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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the climate change adaptation cost recovery program and requirements for climate change adaptive infrastructure projects; to amend the labor law, in relation to the use of funds from the climate change adaptation fund for certain climate risk-related and energy transition projects; to amend the tax law, in relation to the disclosure of certain data from returns of petroleum or fossil fuel businesses to the department of environmental conservation or the New York state energy research and development authority; to amend the state finance law, in relation to expenditure of funds from the climate change adaptation fund; to repeal section 76-0105 of the environmental conservation law, relating to labor and job standards and worker protection; and to amend a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the environmental conservation law relating to establishing the climate change adaptation cost recovery program, and amending the state finance law relating to establishing the climate change adaptation fund, as proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 2129-B and A. 3351-B, in relation to legislative findings and severability

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

- 1 Section 1. Subdivisions 1, 5, paragraph c of subdivision 6 and subdivisions 7 and 8 of section 2 of a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending
- 2 the environmental conservation law relating to establishing the climate
- 3 change adaptation cost recovery program; and amending the state finance
- 4 law relating to establishing the climate change adaptation fund, as
- 5 proposed in legislative bills numbers S. 2129-B and A. 3351-B, are
- 6 amended to read as follows:

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

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1 1. Climate change, resulting primarily from the combustion of fossil
 2 fuels, is an immediate, grave threat to the state's communities, envi-
 3 ronment, and economy. In addition to mitigating the further buildup of
 4 greenhouse gases, the state must take action to adapt to certain conse-
 5 quences of climate change that are irreversible, including rising sea
 6 levels, increasing temperatures, extreme weather events, flooding, heat
 7 waves, ~~[toxic]~~ harmful algal blooms and other climate-change-driven
 8 threats. Maintaining New York's quality of life into the future,
 9 particularly for young people, who will experience greater impacts from
 10 climate change over their lifetimes, will be one of the state's greatest
 11 challenges over the next three decades. Meeting that challenge will
 12 require a shared commitment of purpose, huge investments in new or
 13 upgraded infrastructure, and new revenue sources to pay for those
 14 investments.

15 5. The obligation to pay under the program is based on the fossil fuel
 16 companies' historic contribution to the buildup of greenhouse gases that
 17 is largely responsible for climate change. The program operates under a
 18 standard of strict liability; companies are required to pay into the
 19 fund based on the amount of historic greenhouse gas emissions attribut-
 20 able to greenhouse gas-producing fossil fuels which they are responsible
 21 for extracting and refining, because the use of ~~[their]~~ products derived
 22 from such fossil fuels caused ~~[the]~~ such pollution. No finding of wrong-
 23 doing is required.

24 c. The total assessment ~~[rate]~~ of ~~[\$3]~~ \$75 billion dollars ~~[per—year]~~
 25 represents a small percentage of the extraordinary cost to New York
 26 State for repairing from and preparing for climate change-driven extreme
 27 events over the next 25 years, and is designed to have a meaningful
 28 impact on the burden borne by New York State taxpayers for climate adap-
 29 tation while being sufficiently limited so as to not impose a punitive
 30 negative impact on an industry in which just the three largest domestic
 31 oil and gas producers made a combined \$85.6 billion in profits in 2023.
 32 Recent science has determined that the largest one hundred fossil fuel
 33 producing companies are responsible for more than 70% of global green-
 34 house gas emissions since 1988, and therefore bear a much higher share
 35 of responsibility for climate damage to New York State than is repres-
 36 ented by the \$75 billion being assessed them.

37 7. A covered period of ~~[2000–2018]~~ 2000–2024 has been selected. Over
 38 70 percent of the total increase in greenhouse gas concentrations since
 39 the Industrial Revolution has occurred since 1950, with a marked
 40 increase in the rate of emissions after the year 2000. By 2000 the
 41 science of climate change was well established, and no reasonable corpo-
 42 rate actor could have failed to anticipate regulatory action to address
 43 its impacts. In addition, the data necessary to attribute proportional
 44 responsibility is very robust in the covered period.

45 8. This act is not intended to intrude on the authority of the feder-
 46 al government in areas where it has preempted the right of the states to
 47 legislate. This ~~[act]~~ program is remedial in nature, seeking compen-
 48 sation for damages resulting from the past actions of polluters.

49 § 2. Section 76-0105 of the environmental conservation law, as added
 50 by a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the environmental conservation
 51 law relating to establishing the climate change adaptation cost recovery
 52 program; and amending the state finance law relating to establishing the
 53 climate change adaptation fund, as proposed in legislative bills numbers
 54 S.2129-B and A. 3351-B, is REPEALED.

55 § 3. Sections 76-0101 and 76-0103 of the environmental conservation
 56 law, as added by a chapter of the laws of 2024 amending the environ-



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1 mental conservation law relating to establishing the climate change
 2 adaptation cost recovery program; and amending the state finance law
 3 relating to establishing the climate change adaptation fund, as proposed
 4 in legislative bills numbers S. 2129-B and A. 3351-B, are amended and a
 5 new section 76-0105 is added to read as follows:

6 § 76-0101. Definitions.

7 For the purposes of this article the following terms shall have the
 8 following meanings:

9 1. "Affiliate" means, with respect to any specified entity, an entity
 10 that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries,
 11 controls or is controlled by, or is under common control with, the enti-
 12 ty specified.

13 2. "Applicable payment date" means ~~[September thirtieth]~~ December
 14 thirty-first of the ~~[second]~~ fourth calendar year following the year in
 15 which this article is enacted into law.

16 ~~[2.]~~ 3. "Climate change adaptive infrastructure project" means an
 17 infrastructure project for purposes of climate change adaptation that:

18 a. includes but is not limited to projects designed to avoid, moder-
 19 ate, repair, or adapt to negative impacts caused by climate change, and
 20 to assist communities, households, and businesses in preparing for
 21 future climate change-driven disruptions. Such ~~[projects]~~ project types
 22 include but are not limited to restoring coastal wetlands and developing
 23 other nature-based solutions and coastal protections; upgrading storm
 24 water drainage systems; making defensive upgrades to roads, bridges,
 25 subways, and transit systems; preparing for and recovering from hurri-
 26 canes and other extreme weather events; undertaking preventive health
 27 care programs and providing medical care to treat illness or injury
 28 caused by the effects of climate change; relocating, elevating, or
 29 retrofitting ~~[sewage]~~ wastewater treatment plants vulnerable to flood-
 30 ing; installing energy efficient cooling systems and other weatheriza-
 31 tion and energy efficiency upgrades and retrofits in public and private
 32 buildings, including schools and public housing; upgrading parts of the
 33 electrical grid to increase stability and resilience, including support-
 34 ing the creation of self-sufficient clean energy microgrids; addressing
 35 urban heat island effects through green spaces, urban forestry, and
 36 other interventions; and responding to ~~[toxic algae]~~ harmful algal
 37 blooms, loss of agricultural topsoil, and other climate-driven ecosystem
 38 threats to forests, farms, fisheries, and food systems; and

39 b. is guided by the project criteria identified in the statewide
 40 climate change adaptation and resilience plan adopted pursuant to subdi-
 41 vision six of section 76-0103 of this article.

42 ~~[3. "Coal" shall have the same definition as in section 1-103 of the~~
 43 ~~energy law.]~~

44 4. "Control" (including the terms controlling, controlled by and
 45 under common control with) means the possession, direct or indirect, of
 46 the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and poli-
 47 cies of an entity, whether through the ownership of voting securities,
 48 by contract, or otherwise.

49 5. "Controlled group" means two or more entities ~~[treated as a single~~
 50 ~~employer under section 52(a) or (b) or section 414(m) or (o) of the~~
 51 ~~Internal Revenue Code. In applying subsections (a) and (b) of section~~
 52 ~~52, section 1563 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be applied without~~
 53 ~~regard to subsection (b)(2)(C). For purposes of this article, entities~~
 54 ~~in a controlled group are treated as a single entity for purposes of~~
 55 ~~meeting the definition of responsible party and are jointly and~~



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1 ~~severally liable for payment of any cost recovery demand owed by any~~
2 ~~entity in the controlled group] that are affiliates of each other.~~
3 ~~[5.] 6. "Cost recovery amount" means seventy-five billion dollars.~~
4 ~~7. "Cost recovery demand" means [a charge asserted against] the~~
5 ~~portion of the cost recovery amount determined by the department pursu-~~
6 ~~ant to the program to be owed by a responsible party [for cost recovery~~
7 ~~payments under the program] for payment to the fund.~~
8 ~~[6.] 8. "Covered greenhouse gas emissions" means, with respect to any~~
9 ~~entity, the total quantity of greenhouse [gases released into the atmos-~~
10 ~~phere during the covered period] gas emissions, expressed in metric tons~~
11 ~~of carbon dioxide equivalent, as defined in section 75-0101 of this~~
12 ~~chapter, [including but not limited to releases of greenhouse gases~~
13 ~~resulting from the extraction, storage, production, refinement, trans-~~
14 ~~port, manufacture, distribution, sale, and use of fossil fuels or petro-~~
15 ~~leum products extracted, produced, refined, or sold by such entity]~~
16 ~~attributable to the total amount of fossil fuels extracted by that enti-~~
17 ~~ty during the covered period, as well as the total amount of crude oil~~
18 ~~refined by that entity during the covered period. For the purposes of~~
19 ~~this article, covered greenhouse gas emissions include those emissions~~
20 ~~attributable to all fossil fuel extraction and refining worldwide by~~
21 ~~such entity and are not limited to such emissions within the state.~~
22 ~~[7.] 9. "Covered period" means the period that began January first,~~
23 ~~two thousand and ended on December thirty-first, two thousand [eighteen]~~
24 ~~twenty-four.~~
25 ~~[8.] 10. "Crude oil" means oil or petroleum of any kind and in any~~
26 ~~form, including bitumen, oil sands, heavy oil, conventional and uncon-~~
27 ~~ventional oil, shale oil, natural gas liquids, condensates, and related~~
28 ~~fossil fuels.~~
29 ~~[9.] 11. "Entity" means any individual, trustee, agent, partnership,~~
30 ~~association, corporation, company, municipality, political subdivision,~~
31 ~~or other legal organization, [including a foreign nation,] that holds or~~
32 ~~held an ownership interest in a fossil fuel business during the covered~~
33 ~~period. For purposes of this article, entities in a controlled group are~~
34 ~~treated as a single entity for the purposes of meeting the definition of~~
35 ~~responsible party and shall be jointly and severally liable for payment~~
36 ~~of any cost recovery demand owed by any entity in the controlled group.~~
37 ~~[10.] 12. "Fossil fuel" shall have the same definition as in section~~
38 ~~1-103 of the energy law.~~
39 ~~[11.] 13. "Fossil fuel business" means a business engaging in the~~
40 ~~extraction of fossil fuels or the refining of petroleum products.~~
41 ~~[12. "Fuel gases" shall have the same definition as in section 1-103~~
42 ~~of the energy law.~~
43 ~~[13.] 14. "Fund" means the climate change adaptation fund established~~
44 ~~pursuant to section ninety-seven-m of the state finance law.~~
45 ~~[14.] 15. "Greenhouse gas" shall have the same definition as in~~
46 ~~section 75-0101 of this chapter.~~
47 ~~[15.] 16. "Nature-based solutions" shall mean projects that utilize or~~
48 ~~mimic nature or natural processes and functions and that may also offer~~
49 ~~environmental, economic, and social benefits, while increasing resili-~~
50 ~~ence. Nature-based solutions include both green and natural infrastruc-~~
51 ~~ture.~~
52 ~~[16.] 17. "Notice of cost recovery demand" means the written communi-~~
53 ~~cation informing an entity that they are a responsible party and of the~~
54 ~~amount of the cost recovery demand payable to the fund.~~
55 ~~[17.] 18. "Petroleum products" shall have the same definition as in~~
56 ~~section 1-103 of the energy law.~~



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1 ~~[18-]~~ 19. "Program" means the climate change adaptation cost recovery
2 program established under section 76-0103 of this article.

3 ~~[19-]~~ 20. "Qualifying expenditure" means ~~[an authorized]~~ a payment
4 from the fund in support of a climate change adaptive infrastructure
5 project, including its operation and maintenance, as defined by the
6 department.

7 ~~[20-]~~ 21. "Responsible party" means any entity (or a successor in
8 interest to such entity described herein), which, during any part of the
9 covered period, was engaged in the trade or business of extracting
10 fossil fuel or refining crude oil and is determined by the department to
11 be responsible for more than one billion tons of covered greenhouse gas
12 emissions. The term responsible party shall not include any person who
13 lacks sufficient ~~[connection]~~ contacts with the state to satisfy the
14 ~~[nexus requirements]~~ due process clause of the United States Constitu-
15 tion.

16 § 76-0103. The climate change adaptation cost recovery program.

17 1. There is hereby established a climate change adaptation cost recov-
18 ery program to be administered by the department.

19 2. The purposes of the program shall be the following:

20 a. To secure compensatory payments from responsible parties based on a
21 standard of strict liability to provide a source of revenue for climate
22 change adaptive infrastructure projects within the state. Such payments
23 in aggregate shall total the cost recovery amount and shall be due and
24 payable on the applicable payment date.

25 b. To determine proportional liability of responsible parties for the
26 cost recovery amount pursuant to subdivision three of this section;

27 c. To impose cost recovery demands on responsible parties and issue
28 notices of cost recovery ~~[demands]~~ demand;

29 d. To accept and collect payment from responsible parties;

30 e. To identify climate change adaptive infrastructure projects;

31 f. To disperse funds to climate change adaptive infrastructure
32 projects; and

33 g. To allocate funds in such a way as to achieve a goal that at least
34 forty percent of the qualified expenditures from the program, but not
35 less than thirty-five percent of such expenditures, shall go to climate
36 change adaptive infrastructure projects that benefit disadvantaged
37 communities as defined in section 75-0101 of this chapter.

38 3. a. A responsible party shall be strictly liable, without regard to
39 fault, for a share of the cost recovery amount, which shall be used for
40 the costs of climate change adaptive infrastructure projects, including
41 their operation and maintenance, supported by the fund.

42 b. With respect to each responsible party, the cost recovery demand
43 shall be equal to an amount that bears the same ratio to ~~[seventy-five~~
44 ~~billion dollars]~~ the cost recovery amount as the responsible party's
45 applicable share of covered greenhouse gas emissions bears to the aggre-
46 gate applicable shares of covered greenhouse gas emissions of all
47 responsible parties.

48 c. The applicable share of covered greenhouse gas emissions taken into
49 account under this section for any responsible party shall be the amount
50 by which the covered greenhouse gas emissions attributable to such
51 responsible party exceeds one billion metric tons.

52 d. ~~[Where an entity owns a minority interest in another entity of ten~~
53 ~~percent or more, the calculation of the entity's applicable share of~~
54 ~~greenhouse gas emissions taken into account under this section shall~~
55 ~~include the applicable share of greenhouse gas emissions taken into~~
56 ~~account under this section by the entity in which the responsible party~~



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1 ~~holds a minority interest, multiplied by the percentage of the minority~~
 2 ~~interest held.~~

3 ~~e.] In determining the amount of greenhouse gas emissions attributable~~
 4 ~~to any entity, [an amount equivalent to nine hundred forty two and one~~
 5 ~~half metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent shall be treated as~~
 6 ~~released for every million pounds of coal attributable to such entity;~~
 7 ~~an amount equivalent to four hundred thirty two thousand one hundred~~
 8 ~~eighty metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent shall be treated as~~
 9 ~~released for every million barrels of crude oil attributable to such~~
 10 ~~entity; and an amount equivalent to fifty three thousand four hundred~~
 11 ~~forty metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent shall be treated as~~
 12 ~~released for every million cubic feet of fuel gases attributable to such~~
 13 ~~entity] the department may: i. require an entity to provide information~~
 14 ~~to the department related to past practices, production, extraction,~~
 15 ~~refining, emissions, or other historical information about such entity~~
 16 ~~necessary or appropriate to enable the department to determine whether~~
 17 ~~such entity is a responsible party and, if so, the amount of such~~
 18 ~~responsible party's covered greenhouse gas emissions; ii. apply consist-~~
 19 ~~ent emissions factors, consistent with the climate leadership and commu-~~
 20 ~~nity protection act pursuant to chapter one hundred six of the laws of~~
 21 ~~two thousand nineteen, to convert extraction and refining data into~~
 22 ~~greenhouse gas emissions; and iii. utilize information received from the~~
 23 ~~department of taxation and finance pursuant to subdivision (a) of~~
 24 ~~section three hundred fourteen of the tax law.~~

25 ~~e. i. The department shall issue notices of cost recovery demand to~~
 26 ~~all responsible parties at the times set forth in paragraph a of subdivi-~~
 27 ~~sion four of this section. Payment of a cost recovery demand shall be~~
 28 ~~made in full on the applicable payment date provided that, notwithstand-~~
 29 ~~ing paragraph a of subdivision two of this section, the department may~~
 30 ~~provide that a responsible party may elect to pay an amount no greater~~
 31 ~~than ninety-two percent of the amount of the cost recovery demand after~~
 32 ~~the applicable payment date. Any such payments permitted to be made~~
 33 ~~after the applicable payment date shall be made within twenty-four years~~
 34 ~~of the applicable payment date, shall be no less frequent than annual~~
 35 ~~beginning in the year following the applicable payment date, and shall~~
 36 ~~not increase over time.~~

37 ~~ii. Any responsible party who fails to make a payment required pursu-~~
 38 ~~ant to this subdivision shall pay a penalty of fifty per centum of the~~
 39 ~~unpaid payment amount, plus interest on the unpaid payment amount~~
 40 ~~computed in accordance with section 6621(a)(2) of the United States~~
 41 ~~internal revenue code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. section 1 et~~
 42 ~~seq.) from the date the payment was required to be paid.~~

43 ~~f. [The commissioner may adjust the cost recovery demand amount of a~~
 44 ~~responsible party refining petroleum products (or who is a successor in~~
 45 ~~interest to such an entity) if such responsible party establishes to the~~
 46 ~~satisfaction of the commissioner that a portion of the cost recovery~~
 47 ~~demand amount was attributable to the refining of crude oil extracted by~~
 48 ~~another responsible party (or who is a successor in interest to such an~~
 49 ~~entity) that accounted for such crude oil in determining its cost recov-~~
 50 ~~ery demand amount.~~

51 ~~g. Payment of a cost recovery demand shall be made in full on the~~
 52 ~~applicable payment date unless a responsible party elects to pay in~~
 53 ~~installments pursuant to paragraph h of this subdivision.~~

54 ~~h. A responsible party may elect to pay the cost recovery demand~~
 55 ~~amount in twenty four annual installments, eight percent of the total~~
 56 ~~due in the first installment and four percent of the total due in each~~



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1 ~~of the following twenty three installments. If an election is made under~~
 2 ~~this paragraph, the first installment shall be paid on the applicable~~
 3 ~~payment date and each subsequent installment shall be paid on the same~~
 4 ~~date as the applicable payment date in each succeeding year.~~

5 ~~i.]~~ If there is any addition to the original amount of the final cost
 6 recovery demand as of the applicable payment date for failure to timely
 7 pay any ~~[installment]~~ amount required to be paid under this subdivision,
 8 a liquidation or sale of substantially all the assets of the responsible
 9 party (including in a proceeding under U.S. Code: Title 11 or similar
 10 case), a cessation of business by the responsible party, or any similar
 11 circumstance, then the unpaid balance of all ~~[remaining installments]~~
 12 unpaid amounts shall be due on the date of such event (or in the case of
 13 a proceeding under U.S. Code: Title 11 or similar case, on the day
 14 before the petition is filed). The preceding sentence shall not apply to
 15 the sale of substantially all of the assets of a responsible party to a
 16 buyer if such buyer enters into an agreement with the department under
 17 which such buyer is liable for ~~[the remaining installments]~~ all unpaid
 18 amounts due ~~[under this subdivision]~~ in the same manner as if such buyer
 19 were the responsible party.

20 4. a. Within ~~[one year]~~ thirty months of the effective date of this
 21 article, the department shall promulgate such regulations as are neces-
 22 sary or appropriate to carry out this article, including but not limited
 23 to:

24 i. provisions for the department to require an entity to provide
 25 information to the department related to past practices, production,
 26 extraction, refining, emissions, or other historical information about
 27 such entity necessary or appropriate to enable the department to deter-
 28 mine whether such entity is a responsible party and, if so, the amount
 29 of such responsible party's covered greenhouse gas emissions;

30 ii. adopting uniform and consistent methodologies using the best
 31 available ~~[science]~~ information, such as publicly available databases of
 32 historical production data, to determine responsible parties and their
 33 applicable share of covered greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the
 34 provisions of this article;

35 ~~[ii-]~~ iii. registering entities that are responsible parties under the
 36 program;

37 ~~[iii-]~~ iv. issuing notices of cost recovery demand ~~[to responsible~~
 38 ~~parties informing them of the cost recovery demand amount; how and where~~
 39 ~~cost recovery demands can be paid; the potential consequences of nonpay-~~
 40 ~~ment and late payment; and information regarding their rights to contest~~
 41 ~~an assessment]~~, no later than June thirtieth of the fourth calendar year
 42 following the effective date of this article, for each responsible
 43 party's cost recovery demand;

44 ~~[iv-]~~ v. establishing a process such that:

45 (1) a responsible party may file a request for reconsideration of its
 46 cost recovery demand with the department within sixty days following
 47 service of the notice of cost recovery demand if within the United
 48 States, and within ninety days following such service outside the United
 49 States, and in doing so shall exhaust administrative remedies;

50 (2) a request for reconsideration shall state the grounds for the
 51 request and include supporting documentation, which may include but is
 52 not limited to documentation of the party's covered greenhouse gas emis-
 53 sions and the party's contacts with the state;

54 (3) the department shall consider whether any such requests for recon-
 55 sideration, including whether a responsible party refining petroleum
 56 products, or who is a successor in interest to such an entity, estab-



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lishes to the satisfaction of the department that a portion of the cost recovery demand amount was attributable to the refining of crude oil extracted by a responsible party, or who is a successor in interest to such an entity, that was accounted for in determining the cost recovery demand amount of such responsible party, and whether notices of cost recovery demand should be updated, and shall issue updated notices of cost recovery demand, if applicable, which shall include a statement of the grounds of the department's determination, within sixty days following the expiration of all periods for submitting a request for reconsideration under item one of this subparagraph;

(4) if notices of cost recovery demand issued pursuant to item three of this subparagraph result in a new responsible party receiving a notice of cost recovery demand that was not issued a notice of cost recovery demand by the date required by subparagraph iv of this paragraph, then, in the same manner as set forth in items one, two and three of this subparagraph, such responsible party shall have sixty days from service within the United States, and ninety days from service outside the United States, to file a request for reconsideration, which filing shall exhaust such responsible party's administrative remedies, and the department shall consider such request for reconsideration and issue updated notices of cost recovery demand, if applicable, in the manner contemplated by item three of this subparagraph;

(5) if any updating of notices of cost recovery demand pursuant to such processes for reconsideration results in a new responsible party that was not previously issued a cost recovery demand, such new responsible party shall also be given the opportunity to file a request for reconsideration in the same manner as set forth in item four of this subparagraph, and such process shall continue until no new responsible party results from issuance of notices of cost recovery demand; and

(6) if the processes in this subparagraph result in issuances of notices of cost recovery demand after the applicable payment date, then the applicable payment date shall be the date which is thirty days after the final issuance of notices of cost recovery demand; and

vi. accepting payments from, pursuing collection efforts against, and negotiating settlements with responsible parties[; and

~~v. adopting procedures for identifying and selecting climate change adaptive infrastructure projects eligible to receive qualifying expenditures, including legislative budget appropriations, issuance of requests for proposals from localities and not for profit and community organizations, grants to private individuals, or other methods as determined by the department, and for dispersing moneys from the fund for qualifying expenditures. When considering projects intended to stabilize tidal shorelines, the department shall encourage the use of nature based solutions. Total qualifying expenditures shall be allocated in such a way as to achieve a goal that at least forty percent of the qualified expenditures from the program, but not less than thirty five percent of such expenditures, shall go to climate change adaptive infrastructure projects that benefit disadvantaged communities as defined in section 75-0101 of this chapter].~~

b. The department shall hold at least two public hearings, one in-person and one virtual, on proposed regulations, with a minimum of thirty days' public notice in compliance with the provisions of article seven of the public officers law.

5. The department shall develop procedures to make publicly available, by posting on its website, all data related to fossil fuel



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1 extraction and refining by entities which the department obtains pursu-
 2 ant to the program, to the maximum extent practicable.
 3 6. Within ~~[two years]~~ eighteen months of the ~~[effective date of this~~
 4 ~~article]~~ promulgation of the final regulations pursuant to subdivision
 5 four of this section, the department shall complete a statewide climate
 6 change adaptation ~~[master]~~ and resilience plan, which shall be publicly
 7 available, including at a minimum on the department's website, and
 8 updated no less than every three years following the procedures of this
 9 subdivision, for the purpose of guiding the dispersal of funds, pursuant
 10 to section ninety-seven-m of the state finance law, to all regions of
 11 the state in a timely, efficient, and equitable manner ~~[to all regions~~
 12 ~~of the state]~~ in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. In
 13 completing such plan, the department shall:
 14 a. collaborate with the department of state, ~~[empire state develop-~~
 15 ~~ment]~~ homes and community renewal, the department of agriculture and
 16 markets, the New York state energy research and development authority,
 17 the department of public service, ~~the department of transportation, the~~
 18 ~~department of health, the division of budget~~ and the ~~[New York independ-~~
 19 ~~ent systems operator]~~ division of homeland security and emergency
 20 services;
 21 b. assess the adaptation needs ~~[and vulnerabilities]~~ of various areas
 22 vital to the state's economy, normal functioning, and the health and
 23 well-being of New Yorkers, including but not limited to: agriculture,
 24 biodiversity, ecosystem services, education, finance, healthcare, manu-
 25 facturing, housing and ~~[real estate]~~ land use, retail, tourism (includ-
 26 ing state and municipal parks), transportation, and municipal and local
 27 government.
 28 c. identify major potential, proposed, and ongoing climate change
 29 adaptive infrastructure projects throughout the state;
 30 d. identify opportunities for alignment with existing federal, state,
 31 and local funding streams;
 32 e. ~~identify potential municipal, not-for-profit, and community organ-~~
 33 ~~ization grant programs;~~
 34 f. include in such plan project criteria, project types and recommen-
 35 dations for identifying and selecting climate change adaptive infras-
 36 tructure projects eligible to receive qualifying expenditures. When
 37 considering projects intended to stabilize tidal shorelines, the depart-
 38 ment shall encourage the use of nature-based solutions;
 39 g. consult with stakeholders, including local governments, businesses,
 40 environmental advocates, ~~the federally designated bulk system operator,~~
 41 relevant subject area experts, and representatives of disadvantaged
 42 communities; and
 43 ~~[&-]~~ h. provide opportunities for public engagement in all regions of
 44 the state, ~~including by holding at least two public hearings, one~~
 45 ~~in-person and one virtual, with meaningful opportunities for partic-~~
 46 ~~ipation and public comment from all segments of the population, includ-~~
 47 ~~ing persons living in disadvantaged communities as identified pursuant~~
 48 ~~to section 75-0111 of this chapter, a minimum of sixty days' public~~
 49 ~~notice in compliance with the provisions of article seven of the public~~
 50 ~~officers law, on a draft of the plan, a summary and analysis of the~~
 51 ~~public comments and a description of any changes made to the plan based~~
 52 ~~on the public comments received.~~
 53 ~~[&-]~~ 7. Total qualifying expenditures shall be allocated in such a
 54 way as to achieve a goal that at least forty percent of the qualified
 55 expenditures from the program, but not less than thirty-five percent of
 56 such expenditures, shall go to climate change adaptive infrastructure



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1 projects that benefit disadvantaged communities as defined in section
 2 75-0101 of this chapter.

3 ~~8. The department[, the department of taxation and finance,] and the~~
 4 attorney general are hereby authorized to implement and enforce the
 5 provisions of this article.

6 ~~[7. The department or the department of taxation and finance shall~~
 7 ~~provide an opportunity to be heard to any responsible parties that seek~~
 8 ~~to contest a cost recovery demand. Determinations made in favor of a~~
 9 ~~petitioner after such hearing shall be final and conclusive. A determi-~~
 10 ~~nation in favor of the state may be appealed under article seventy-eight~~
 11 ~~of the civil practice law and rules.~~

12 ~~8.]~~ 9. Moneys received from cost recovery demands shall be deposited
 13 in the climate change adaptation fund established pursuant to section
 14 ninety-seven-m of the state finance law.

15 ~~[9.]~~ 10. a. The department shall conduct an ~~[independent]~~ evaluation
 16 of the climate change adaptation cost recovery program. The purpose of
 17 this evaluation is to determine the effectiveness of the program in
 18 achieving its purposes as defined in subdivision two of this section.
 19 Such evaluation shall include, at minimum:

20 i. a list of all responsible parties and their respective cost recov-
 21 ery demands, as well as any changes to an entity's status as a responsi-
 22 ble party during the preceding program year;

23 ii. an accounting of all cost recovery demands made to responsible
 24 parties, actual monies collected, and penalties or other collection
 25 measures taken during the preceding program year;

26 iii. an accounting of all expenditures from the climate change adapta-
 27 tion fund established pursuant to section ninety-seven-m of the state
 28 finance law, including at a minimum:

29 (1) expenditures that benefit disadvantaged communities as defined in
 30 section 75-0101 of this chapter;

31 (2) expenditures by project type;

32 (3) expenditures by percentage of overall funding used for grant
 33 programs for municipalities and not-for-profit and community organiza-
 34 tions; and

35 (4) expenditures for administration and implementation support;

36 iv. a review of climate change adaptive infrastructure projects'
 37 status, including the number of projects that have been completed and
 38 those projects which have been identified and remain unfunded;

39 v. a summary of the geographic distribution of climate change adaptive
 40 infrastructure projects; and

41 vi. identification of future spending needs.

42 b. Such evaluation shall be made public on the department's website
 43 and provided to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and
 44 the speaker of the assembly on or before January first of the second
 45 calendar year following the year in which this article is enacted into
 46 law, and annually on or before September thirtieth thereafter.

47 ~~[c. Any entity contracted by the department to conduct such evaluation~~
 48 ~~shall receive prompt payment of all moneys due upon completion of such~~
 49 ~~evaluation.]~~ 11. The department shall publish all information, requests

50 for proposals, application forms, procedures and guidelines relating to
 51 climate change adaptive infrastructure projects on its website and in a
 52 manner that is accessible to the public and all potential recipients.

53 § 76-0105. Requirements for climate change adaptive infrastructure
 54 projects.

55 For each contract for climate change adaptive infrastructure projects,
 56 funded in part or in whole from the climate change adaptation fund



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1 established pursuant to section ninety-seven-m of the state finance law,
 2 by a public entity, or a third party acting on behalf and for the bene-
 3 fit of a public entity, the "public work" for the purposes of this
 4 subdivision shall ensure that such contract shall contain a provision
 5 that the iron and steel used or supplied in the performance of the
 6 contract or any subcontract thereto, shall be produced or made in whole
 7 or substantial part in the United States, its territories or
 8 possessions. In the case of an iron or steel product all manufacturing
 9 must take place in the United States, from the initial melting stage
 10 through the application of coatings, except metallurgical processes
 11 involving the refinement of steel additives.

12 § 4. Section 224-f of the labor law, as added by section 3 of part TT
 13 of chapter 56 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

14 § 224-f. Wage requirements for certain climate risk-related and energy
 15 transition projects. 1. For purposes of this section, a "covered climate
 16 risk-related and energy transition project" means a construction project
 17 that receives at least one hundred thousand dollars of funds from the
 18 New York climate action fund climate investment account established
 19 pursuant to section ninety-nine-qq of the state finance law or the
 20 climate change adaptation fund established pursuant to section ninety-
 21 seven-m of the state finance law.

22 2. A covered climate risk-related and energy transition project shall
 23 be subject to prevailing wage requirements in accordance with sections
 24 two hundred twenty, two hundred twenty-a, two hundred twenty-b, two
 25 hundred twenty-i, two hundred twenty-three, and two hundred
 26 twenty-four-b of this article, provided that a covered climate risk-re-
 27 lated and energy transition project may still otherwise be considered a
 28 covered project pursuant to section two hundred twenty or two hundred
 29 twenty-four-a of this article if it meets the definition therein.

30 3. For purposes of this section, a covered climate risk-related and
 31 energy transition project shall exclude:

32 a. Privately owned construction work performed under a pre-hire
 33 collective bargaining agreement between an owner or developer and a bona
 34 fide building and construction trades labor organization which has
 35 established itself, and/or its affiliates, as the collective bargaining
 36 representative for all persons who will perform work on such a project,
 37 and which provides that only contractors and subcontractors who sign a
 38 pre-negotiated agreement with the labor organization can perform work on
 39 such a project; or

40 b. Construction work on one- or two-family dwellings where the proper-
 41 ty is the owner's primary residence, or construction work performed on
 42 property where the owner of the property owns no more than four dwelling
 43 units; or

44 c. Construction work performed on a multiple residence and/or ancil-
 45 lary amenities or installations that is wholly privately owned in any of
 46 the following circumstances:

47 (i) where no less than twenty-five percent of the residential units
 48 are affordable and shall be retained subject to an anticipated regulato-
 49 ry agreement with a local, state, or federal governmental entity, or a
 50 not-for-profit entity with an anticipated formal agreement with a local,
 51 state, or federal governmental entity for purposes of providing afforda-
 52 ble housing in a given locality or region provided that the period of
 53 affordability for a residential unit deemed affordable under the
 54 provisions of this paragraph shall be for no less than fifteen years
 55 from the date of construction; or



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1 (ii) where no less than thirty-five percent of the residential units
 2 involves the provision of supportive housing services for vulnerable
 3 populations provided that such units are subject to an anticipated regu-
 4 latory agreement with a local, state, or federal governmental entity.

5 4. As a condition of receiving funds from the New York climate action
 6 fund climate investment account established pursuant to section ninety-
 7 nine-qq of the state finance law or from the climate change adaptation
 8 fund established pursuant to section ninety-seven-m of the state finance
 9 law for a covered climate risk-related and energy transition project,
 10 the owner or developer of such covered climate risk-related and energy
 11 transition project, or a third party acting on such owner's or develop-
 12 er's behalf, shall agree to enter into a labor peace agreement with at
 13 least one bona fide labor organization either:

14 a. where such bona fide labor organization is actively representing
 15 non-construction employees who will be working within the covered
 16 climate risk-related and energy transition project once built; or

17 b. upon notice by a bona fide labor organization that is attempting to
 18 represent such non-construction employees.

19 5. For purposes of this section "labor peace agreement" means an
 20 agreement between an owner and/or developer and labor organization that,
 21 at a minimum, protects the state's proprietary interests by prohibiting
 22 labor organizations and members from engaging in picketing, work stop-
 23 pages, boycotts, and any other economic interference.

24 6. The owner or developer using funds from the New York climate action
 25 fund climate investment account established pursuant to section ninety-
 26 nine-qq of the state finance law or from the climate change adaptation
 27 fund established pursuant to section ninety-seven-m of the state finance
 28 law for a covered climate risk-related and energy transition project
 29 pursuant to this section shall:

30 a. require the use of apprenticeship agreements as defined by article
 31 twenty-three of this chapter; or for industries without apprenticeship
 32 programs, require the use of workforce training, preferably in conjunc-
 33 tion with a bona fide labor organization; and

34 b. consider use of registered pre-apprenticeship direct entry programs
 35 for the recruitment of local and/or disadvantaged workers.

36 7. For purposes of this section, the "fiscal officer" shall be deemed
 37 to be the commissioner. The enforcement of any covered climate risk-re-
 38 lated and energy transition project under this section shall be subject
 39 to the requirements of sections two hundred twenty, two hundred twen-
 40 ty-a, two hundred twenty-b, two hundred twenty-i, two hundred twenty-
 41 three, two hundred twenty-four-b of this article, and section two
 42 hundred twenty-seven of this chapter and within the jurisdiction of the
 43 fiscal officer; provided, however, nothing contained in this section
 44 shall be deemed to construe any covered climate risk-related and energy
 45 transition project as otherwise being considered public work pursuant to
 46 this article.

47 8. The fiscal officer may issue rules and regulations governing the
 48 provisions of this section. Violations of this section shall be grounds
 49 for determinations and orders pursuant to section two hundred twenty-b
 50 of this article.

51 9. For any building service work on a covered climate risk-related and
 52 energy transition project, prevailing wage shall be paid consistent with
 53 article nine of this chapter.

54 10. Any public entity receiving at least five million dollars in funds
 55 from the New York climate action fund climate investment account estab-
 56 lished pursuant to section ninety-nine-qq of the state finance law or



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1 from the climate change adaptation fund established pursuant to section
2 ninety-seven-m of the state finance law for a project which involves the
3 construction, reconstruction, alteration, maintenance, moving, demoli-
4 tion, excavation, development or other improvement of any building,
5 structure or land, shall be subject to section two hundred twenty-two of
6 this article.
7 § 5. Subdivision (a) of section 314 of the tax law, as amended by
8 chapter 190 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:
9 (a) General.[—] Except in accordance with proper judicial order or as

