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Gay couples in New York get estate tax refund

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The state of New York now says it will give same-sex couples a refund for estate taxes paid before gay marriage was recognized under federal law.

According to a story by the *Associated Press* on www.crainsnewyork.com, Governor Andrew Cuomo said the refunds for overpayment of estate taxes are the result of the recent ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that struck down sections of the Defense of Marriage Act.

Same-sex spouses were required to pay thousands of dollars more in state estate taxes when one spouse died since they were not treated the same as if they were in a traditional marriage, according to the story.

Same-sex marriage has been legal in New York since 2011.