

OPTION FOR THE COUNTIES OF
DUTCHESS, ORANGE AND ROCKLAND TO WITHDRAW FROM THE
METROPOLITAN COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT

Chapters 669 and 670, Laws of 1986

Effective July 15, 1986, enacted legislation provides the counties of Dutchess, Orange and Rockland the option to withdraw from the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District and assume responsibility to contract for providing their own public transportation services.

Section 1210 is amended to provide that, upon withdrawal, each of the three aforementioned counties is authorized to add $\frac{1}{4}\%$ to its sales tax imposition (up to a maximum of $3\frac{1}{4}\%$), if proper enactment of a local law requires revenues from the additional $\frac{1}{4}\%$ be set aside for mass transportation purposes. Such increase may be effected on January 1, 1987, January 1, 1988 or January 1, 1989.

Section 1223 is amended to provide that if Dutchess County withdraws from the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District and enacts a local law imposing an additional $\frac{1}{4}\%$ sales tax and requiring the revenues from the $\frac{1}{4}\%$ sales tax increase be set aside for mass transportation purposes, the aggregate sales tax rate within the City of Poughkeepsie may not be in excess of $3\frac{1}{4}\%$.

Section 1224 is amended to provide:

- (a) the relettering of old subdivision (h) to (i).
- (b) the addition of a new subdivision (h) providing that the $\frac{1}{4}\%$ sales tax imposed by Dutchess County in the City of Poughkeepsie for purposes of mass transportation, where the aggregate imposition (city and county) is $3\frac{1}{4}\%$, may not be pre-empted by the city.