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AN ACT to amend the state finance law, in relation to the repeal of the rebate for stock transfer tax paid and the funds of the stock transfer tax fund and the dedicated infrastructure investment fund; to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to establishing the safe water infrastructure action program for the purpose of making payments toward the replacement and rehabilitation of existing local municipally-owned and funded drinking water, storm water and sanitary sewer systems; to amend the tax law, in relation to taxes imposed in certain transactions; to repeal section 280-a of the tax law relating to the rebate for stock transfer tax paid; to repeal section 92-i of the state finance law relating to the stock transfer incentive fund; and to repeal certain provisions of the administrative code of the city of New York relating thereto

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

1 Section 1. Section 280-a of the tax law is REPEALED.
2 § 2. Section 92-i of the state finance law is REPEALED.
3 § 3. Section 92-b of the state finance law, as added by chapter 91 of
4 the laws of 1965, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 878 of the laws of
5 1977, subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 724 of the laws of 1979,
6 subdivision 5 as added and subdivision 6 as renumbered by section 2 of
7 chapter 3 of the laws of 1966, subdivision 7 as added by section 10 of
8 part SS1 of chapter 57 of the laws of 2008 and such section as renum-
9 bered by section 1 of chapter 3 of the laws of 1966, is amended to read
10 as follows:

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

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1 § 92-b. Stock transfer tax fund. 1. There is hereby established in the
2 custody of the commissioner of taxation and finance a special fund, to
3 be known as the stock transfer tax fund.

4 2. Such fund shall consist of the revenues derived from the stock
5 transfer tax imposed by article twelve of the tax law and all other
6 moneys credited or transferred thereto from any other fund or source
7 pursuant to law.

8 3. The moneys received from such tax and other sources in such fund[
9 ~~after deducting the amount the commissioner of taxation and finance~~
10 ~~shall determine to be necessary for]~~ shall be used to cover the reason-
11 able costs of the state tax commission in administering, collecting and
12 distributing [~~such~~] the stock transfer tax, commencing with the fiscal
13 year ending March thirty-first, [~~nineteen hundred seventy-seven~~] two
14 thousand twenty-seven, [~~shall be appropriated to (i) the municipal~~
15 ~~assistance corporation for the city of New York created pursuant to~~
16 ~~title three of article ten of the public authorities law in order to~~
17 ~~enable such corporation to fulfill the terms of any agreements made with~~
18 ~~the holders of its notes and bonds and to carry out its corporate~~
19 ~~purposes including the maintenance of the capital reserve fund and (ii)~~
20 ~~to the extent such moneys are not required by such corporation as~~
21 ~~provided in subdivision seven of section ninety-two-d of this chapter~~
22 ~~and, after deducting the amount such commissioner shall determine to be~~
23 ~~necessary for reasonable costs of the state tax commission in adminis-~~
24 ~~tering and making distributions in accordance with the provisions of~~
25 ~~section two hundred eighty-a of the tax law from the stock transfer~~
26 ~~incentive fund, to the stock transfer incentive fund created pursuant to~~
27 ~~section ninety-two-i of this chapter to enable rebates to be made from~~
28 ~~such fund under the provisions of section two hundred eighty-a of the~~
29 ~~tax law and (iii) to the extent such moneys are not required by such~~
30 ~~fund, as certified by the commissioner of taxation and finance, the~~
31 ~~balance shall be appropriated to the city of New York, for the support~~
32 ~~of local government.] and the remainder shall be deposited into the
33 state general fund. Commencing with the fiscal year ending March thir-
34 ty-first, two thousand twenty-seven, such remainder shall be deposited
35 into the following funds:~~

36 (i) ten percent shall be directed to the metropolitan transportation
37 authority financial assistance fund established pursuant to section
38 ninety-two-ff of this article, of which fifty percent shall be used for
39 the purpose of operations and fifty percent shall be used for the
40 purpose of capital projects;

41 (ii) five percent shall be directed to the division of housing and
42 community renewal for the purpose of affordable housing programs, capi-
43 tal projects and other improvements to address issues relating to
44 affordable housing, conditions of governance and habitability, including
45 but not limited to, heating, mold, or lead, and other such conditions
46 affecting the health and safety of residents;

47 (iii) five percent shall be directed to the New York city housing
48 authority for the sole purpose of section nine housing;

49 (iv) five percent shall be directed to the highway and bridge capital
50 account in the dedicated highway and bridge trust fund established
51 pursuant to section eighty-nine-b of this article;

52 (v) five percent shall be directed to the dedicated highway and bridge
53 trust fund established pursuant to section eighty-nine-b of this arti-
54 cle, to be directed towards the infrastructure, maintenance and develop-
55 ment of rail lines for AMTRAK in the northeast corridor;

1 (vi) five percent shall be directed to the local infrastructure
2 account of the general fund established pursuant to section seventy-two
3 of this article to be directed to the Consolidated Local Street and
4 Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS);

5 (vii) five percent shall be directed to the local infrastructure
6 account of the general fund to be dedicated to the safe water and
7 infrastructure action program as established by section 3-0323 of the
8 environmental conservation law;

9 (viii) five percent shall be directed to the municipal assistance
10 state aid fund established pursuant to section ninety-two-e of this
11 article;

12 (ix) five percent shall be directed to the dedicated mass transporta-
13 tion trust fund to the credit of the non-MTA account for payment to
14 downstate transit systems other than those transit systems operated by
15 the metropolitan transportation authority;

16 (x) five percent shall be directed to the dedicated mass transporta-
17 tion trust fund to the credit of the non-MTA account for payment to
18 upstate transit systems;

19 (xi) ten percent shall be directed to the energy research development
20 operating fund pursuant to the provisions of section eighteen hundred
21 fifty-nine of the public authorities law, to be directed to the clean
22 energy fund and shall be divided equally among the four investment port-
23 folios that make up such fund;

24 (xii) two and one-half percent shall be directed to the city universi-
25 ty of New York, of which fifty percent shall be used for the purpose of
26 capital improvements and infrastructure projects and fifty percent shall
27 be used for the purpose of supporting academic programs at city of New
28 York institutions;

29 (xiii) two and one-half percent shall be directed to the state univer-
30 sity of New York institutions, of which fifty percent shall be used for
31 the purposes of supporting and expanding services and care at state
32 university of New York hospitals, state university of New York academic
33 medical centers and fifty percent shall be used for the purpose of
34 supporting academic programs at state university of New York insti-
35 tutions;

36 (xiv) ten percent shall be directed to the department of education for
37 the purpose of supporting foundation aid;

38 (xv) ten percent shall be directed to the department of health to
39 support health care; and

40 (xvi) ten percent shall be directed to the department of agriculture,
41 department of environmental conservation, and office of parks, recre-
42 ation and historic preservation for the purposes of reforestation, soil
43 conservation, sustainable agriculture, local parks and open space.

44 ~~4. [After the deduction of such costs of the state tax commission in~~
45 ~~administering, collecting and distributing such tax, the balances in the~~
46 ~~stock transfer tax fund so appropriated shall be distributed and paid on~~
47 ~~the last business day of September, December, March and June into the~~
48 ~~special account established for the municipal assistance corporation for~~
49 ~~the city of New York in the municipal assistance tax fund established~~
50 ~~pursuant to subdivision one of section ninety-two-d of this chapter,~~
51 ~~unless and to the extent the balances in such fund on each such payment~~
52 ~~day are not required by such corporation as provided in said subdivision~~
53 ~~seven of said section ninety two d in which case the balance not so~~
54 ~~required, if any, after the deduction of such costs of the state tax~~
55 ~~commission in administering and making distributions in accordance with~~
56 ~~the provisions of section two hundred eighty-a of the tax law from the~~

~~1 stock transfer incentive fund shall be distributed and paid to the stock
2 transfer incentive fund in the custody of the commissioner of taxation
3 and finance established pursuant to section ninety two i of this chapter
4 and unless and to the extent that the balances in the stock transfer tax
5 fund on each such payment day are not required by the stock transfer
6 incentive fund as provided in such section ninety two i of this chapter
7 in which case the balance not so required, if any, shall be distributed
8 and paid to the chief fiscal officer of the city of New York to be paid
9 into the treasury of the city to the credit of the general fund or paid
10 by the commissioner of taxation and finance to such other account or
11 fund as may be designated in writing by such chief fiscal officer at
12 least ten business days prior to such last day and on each such day, the
13 commissioner of taxation and finance shall certify to the comptroller
14 the amount deducted for administering, collecting and distributing such
15 tax during such quarterly period and shall pay such amount into the
16 general fund of the state treasury to the credit of the state purposes
17 fund therein. In no event shall any amount (other than the amount to be
18 deducted for administering, collecting and distributing such tax) be
19 distributed or paid from the stock transfer tax fund to any person other
20 than the municipal assistance corporation for the city of New York
21 unless and until the aggregate of all payments certified to the comp-
22 troller as required by such corporation in order to comply with its
23 agreements with the holders of its notes and bonds and to carry out its
24 corporate purposes, including the maintenance of the capital reserve
25 fund, which remain unappropriated or unpaid to such corporation shall
26 have been appropriated to such corporation and shall have been paid in
27 full provided, however, that no person, including such corporation or
28 the holders of its notes or bonds shall have any lien on such tax and
29 such agreements shall be executory only to the extent of the balances
30 available to the state in such fund. If the balances in such fund are
31 not required by such corporation pursuant to the provisions of this
32 subdivision, on each such last business day of September, December,
33 March and June, the commissioner of taxation and finance shall certify
34 to the comptroller the amount deducted for administering and making
35 distributions in accordance with the provisions of section two hundred
36 eighty-a of the tax law from the stock transfer incentive fund during
37 such quarterly period and he shall pay such amount into the general fund
38 of the state treasury to the credit of the state purposes fund therein.
39 To the extent such moneys are not required by such corporation, as
40 provided in subdivision seven of section ninety two-d of this chapter,
41 no amount thereof (other than such amount to be deducted for administer-
42 ing, collecting and distributing such tax and such costs in administer-
43 ing and making distributions in accordance with the provisions of
44 section two hundred eighty-a of the tax law from the stock transfer
45 incentive fund) shall be distributed or paid from the stock transfer tax
46 fund other than to such stock transfer incentive fund in the custody of
47 the commissioner of taxation and finance unless and until the aggregate
48 of all payments certified to the comptroller by such commissioner pursu-
49 ant to the provisions of such incentive fund as necessary to provide
50 payments on account of rebates authorized pursuant to section two
51 hundred eighty-a of the tax law which remain unappropriated or unpaid to
52 such fund shall have been appropriated to such fund and shall have been
53 paid in full provided, however, that no person, including any taxpayer
54 under article twelve of the tax law or any member or dealer referred to
55 in subdivisions two-a and six of section two hundred eighty-a of such~~

~~1 law, shall have any lien on this fund or the stock transfer incentive
2 fund.~~

~~3 5. In no fiscal year shall the total amount paid from the fund exceed
4 the total collections during such fiscal year from the stock transfer
5 tax pursuant to the provisions of article twelve of the tax law and as
6 deposited to the credit of the stock transfer tax fund.~~

7 ~~6.]~~ All payments from the stock transfer tax fund shall be made on the
8 audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers approved by the commis-
9 sioner of taxation and finance.

~~10 [7. When all the notes and bonds of the municipal assistance corpo-
11 ration for the city of New York have been fully paid and discharged,
12 together with interest thereon and interest on unpaid installments of
13 interest, and the chairman of the corporation makes the final certif-
14 ication required by subdivision seven of section ninety-two-d of this
15 article, the comptroller must notify the commissioner of taxation and
16 finance that all remaining funds held in the stock transfer tax fund
17 must be released to the stock transfer incentive fund. From that time
18 forward, all funds previously deposited in the stock transfer tax fund
19 pursuant to subdivision two of this section will be deposited directly
20 into the stock transfer incentive fund pursuant to all the rules, regu-
21 lations or instructions that the commissioner may prescribe, after
22 deducting the amount the commissioner determines to be necessary for
23 reasonable costs of the department in administering, collecting and
24 distributing the tax imposed by article twelve of the tax law. Notwith-
25 standing any other provisions of this article, to the extent those
26 moneys are not required by the stock transfer incentive fund for the
27 purpose of administering and making distributions in accordance with the
28 provisions of section two hundred eighty-a of the tax law, as certified
29 by the commissioner of taxation and finance, the balance will be appro-
30 priated to the city of New York for the support of local government.]~~

31 § 4. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 1 of section 93-b of the state
32 finance law, as added by section 1 of part H of chapter 60 of the laws
33 of 2015, is amended to read as follows:

34 (c) Sources of funds. The sources of funds shall consist of all moneys
35 collected therefor, or moneys credited, appropriated or transferred
36 thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law or any other
37 moneys made available for the purposes of the fund, including but not
38 limited to funds transferred from the stock transfer tax fund pursuant
39 to subdivision three of section ninety-two-b of this article and funds
40 transferred from the stock transfer incentive fund established by
41 section ninety-two-i of this article and repealed by a chapter of the
42 laws of two thousand twenty-five, which amended this paragraph. Any
43 interest received by the comptroller on moneys on deposit shall be
44 retained and become part of the fund, unless otherwise directed by law.

45 § 5. Subdivision (c) of section 11-503 of the administrative code of
46 the city of New York is REPEALED.

47 § 6. Subdivision 12 of section 11-604 of the administrative code of
48 the city of New York is REPEALED.

49 § 7. All monies accumulated in the stock transfer incentive fund
50 established pursuant to section 92-i of the state finance law on the
51 effective date of this act shall be transferred to the dedicated infras-
52 tructure investment fund as established by section 93-b of the state
53 finance law for the purposes set forth in such section.

54 § 8. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new
55 section 3-0323 to read as follows:

56 § 3-0323. Safe water and infrastructure action program.

1 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter or any other
2 law and subject to an appropriation made therefor and in accordance with
3 the provisions of this section and with the rules and regulations
4 promulgated by the commissioner in connection therewith, on and after
5 the first day of April, two thousand twenty-six, a consolidated local
6 infrastructure program is hereby established for the purpose of making
7 payments toward the replacement and rehabilitation of existing local
8 municipally-owned and funded drinking water, storm water and sanitary
9 sewer systems. For purposes of this section, such program shall apply to
10 any county, city, town or village drinking water system, storm water
11 system or sanitary sewer system within the state that is not under the
12 maintenance and/or operational jurisdiction of the state nor any private
13 entity. The commissioner, in conjunction with the environmental facili-
14 ties corporation, shall promulgate all necessary rules and regulations
15 to carry out the program so that an equitable distribution of aid shall
16 be made for the general operation and/or general maintenance of any
17 existing county, city, town and village drinking water system, storm
18 water system or sanitary sewer system.

19 2. On or before the twenty-six day of April, June, September and
20 November of each state fiscal year commencing with the state fiscal year
21 beginning on April first, two thousand twenty-seven, there shall be
22 distributed and paid to counties, cities, towns and villages an amount
23 equal to the moneys appropriated for the purposes of this section
24 divided by the number of payment dates in that state fiscal year. Such
25 amounts shall be distributed and paid pursuant to subdivision three of
26 this section.

27 3. Amounts shall be distributed for local drinking water, storm water
28 and sanitary sewer systems based upon the total length and width of all
29 pipelines and mains owned and operated by the municipality.

30 4. Monies made available may be used to match other state and federal
31 funds made available for such projects. The funds may also be used to
32 support special improvement districts created to provide drinking water,
33 waste water and storm water services under articles twelve, twelve-A,
34 twelve-C and thirteen of the town law. The remainder of the apportion-
35 ment may be used for any existing drinking water, storm water or sewer
36 system purchases, including but not limited to, the acquisition of mate-
37 rials for the replacement or rehabilitation.

38 5. For any city, town, or village which proposes infrastructure
39 consolidation under this section or merges with another municipality,
40 the funds appropriated under this section may fund costs associated with
41 such consolidation.

42 6. For each fiscal year, starting in two thousand twenty-seven, funds
43 shall be made available to the local infrastructure assistance account
44 of the general fund, and distributed from that account, in an amount
45 that is at least equal to those appropriated and made available in the
46 Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS).

47 § 9. Subdivision 3 of section 270 of the tax law, as amended by chap-
48 ter 301 of the laws of 1967, is amended and two new subdivisions 3-a and
49 9 are added to read as follows:

50 3. It shall be the duty of the person or persons [~~making or effectuating the sale or transfer, including the person or persons~~] to whom the
51 sale or transfer is made, to pay the tax provided by this article,
52 unless the parties to the sale or transfer agree to otherwise allocate
53 the cost of such tax among themselves; provided, however, that this
54 subdivision shall not apply to any sale or transfer wherein the vendor
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1 or transferor is a governmental entity or international organization
2 which is not subject to the tax.

3 3-a. No purchaser of a stock or other certificate in a transaction
4 covered under this article shall have legal title or ownership of such
5 stock or certificate unless such purchaser has proof of purchase demon-
6 strating that such tax has been paid. Such proof of purchase shall
7 consist of either: (a) a receipt for the transaction showing that such
8 tax has been paid, the amount of such tax paid, and a representation
9 that such amount constitutes payment in full; or (b) a stamp required
10 pursuant to subdivision four of this section.

11 9. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, a transaction
12 referred to in subdivision one of this section is subject to tax if any
13 activity in furtherance of the transaction occurs within the state or if
14 a party involved in the transaction satisfies a nexus with New York
15 state which shall be defined as broadly as is permitted under the United
16 States Constitution.

17 § 10. This act shall take effect immediately.