In the Matter of the Petition

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State of New York County of Albany

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LaConti (DEPARTMENTARINGENDE) the petitioner in the within proceeding,

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Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale LaConti

120 South Street

120 South Street
Cresskill, New Jersey 07626

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4th day of March

, 1977.

Bruce Botchely



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## STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

#### TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

March 4, 1977

TELEPHONE: (518)457-1723

Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale LaConti 120 South Street Cresskill, New Jersey 07626

Dear Mr. & Mrs. LaConti:

Please take notice of the DECISION of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(x) 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. They will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

Frank J. Puccia

Supervisor of Small

Claims Hearings

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

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cc:

# STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

of

PASQUALE AND PAULINE LA CONTI

DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1971.

Petitioners, Pasquale and Pauline LaConti, residing at 120 South Street, Cresskill, New Jersey 07626, have filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1971 (File No. 1-89180333).

A small claims hearing was held before Philip Mercurio, Small Claims Hearing Officer, on July 13, 1976 at 1:15 P.M. at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York. The petitioner appeared <u>pro se</u> and for his wife, petitioner, Pauline LaConti. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (Irwin Levy, Esq., of counsel).

### ISSUES

- I. Whether income received as a guaranteed annual wage for the year 1971 by the petitioner, Pasquale LaConti, a nonresident, is taxable to New York State?
- II. Whether the allocation of wage income used by the petitioners, Pasquale and Pauline LaConti, is correct?

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioners, Pasquale and Pauline LaConti, filed a New York State nonresident income tax return for the year 1971. They allocated the income received by the petitioner, Pasquale LaConti, based on the days worked within and without New York State. Petitioner, Pasquale LaConti, allocated to out-of-state work the amount of income he received as a guaranteed annual wage.
- 2. On September 29, 1975, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against the petitioners, Pasquale and Pauline LaConti, taxing the income received as a guaranteed annual wage to New York State and disallowing the allocation as unsubstantiated. In accordance with the Statement of Audit Changes, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Deficiency in the sum of \$122.77.
- 3. The petitioner, Pasquale LaConti, is a longshoreman and a member of the International Longshoremens Association. His services as a longshoreman were performed in New York.
- 4. For the year 1971 the petitioner, Pasquale LaConti, received from the New York Shipping Association Inc., as a guaranteed wage \$8,523.80 and \$180.00 from the Royalty Fund. He also received \$156.40 while performing services for Cunard Steamship Co. Ltd. in New York.
- 5. The guaranteed annual wage received by the petitioner, Pasquale LaConti, during 1971, is part of a contract entered into between the Longshoreman's Association and the New York Shipping Association, whereby each longshoreman is guaranteed an annual wage for any particular year, regardless of whether he performs Services or not.

- 6. The New York Shipping Association, Inc. withheld New York State taxes from the income received by the petitioner, Pasquale LaConti, as a guaranteed annual wage.
- 7. The allocation of wages schedule, as reported on the petitioner's New York State return for the year 1971 was incorrect. The petitioner, Pasquale LaConti, states that he did not allocate the income received by him on days worked within and without New York, but rather on where his services were performed.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A) That the income received by the petitioner, Pasquale LaConti, during the year 1971, as a guaranteed annual wage is taxable to New York State within the meaning and intent of section 632(b) of the Tax Law.
- B) That the allocation used by the petitioners', Pasquale and Pauline LaConti, for the year 1971 is not applicable.
- C) That the petition of Pasquale and Pauline LaConti, is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued on September 29, 1975 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York March 4, 1977

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