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Introduced by M. of A. SMULLEN, McDONOUGH, TAGUE, PALMESANO, MANKTELOW, LEMONDES, DeSTEFANO, ANGELINO, E. BROWN, BEEPHAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the tax law and the state finance law, in relation to establishing the New York state rural mobile communications fund

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section 186-f of the tax
2 law, as added by section 3 of part B of chapter 56 of the laws of 2009,
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) forty-one and seven-tenths of the revenues collected and received
5 under this section into the [~~state-general~~] New York state rural mobile
6 communications fund established pursuant to section ninety-nine-g; and

7 § 2. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 99-g to
8 read as follows:

9 § 99-g. New York state rural mobile communications fund. 1. Estab-
10 lishment of the fund. There is hereby established in the joint custody
11 of the state comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance a
12 special fund to be known as the New York state rural mobile communi-
13 cations fund. Moneys in this account shall be kept separate and not
14 commingled with any other moneys in the custody of the comptroller.

15 2. Source of funds. The sum equal to the amount identified in para-
16 graph (a) of subdivision five of section one hundred eighty-six-f of the
17 tax law shall be credited to the fund.

18 3. Use of funds. Such moneys shall be used for the purpose of provid-
19 ing rural areas, as defined in subdivision eight of section two hundred
20 sixty of the agriculture and markets law, in the state with grants for
21 the purpose of increasing cellular service in low- to no-coverage areas.
22 Priority shall be given to applicants in rural areas who can identify
23 public safety concerns resulting from lack of cellular service.

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

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1 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
2 ing the date upon which it shall have become a law. Effective immediate-
3 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
4 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
5 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.