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### Small businesses stand to benefit from incentives bill

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Businesses will benefit from several new federal tax incentives this year, if the Small Business Jobs Act, which passed the Senate last week, is enacted into law as expected, said **Kenneth G. Hydock**, director of the tax department of **Sobel & Co.**, at a roundtable discussion at the firm's Livingston office Wednesday morning.

Hydock also went over the new taxes facing businesses under the new health care reform law, but noted most don't take effect for a few years, opening the door to possible revision or repeal by future acts of Congress.

The Small Business Jobs Act raises the one-year tax deduction for new equipment purchased in 2010 and 2011 to \$500,000. It had been scheduled to drop to \$25,000 next year.

Hydock said he anticipates the bill will pass the House and be signed by President **Barack Obama**. "While nobody has a crystal ball, I believe this one is close enough to fruition that probably it should happen. The provisions are mostly for 2010 and 2011 ... so you will have a very small window to take advantage of it."

Hydock said the law also provides a key incentive for the real estate industry — a new \$250,000 tax deduction for property, including leasehold improvements, restaurant and retail property, also for 2010 and 2011.

"An expense election for real property is something we have never seen in the past," Hydock said. "This will be a really good provision for our real estate clients."

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