In the Matter of the Petition

of

ANTHONY J. BATTAGLIA

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State of New York County of Albany

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Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon Anthony J. Battaglia

(representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

Mr. Anthony J. Battaglia

Mr. Anthony J. Battaglia 1449 Sheridan Drive Kenmore, New York 14216

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

Sworn to before me this

4th day of March , 197

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Paul A. Battaglia, Esq.

700 Liberty Bank Building Buffalo, New York 14202

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That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative of the) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

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STATE TAX COMMISSION

STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

TAX APPEALS BUREAU

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ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

March 4, 1977

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-1723

Mr. Anthony J. Battaglia 1449 Sheridan Drive Kenmore, New York 14216

Dear Mr. Battaglia:

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

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(3) 722 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.

Nery truly yours,

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Frank J. Puccia Supervisor of Small Claims Hearings

cc: Petitioner's Representative:

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

STATE OF NEW YORK

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ANTHONY J. BATTAGLIA : DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the Year 1972.

Petitioner, Anthony J. Battaglia, residing at 1449 Sheridan

Drive, Kenmore, New York 14216, filed a petition for redetermination

of a deficiency or for refund of unincorporated business tax under

Article 23 of the Tax Law for the year 1972. (File #2-25753747).

A small claims hearing was held September 16, 1976 at 9:15 A.M. at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 65 Court Street, Buffalo, New York, before Harry Huebsch, Hearing Officer. Petitioner, Anthony J. Battaglia, appeared with his representative, Paul A. Battaglia, Esq. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (Alexander Weiss, Esq., of counsel).

ISSUES

- I. Was the rental income received from leased property in 1972 includible in computing net business income for purposes of the New York State unincorporated business tax?
- II. Was the gain realized from the sale of such assets subject to New York State unincorporated business tax for the year 1972?

III. Was the petition timely filed?

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. In 1929, petitioner, Anthony J. Battaglia, purchased a three-story building. He operated a tavern and restaurant on the first floor, and he and his family lived on the second floor. The third floor contained an apartment and some rooms which were rented on a weekly or monthly basis. In 1942, petitioner, Anthony J. Battaglia, purchased an adjacent two-store building which contained two apartments and a two-car garage. Petitioner, Anthony J. Battaglia, rented the apartments on a monthly basis and used the garage himself. In 1960, petitioner, Anthony J. Battaglia, purchased an adjacent lot which was used as a parking lot for the tavern and restaurant customers. The properties were contiguous.
- 2. Petitioner, Anthony J. Battaglia, was 68 years old in 1970 and no longer had the services of his son in the tavern and restaurant business. He had previously attempted to sell the business without success. In 1970 he leased the business premises to an unrelated party for \$400.00 per month and retired from all business activities except for the collection of rents. In 1972, he sold all three properties to another unrelated party for \$50,000.00. The lessee of the tavern and restaurant property continued in business under the new property owner.
- 3. On October 27, 1975, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Deficiency in the sum of \$2,233.37 for the year 1972. The 90th day after this date fell on a Sunday. The petition was mailed on the following day.

4. Petitioner, Anthony J. Battagliá, filed unincorporated business tax returns up to the date that he ceased operations and leased out the premises.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the petition of Anthony J. Battaglia was timely filed in accordance with section 691(c) of the Tax Law.
- B. That petitioner, Anthony J. Battaglia, was not engaged in the carrying on of an unincorporated business in 1972 in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703(a) of the Tax Law, and that he was in fact, holding, leasing or managing real property exempt from imposition of unincorporated business tax on the gain from sale of property and on the rental income in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703(e) of the Tax Law.
- C. That the petition of Anthony J. Battaglia is granted and the Notice of Deficiency dated October 27, 1975 is cancelled.

DATED: Albany, New York March 4, 1977

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