

HOME RULE MESSAGE REQUESTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK TO AMEND THE TAX LAW, IN RELATION TO AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK TO ELECT TO BE EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN TAXES RELATED TO ANY ENERGY SAVING, FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULB (ASSEMBLY BILL A.3149)

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Energy, if every American home replaced just one light bulb with an Energy Star qualified bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes per year, more than \$600 million in energy costs, and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars; and

WHEREAS, Energy Star fluorescent light bulbs are four times more efficient and last up to 10 times longer than incandescents; and

WHEREAS, although initially more expensive, the long term savings are greater because these energy efficient bulbs use 1/3 the electricity of incandescents; and

WHEREAS, this Legislature has historically been in the forefront of promoting cutting edge technologies to ensure the future environmental well-being of Suffolk residents; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County Home Rule Message No. 4-2008 was adopted by the Suffolk County Legislature on March 4, 2008 requesting the State of New York to adopt Assembly Bill No. A.8875; and

WHEREAS, eliminating the sales tax on the purchase of these high efficient, Energy Star fluorescent bulbs would give consumers an incentive to purchase this type of lighting; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that this Legislature hereby supports Assembly Bill A.3149 which would amend the New York Tax Law in relation to authorizing the County of Suffolk to elect to exempt energy saving, fluorescent light bulbs from sales taxes; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Clerk of this Legislature is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to Governor David A. Paterson; to the Majority Leader of the New York State Senate Malcolm Smith; to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly Sheldon Silver; to the Minority Leaders of the New York State Senate and the New York State Assembly; and to each member of the Long Island delegation to the New York State Legislature.

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I N A S S E M B L Y

January 23, 2009

Introduced by M. of A. THIELE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to authorizing the county of Suffolk to elect to be exempt from certain taxes related to any energy saving, fluorescent lightbulb

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The tax law is amended by adding a new section 1115-a to
 2 read as follows:
 3 S 1115-A. COUNTY OF SUFFOLK OPTIONAL EXEMPTION FROM SALES AND USE
 4 TAXES FOR THE SALE OR PURCHASE OF ANY ENERGY SAVING, FLUORESCENT LIGHT-
 5 BULB. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW TO THE CONTRARY, THE
 6 COUNTY OF SUFFOLK MAY ELECT BY LOCAL LAW, FOR A PERIOD OF TIME TO BE
 7 ESTABLISHED BY SUCH COUNTY, FOR RECEIPTS FOR ANY SALE OR PURCHASE OF
 8 ENERGY SAVING, FLUORESCENT LIGHTBULB TO BE EXEMPT FROM THE TAX ON RETAIL
 9 SALES IMPOSED UNDER SUBDIVISION (A) OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FIVE OF
 10 THIS ARTICLE AND THE COMPENSATING USE TAX IMPOSED UNDER SECTION ELEVEN
 11 HUNDRED TEN OF THIS ARTICLE.
 12 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the Suffolk
 13 county legislature shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission
 14 upon adopting a local law as authorized by section 1115-a of the tax
 15 law, as added by section one of this act, in order that such commission
 16 may maintain an accurate and timely effective data base of the official
 17 text of the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effecting
 18 the provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of
 19 the public officers law.

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

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