and development authority will be designed to invest in and, as
18 appropriate, prioritize disadvantaged communities, including by ensuring
19 investments of the proceeds of allowances benefit disadvantaged communi-
20 ties, as required by section 75-0117 of the environmental conservation
21 law, and by designing other program elements to avoid disproportionate
22 burdens on disadvantaged communities.

23 10. To invest in a sustainable future, the proceeds of the auction or
24 sale of allowances under the economy-wide cap and invest program will
25 provide funding to support programmatic investments designed to achieve
26 the statewide greenhouse gas emission limit, as defined and established
27 in article 75 of the environmental conservation law, delivering benefits
28 across the state and enhancing livability, cutting transition costs for
29 consumers, and creating a better state.

30 § 2. Subdivision 1 of section 75-0101 of the environmental conserva-
31 tion law, as added by chapter 106 of the laws of 2019, is amended and
32 four new subdivisions 16, 17, 18 and 19 are added to read as follows:

33 1. "Allowance" means an authorization to emit[~~, during a specified~~
34 ~~year, up to one ton of carbon dioxide equivalent]~~ a fixed amount of
35 carbon dioxide equivalent, as created and issued by the department.

36 16. "Cap and invest program" shall mean the program, as established
37 through regulations adopted by the department and the authority,
38 containing market-based declining annual aggregate emissions limits for
39 greenhouse gas sources or categories of greenhouse gas sources, by
40 setting an overall cap or maximum amount of emissions from all regulated
41 sources per compliance period; provided that a certain number of allow-
42 ances shall be created, issued and made available to persons, companies,
43 organizations or other entities for sale by auction or by direct allo-
44 cation; and provided further that the total number of allowances made
45 available in a compliance period shall not exceed the cap.

46 17. "Department" shall mean the department of environmental conserva-
47 tion.

48 18. "Authority" shall mean the New York state energy research and
49 development authority.

50 19. "Greenhouse gas emissions reduction account" shall mean a general
51 account to be established by the authority, into which the department
52 shall allocate allowances.

53 § 3. Subdivision 2 of section 75-0109 of the environmental conserva-
54 tion law is amended by adding two new paragraphs e and f to read as
55 follows:

e. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, utilize software systems and/or electronic mechanisms to ensure adequate data collection and assess greenhouse gas emission sources compliance with regulations.

f. At the discretion of the department, greenhouse gas emission sources may be required to submit compliance items electronically and maintain and utilize electronic signatures for verification purposes.

§ 4. Subdivision 1 of section 75-0111 of the environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new paragraph d to read as follows:

d. Working group members shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

§ 5. Paragraphs a and b of subdivision 2 of section 75-0111 of the environmental conservation law, as added by chapter 106 of the laws of 2019, are amended to read as follows:

a. The [~~council~~] working group shall hold at least six regional public hearings on the draft criteria and the draft list of disadvantaged communities, including three meetings in the upstate region and three meetings in the downstate region, and shall allow at least one hundred twenty days for the submission of public comment.

b. The [~~council~~] working group shall also ensure that there are meaningful opportunities for public comment for all segments of the population that will be impacted by the criteria, including persons living in areas that may be identified as disadvantaged communities under the proposed criteria.

§ 6. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new section 75-0121 to read as follows:

§ 75-0121. Allocation of allowances.

1. The department shall transfer all or a portion of allowances, as created and issued by the department pursuant to the cap and invest program, to the greenhouse gas emissions reduction account for auction or sale thereof.

2. Energy-intensive and trade-exposed facilities, as determined by the department, must receive an allocation of allowances for the covered emissions under a cap and invest program at no cost in a manner determined by the department. The department shall adopt a regulation that identifies criteria for both energy intensity and trade exposure for the purpose of identifying energy-intensive and trade-exposed facilities and identifies the procedure for such facilities to receive no cost allowances.

§ 7. Section 1854 of the public authorities law is amended by adding three new subdivisions 24, 25 and 26 to read as follows:

24. Climate risk-related and energy transition activities. To conduct, foster, assist, evaluate, and support programs and services related to: greenhouse gas emissions or co-pollutant reductions; research, analysis and support of climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience; other measures as identified in the scoping plan developed pursuant to section 75-0103 of the environmental conservation law, including without limitation those measures identified relative to a just transition or workforce development; or measures identified in the state energy plan developed pursuant to article six of the energy law.

25. To administer, implement, and support the greenhouse gas emissions reduction account as defined in section 75-0101 of the environmental conservation law, in such a manner that allowances allocated to such account by the department of environmental conservation, pursuant to regulations adopted pursuant to section 75-0109 of the environmental conservation law and other existing authority, will be made available

1 for auction or sale pursuant to the cap and invest program, as defined
2 in section 75-0101 of the environmental conservation law. The proceeds
3 from the sale of allowances will be placed into a segregated authority
4 funding account, established pursuant to section eighteen hundred
5 fifty-nine of this title, and shall not be commingled with other author-
6 ity funds. Except as otherwise set forth in this title, the authority
7 may use such proceeds for activities developed in accordance with the
8 cap and invest program, as defined in section 75-0101 of the environ-
9 mental conservation law, including but not limited to administrative
10 costs, auction design and support costs, and program design, implementa-
11 tion, evaluation, and support costs associated with such cap and invest
12 program.

13 26. Within thirty days following receipt of proceeds collected from
14 the auction or sale of allowances allocated by the department of envi-
15 ronmental conservation to the authority, pursuant to regulations adopted
16 by the department of environmental conservation in relation to section
17 75-0109 of the environmental conservation law and other existing author-
18 ity, the authority shall make the following transfers from such segre-
19 gated authority funding account:

20 (a) Not less than thirty percent to the New York climate action fund
21 consumer climate action account established pursuant to section ninety-
22 nine-qq of the state finance law.

23 (b) Up to three percent to the New York climate action fund industrial
24 small business climate action account established pursuant to section
25 ninety-nine-qq of the state finance law.

26 (c) An amount to the state general fund to support costs of the
27 department of environmental conservation, and other state agencies and
28 authorities as appropriate, associated with such cap and invest program.

29 § 8. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-qq to
30 read as follows:

31 § 99-qq. New York climate action fund. 1. There is hereby established
32 in the joint custody of the commissioner of taxation and finance and the
33 state comptroller a special fund to be known as the "New York climate
34 action fund".

35 2. The comptroller shall establish the following separate and
36 distinct accounts within the New York climate action fund:

37 (a) consumer climate action account; and

38 (b) industrial small business climate action account.

39 3. (a) The New York climate action fund consumer climate action
40 account shall consist of moneys received by the state pursuant to para-
41 graph (a) of subdivision twenty-six of section eighteen hundred fifty-
42 four of the public authorities law, and all other moneys appropriated,
43 credited, or transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant
44 to law. Moneys of the account shall be expended for the purposes of
45 providing a payment to help reduce potential increased costs of various
46 goods and services that may result from the implementation of the cap
47 and invest program to consumers in the state.

48 (b) The New York climate action fund industrial small business climate
49 action account shall consist of moneys received by the state pursuant to
50 paragraph (b) of subdivision twenty-six of section eighteen hundred
51 fifty-four of the public authorities law, and all other moneys appropri-
52 ated, credited, or transferred thereto from any other fund or source
53 pursuant to law. Moneys of the account shall be expended for the
54 purposes of providing a payment to help reduce potential increased costs
55 of various goods and services that may result from the implementation of

1 the cap and invest program to industrial small businesses incorporated
2 in the state of New York.

3 4. Moneys in the New York climate action fund shall be kept separate
4 from and shall not be commingled with any other moneys in the custody of
5 the comptroller or the commissioner of taxation and finance. Provided,
6 however, that any moneys of the fund not required for immediate use may,
7 at the discretion of the comptroller, in consultation with the director
8 of the division of budget, be invested by the comptroller in obligations
9 of the United States or the state. The proceeds of any such investment
10 shall be retained by the fund as assets to be used for purposes of the
11 fund.

12 § 9. This act shall take effect immediately.

13 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-
14 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of
15 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
16 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in
17 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section
18 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-
19 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of
20 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such
21 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that
23 the applicable effective date of Parts A through AAA of this act shall
24 be as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.