

NEW YORK CITY TAX  
ON SELECTED SERVICES EXTENDED

New York City's authority to impose a sales and use tax on certain services has been extended by one year as a result of an amendment to Section 1212-A of the Tax Law.

Under subdivision (h) of section 1212-A, as amended by Chapter 256 of the Laws of 1987, New York City is authorized to impose a sales and use tax through August 31, 1988 on the sale of credit rating, credit reporting, credit adjustment and collection services, protective services, detective services, interior decorating and designing services, and certain maintenance and repair services. The tax rate may not exceed 4%.

At present, New York City imposes the section 1212-A tax only on the sale of credit rating and reporting services and protective and detective services\*. The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance will continue to administer these taxes for New York City.

ENACTMENT OF NEW YORK CITY LOCAL LAW

Pursuant to the authorization given under section 1212-A of the Tax Law, as amended, New York City has enacted Local Law No. 47, effective September 1, 1987, which extends the 4% tax on credit rating and credit reporting services, and on protective and detective services\* through August 31, 1988.

CONTINUATION OF TAXES ON MISCELLANEOUS  
PERSONAL SERVICES AND PARKING

All other special sales and use taxes imposed by New York City (on miscellaneous personal services and parking) continue to be in effect. The acts which authorize their imposition have no expiration dates and, therefore, need no time extensions.

\* When protective and detective services are performed by port watchmen, they are not subject to the New York City sales and use tax. Chapter 882 of the Laws of 1953 defines a port watchman as any watchman, gateman, roundsman, detective, guard, guardian or protector of property employed by the operator of any pier or other waterfront terminal or by a carrier of freight by water to perform services in such capacity on any pier or other waterfront terminal. On or after December 1, 1953, no person may act as a port watchman within the Port of New York district without first having obtained a license from the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor, and no person may employ a port watchman who is not so licensed.