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Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Budget and Revenue

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to exempting school supplies from sales tax during a specified period each year

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 1115 of the tax law is amended
2 by adding a new paragraph 47 to read as follows:

3 (47) School supplies or items commonly used by a student in a course
4 of study for which the receipt or consideration given or contracted to
5 be given is less than one hundred ten dollars for the total purchase,
6 which shall include, but not be limited to, book bags or backpacks,
7 textbooks, pens, pencils, highlighters, crayons, markers, erasers, index
8 cards, paper, notebooks, binders, folders, scissors, rulers, and calcul-
9 ators. Only the purchases made during the fifteen-day period commencing
10 on the fifteenth day immediately preceding the first Monday in Septem-
11 ber, known as Labor Day, and ending on Labor Day, during each calendar
12 year shall be exempt under this paragraph.

13 § 2. Paragraph 1 of subdivision (a) of section 1210 of the tax law, as
14 amended by section 5 of part J of chapter 59 of the laws of 2021, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (1) Either, all of the taxes described in article twenty-eight of this
17 chapter, at the same uniform rate, as to which taxes all provisions of
18 the local laws, ordinances or resolutions imposing such taxes shall be
19 identical, except as to rate and except as otherwise provided, with the
20 corresponding provisions in such article twenty-eight, including the
21 definition and exemption provisions of such article, so far as the
22 provisions of such article twenty-eight can be made applicable to the
23 taxes imposed by such city or county and with such limitations and
24 special provisions as are set forth in this article. The taxes author-
25 ized under this subdivision may not be imposed by a city or county

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

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1 unless the local law, ordinance or resolution imposes such taxes so as
2 to include all portions and all types of receipts, charges or rents,
3 subject to state tax under sections eleven hundred five and eleven
4 hundred ten of this chapter, except as otherwise provided. Notwith-
5 standing the foregoing, a tax imposed by a city or county authorized
6 under this subdivision shall not include the tax imposed on charges for
7 admission to race tracks and simulcast facilities under subdivision (f)
8 of section eleven hundred five of this chapter. (i) Any local law, ordi-
9 nance or resolution enacted by any city of less than one million or by
10 any county or school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this
11 subdivision, shall, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contra-
12 ry, exclude from the operation of such local taxes all sales of tangible
13 personal property for use or consumption directly and predominantly in
14 the production of tangible personal property, gas, electricity, refrig-
15 eration or steam, for sale, by manufacturing, processing, generating,
16 assembly, refining, mining or extracting; and all sales of tangible
17 personal property for use or consumption predominantly either in the
18 production of tangible personal property, for sale, by farming or in a
19 commercial horse boarding operation, or in both; and all sales of fuel
20 sold for use in commercial aircraft and general aviation aircraft; and,
21 unless such city, county or school district elects otherwise, shall omit
22 the provision for credit or refund contained in clause six of subdivi-
23 sion (a) or subdivision (d) of section eleven hundred nineteen of this
24 chapter. (ii) Any local law, ordinance or resolution enacted by any
25 city, county or school district, imposing the taxes authorized by this
26 subdivision, shall omit the residential solar energy systems equipment
27 and electricity exemption provided for in subdivision (ee), the commer-
28 cial solar energy systems equipment and electricity exemption provided
29 for in subdivision (ii), the commercial fuel cell electricity generating
30 systems equipment and electricity generated by such equipment exemption
31 provided for in subdivision (kk) [~~and~~], the clothing and footwear
32 exemption provided for in paragraph thirty of subdivision (a) of section
33 eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, and the school supplies or items
34 commonly used by a student in a course of study exemption provided for
35 in paragraph forty-seven of subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred
36 fifteen of this chapter, unless such city, county or school district
37 elects otherwise as to such residential solar energy systems equipment
38 and electricity exemption, such commercial solar energy systems equip-
39 ment and electricity exemption, commercial fuel cell electricity gener-
40 ating systems equipment and electricity generated by such equipment
41 exemption [~~or~~], such clothing and footwear exemption, or such school
42 supplies or items commonly used by a student in a course of study
43 exemption.

44 § 3. Paragraph 4 of subdivision (a) of section 1210 of the tax law, as
45 amended by section 2 of part WW, subparagraphs (xii) and (xiii) as sepa-
46 rately amended and subparagraph (xiv) as added by section 6 of part Z of
47 chapter 60 of the laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

48 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, any
49 local law enacted by any city of one million or more that imposes the
50 taxes authorized by this subdivision (i) may omit the exception provided
51 in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph three of subdivision (c) of section
52 eleven hundred five of this chapter for receipts from laundering, dry-
53 cleaning, tailoring, weaving, pressing, shoe repairing and shoe shining;
54 (ii) may impose the tax described in paragraph six of subdivision (c) of
55 section eleven hundred five of this chapter at a rate in addition to the
56 rate prescribed by this section not to exceed two percent in multiples

1 of one-half of one percent; (iii) shall provide that the tax described
2 in paragraph six of subdivision (c) of section eleven hundred five of
3 this chapter does not apply to facilities owned and operated by the city
4 or an agency or instrumentality of the city or a public corporation the
5 majority of whose members are appointed by the chief executive officer
6 of the city or the legislative body of the city or both of them; (iv)
7 shall not include any tax on receipts from, or the use of, the services
8 described in paragraph seven of subdivision (c) of section eleven
9 hundred five of this chapter; (v) shall provide that, for purposes of
10 the tax described in subdivision (e) of section eleven hundred five of
11 this chapter, "permanent resident" means any occupant of any room or
12 rooms in a hotel for at least one hundred eighty consecutive days with
13 regard to the period of such occupancy; (vi) may omit the exception
14 provided in paragraph one of subdivision (f) of section eleven hundred
15 five of this chapter for charges to a patron for admission to, or use
16 of, facilities for sporting activities in which the patron is to be a
17 participant, such as bowling alleys and swimming pools; (vii) may
18 provide the clothing and footwear exemption in paragraph thirty of
19 subdivision (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, and,
20 notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (d) of this section to the
21 contrary, any local law providing for such exemption or repealing such
22 exemption, may go into effect on any one of the following dates: March
23 first, June first, September first or December first; (viii) shall omit
24 the exemption provided in paragraph forty-one of subdivision (a) of
25 section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter; (ix) shall omit the
26 exemption provided in subdivision (c) of section eleven hundred fifteen
27 of this chapter insofar as it applies to fuel, gas, electricity, refrig-
28 eration and steam, and gas, electric, refrigeration and steam service of
29 whatever nature for use or consumption directly and exclusively in the
30 production of gas, electricity, refrigeration or steam; (x) shall omit,
31 unless such city elects otherwise, the provision for refund or credit
32 contained in clause six of subdivision (a) or in subdivision (d) of
33 section eleven hundred nineteen of this chapter; (xi) shall omit,
34 unless such city elects otherwise, the exemption for residential solar
35 energy systems equipment and electricity provided in subdivision (ee) of
36 section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter; (xiii) shall omit,
37 unless such city elects otherwise, the exemption for commercial solar
38 energy systems equipment and electricity provided in subdivision (ii) of
39 section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter; ~~[and]~~ (xiv) shall
40 exclude from the operation of such local taxes all sales of fuel sold
41 for use in commercial aircraft and general aviation aircraft~~[, --- (xiv)];~~
42 (xv) shall omit, unless such city elects otherwise, the exemption for
43 commercial fuel cell electricity generating systems equipment and elec-
44 tricity generated by such equipment provided in subdivision (kk) of
45 section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter~~[,]; and (xvi) may~~
46 provide the school supplies and items commonly used by a student in a
47 course of study exemption in paragraph forty-seven of subdivision
48 (a) of section eleven hundred fifteen of this chapter, and, notwith-
49 standing any provision of subdivision (d) of this section to the
50 contrary, any local law providing for such exemption or repealing such
51 exemption, may be applicable only to the purchases made during the
52 fifteen-day period commencing on the fifteenth day immediately preceding
53 the first Monday in September, known as Labor Day, and ending on Labor
54 Day, during each calendar year. Any reference in this chapter or in any
55 local law, ordinance or resolution enacted pursuant to the authority of
56 this article to former subdivisions (n) or (p) of this section shall be

1 deemed to be a reference to clauses (xii) or (xiii) of this paragraph,
2 respectively, and any such local law, ordinance or resolution that
3 provides the exemptions provided in such former subdivisions (n) and/or
4 (p) shall be deemed instead to provide the exemptions provided in claus-
5 es (xii) and/or (xiii) of this paragraph.

6 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be applicable to
7 taxable periods beginning on and after August first in the year next
8 succeeding the year in which it shall have become a law.