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Introduced by Sen. PARKER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend chapter 15 of the laws of 1998 relating to authorizing the extension of state and local deadlines following a state disaster emergency, in relation to the prerequisites, time and scope thereof

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

1 Section 1. Chapter 15 of the laws of 1998 relating to authorizing the
2 extension of state and local deadlines following a state disaster emer-
3 gency is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary
5 which relates to the collection of real property taxes, fees, civil
6 fines or other moneys owed to a municipal or district corporation or
7 school district, to the imposition of penalties or interest therefor for
8 a late payment, or to the filing of an application, report, or other
9 document, form or other paper necessary for the processing of an appli-
10 cation or other process to fulfill requirements to qualify for, or meet
11 a condition of a government assistance program for persons, businesses
12 or corporations, higher education loans, grants or financial assistance,
13 licenses, registrations or any other programs administered by a munici-
14 pal or district corporation or school district, during a state disaster
15 emergency as defined by section 20 of the executive law, the governor
16 may, by executive order issued upon the request of the chief executive
17 officer of a municipal or district corporation or school district in the
18 affected area, extend the deadline for payment of any such moneys owed
19 or for the filing of any such applications, reports, or documents by
20 persons residing or located in such areas or by certain classes or cate-
21 gories of persons or entities within the affected areas, which are due
22 during such state disaster emergency from the date the executive order
23 is issued until the date the governor, in consultation with the director

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

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1 of state operations, rescinds the executive order which declared the
2 state disaster emergency; provided that the governor, after consultation
3 with the chief executive officer of the municipal or district corpo-
4 ration or school district in the affected area, may extend such deadline
5 for a period of up to thirty days by so providing in the executive order
6 declaring that the state disaster emergency has ceased; provided,
7 further, that no interest or penalties shall accrue during such exten-
8 sion period; provided, however, that the governor may order that the
9 extension period provided for in this section shall not be applicable to
10 certain reporting requirements mandated under state law, the primary
11 purpose of which is to protect the health, safety or general welfare of
12 the public from an imminent threat or danger.

13 § 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any
14 deadline or date set by state law or regulation for the payment of fees,
15 civil fines or other moneys owed to the state, for the imposition of
16 penalties or interest therefor for a late payment made after such date,
17 or for the filing of an application, report or other document, form or
18 other paper necessary for the processing of an application or other
19 process to fulfill requirements of, qualify for, or meet a condition of
20 a government assistance program for persons, businesses, municipalities
21 or corporations, higher education loans, grants or financial assistance,
22 licenses, registrations or any other programs, administered by state
23 government agencies, divisions, departments or offices, shall, where
24 such deadline or date occurs during a state disaster emergency as
25 defined by section 20 of the executive law, upon the issuance of an
26 executive order declaring a state disaster emergency, be extended for
27 persons residing or located in the affected areas or for certain classes
28 or categories of persons or entities within the affected areas, for a
29 period of time from the date of the executive order declaring a state
30 disaster emergency to the date that the governor, in consultation with
31 the director of state operations, rescinds the executive order declaring
32 the state disaster emergency; provided that the governor may extend such
33 deadline for a period of up to thirty days by so providing in the execu-
34 tive order declaring that the state disaster emergency has ceased;
35 provided, however, that the governor may order that the extension period
36 provided for in this section shall not be applicable to certain report-
37 ing requirements mandated under state law, the primary purpose of which
38 is to protect the health, safety or general welfare of the public from
39 an imminent threat or danger.

40 § 3. Where the provisions of this act have been invoked in connection
41 with a state disaster emergency declared by the governor, the state
42 shall provide aid to each affected municipal or district corporation or
43 school district, whichever is appropriate, to compensate it for the loss
44 of interest or other investment income reasonably attributable to the
45 extension of the period for the payment of moneys; provided, that in no
46 case shall such aid exceed the moneys that would have been collected
47 during the extension period or periods declared by the governor pursuant
48 to section one of this act, which shall not exceed thirty days from the
49 date that the governor rescinded the executive order declaring a state
50 disaster emergency, multiplied by an annualized interest rate of six
51 percent. Such aid shall be payable upon the audit and warrant of the
52 comptroller.

53 § 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections one through three of
54 this act, the governor may, whenever he or she determines that a state
55 disaster emergency so requires: (1) issue an executive order extending a
56 deadline in an affected municipal or district corporation or school

1 district without a request therefor from the chief executive officer of
2 such municipal or district corporation or school district, (2) direct
3 that an extension period shall end on a date certain, which date shall
4 be specified in the executive order initially directing such extension,
5 provided that the extension period so granted may be further extended by
6 one or more subsequent orders, or (3) act in accordance with both of the
7 foregoing provisions of this section.

8 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be deemed to
9 have been in full force and effect on and after January 7, 1998.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.