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AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to excluding certain expenditures for medical care from the definition of "income" for the purpose of a tax abatement for rent-controlled and rent regulated property occupied by senior citizens

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. Paragraph c of subdivision 1 of section 467-b of the real 2 property tax law, as amended by chapter 500 of the laws of 2001, is 3 amended to read as follows:
- 4 "Income" means income from all sources after deduction of all 5 income and social security taxes and includes social security and retirement benefits, supplemental security income and additional state 7 payments, public assistance benefits, interest, dividends, net rental income, salary or earnings, and net income from self-employment, but 9 shall not include gifts or inheritances, payments made to individuals because of their status as victims of Nazi persecution, as defined in 10 P.L. 103-286, or increases in benefits accorded pursuant to the social 11 12 security act or a public or private pension paid to any member of the household which increase, in any given year, does not exceed the consumer price index (all items United States city average) for such year 13 14 15 which take effect after the date of eligibility of head of the household receiving benefits hereunder whether received by the head of the house-16 hold or any other member of the household AND ANY SUCH INCOME SHALL BE 17 18 OFFSET BY ALL MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG EXPENSES ACTUALLY PAID WHICH WERE NOT REIMBURSED OR PAID FOR BY INSURANCE, IF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF 19

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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1 A MUNICIPALITY, AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING, ADOPTS A LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR 2 RESOLUTION PROVIDING THEREFOR;

- S 2. Paragraph f of subdivision 1 of section 467-c of the real property tax law, as amended by chapter 500 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:
- 6 "Income" means income received by the eligible head of the house-7 hold combined with the income of all other members of the household from 8 all sources after deduction of all income and social security taxes and 9 includes without limitation, social security and retirement benefits, 10 supplemental security income and additional state payments, public assistance benefits, interest, dividends, net rental income, salary and 11 12 earnings, and net income from self employment, but shall not include gifts or inheritances, payments made to individuals because of their status as victims of Nazi persecution as defined in P.L. 103-286, nor 13 14 15 increases in benefits accorded pursuant to the social security act or a 16 public or private pension paid to any member of the household which 17 increase, in any given year, does not exceed the consumer price index (all items United States city average) for such year which take effect 18 19 after the eligibility date of an eligible head of the household receiving benefits hereunder whether received by the eligible head of 20 21 household or any other member of the household AND ANY SUCH INCOME SHALL BE OFFSET BY ALL MEDICAL AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG EXPENSES 22 23 PAID WHICH WERE NOT REIMBURSED OR PAID FOR BY INSURANCE, IF THE GOVERN-ING BOARD OF A MUNICIPALITY, AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING, ADOPTS A LOCAL LAW, 24 25 ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION PROVIDING THEREFOR. When the eligible head of 26 the household has retired on or after the commencement of the taxable 27 period and prior to the date of making an application for a rent increase exemption order/tax abatement certificate pursuant to this 28 29 section, such person's income shall be adjusted by excluding salary or 30 earnings and projecting such person's retirement income over the entire 31 taxable period.
 - S 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amendment to paragraph c of subdivision 1 of section 467-b of the real property tax law, made by section one of this act, shall not affect the expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith.