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AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to extending the  
enhanced STAR exemption to the disabled surviving spouse of a previously  
qualifying individual

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

1     Section 1. Subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of  
2     section 425 of the real property tax law, as added by section 4 of part  
3     A of chapter 405 of the laws of 1999, is amended to read as follows:  
4     (iii) In the case of property owned by husband and wife, one of whom  
5     is sixty-five years of age or over, the exemption, once granted, shall  
6     not be rescinded solely because of the death of the older spouse so long  
7     as the surviving spouse is at least sixty-two years of age OR IS PHYSI-  
8     CALLY DISABLED as of the date specified in this paragraph. TO QUALIFY  
9     AS PHYSICALLY DISABLED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH, AN INDI-  
10     VIDUAL SHALL SUBMIT TO THE ASSESSOR A CERTIFIED STATEMENT FROM A PHYSI-  
11     CIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE ON A FORM PRESCRIBED AND MADE  
12     AVAILABLE BY THE COMMISSIONER WHICH STATES THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS A  
13     PERMANENT PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT WHICH SUBSTANTIALLY LIMITS ONE OR MORE OF  
14     SUCH INDIVIDUAL'S MAJOR LIFE ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO  
15     HAS OBTAINED A CERTIFICATE FROM THE STATE COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND  
16     VISUALLY HANDICAPPED STATING THAT SUCH INDIVIDUAL IS LEGALLY BLIND MAY  
17     SUBMIT SUCH CERTIFICATE IN LIEU OF A PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFIED STATEMENT.  
18     THE OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBDIVISION MUST STILL BE MET FOR THE  
19     ENHANCED EXEMPTION TO BE GRANTED TO A SURVIVING SPOUSE UNDER THIS  
20     SUBPARAGRAPH.  
21     S 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall apply to the  
22     administration of the enhanced STAR exemption beginning with the  
23     2013-2014 school year.

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

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