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- 8 DETERMINATION PLUS THE COSTS AND CHARGES WHICH MAY ACCRUE AGAINST IT IN
- 9 THE PROSECUTION OF THE PROCEEDING, IN WHICH EVENT THE PETITIONER SHALL

- 10 NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY SUCH TAXES, INTEREST OR PENALTIES AS A CONDITION 11 PRECEDENT TO THE APPLICATION.
- 12 (7) WHERE ANY TAXES IMPOSED HEREUNDER SHALL HAVE BEEN ERRONEOUSLY, 13 ILLEGALLY OR UNCONSTITUTIONALLY COLLECTED AND APPLICATION FOR THE REFUND 14 THEREFOR DULY MADE TO THE PROPER FISCAL OFFICER OR OFFICERS, AND SUCH OFFICER OR OFFICERS SHALL HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION DENYING SUCH REFUND, SUCH DETERMINATION SHALL BE REVIEWABLE BY A PROCEEDING UNDER ARTICLE 17 SEVENTY-EIGHT OF THE CIVIL PRACTICE LAW AND RULES, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH PROCEEDING IS INSTITUTED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE GIVING 18 OF THE NOTICE OF SUCH DENIAL, THAT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF TAX DUE WAS 19 NOT PREVIOUSLY MADE, AND THAT AN UNDERTAKING IS FILED WITH THE PROPER FISCAL OFFICER OR OFFICERS IN SUCH AMOUNT AND WITH SUCH SURETIES AS A JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT SHALL APPROVE TO THE EFFECT THAT IF SUCH PROCEEDING BE DISMISSED OR THE TAXES CONFIRMED, THE PETITIONER WILL PAY ALL COSTS AND CHARGES WHICH MAY ACCRUE IN THE PROSECUTION OF 24 25 PROCEEDING.
- 26 (8) EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A WILLFULLY FALSE OR FRAUDULENT RETURN WITH 27 INTENT TO EVADE THE TAX, NO ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL TAX SHALL BE MADE 28 AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF MORE THAN THREE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE 29 FILING OF A RETURN, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT WHERE NO RETURN HAS BEEN 30 FILED AS PROVIDED BY LAW THE TAX MAY BE ASSESSED AT ANY TIME.
- 31 (9) ALL REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX UNDER THE 32 LOCAL LAWS SHALL BE PAID INTO THE TREASURY OF THE VILLAGE OF HARRISON 33 AND SHALL BE CREDITED TO AND DEPOSITED IN THE GENERAL FUND OF THE 34 VILLAGE. SUCH REVENUES MAY BE USED FOR ANY LAWFUL PURPOSE.
- 35 (10) EACH ENACTMENT OF SUCH A LOCAL LAW MAY PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION 36 OF A HOTEL OR MOTEL TAX FOR A PERIOD OF TIME NO LONGER THAN THREE YEARS 37 FROM THE DATE OF ITS ENACTMENT. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PROHIBIT 38 THE ADOPTION AND ENACTMENT OF LOCAL LAWS, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF 39 THIS SECTION, UPON THE EXPIRATION OF ANY OTHER LOCAL LAW ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.
- 41 (11) IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION OR THE APPLICATION THEREOF TO 42 ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE SHALL BE HELD INVALID, THE REMAINDER OF THIS 43 SECTION AND THE APPLICATION OF SUCH PROVISION TO OTHER PERSONS OR 44 CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL NOT BE AFFECTED THEREBY.
- 45 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be 46 deemed repealed September 1, 2017.