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AN ACT to amend the real property tax law, in relation to increasing the combined household income limit for eligibility for a senior citizen rent increase exemption (SCRIE) and for a municipal property tax abatement for rent-controlled and rent regulated property occupied by senior citizens on the basis of the consumer price index

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 467-b of the real 2 property tax law, as amended by section 1 of part U of chapter 55 of the 3 laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:

a. for a dwelling unit where the head of the household is a person 5 sixty-two years of age or older, no tax abatement shall be granted if the combined income of all members of the household for the income tax 6 7 immediately preceding the date of making application exceeds four thousand dollars, or such other sum not more than twenty-five 9 dollars beginning July first, two thousand five, twenty-six thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand six, twenty-seven 10 dollars beginning July first, two thousand seven, twenty-eight thousand 11 12 dollars beginning July first, two thousand eight, twenty-nine dollars beginning July first, two thousand nine, and fifty thousand 13 14 dollars beginning July first, two thousand fourteen, as may be provided 15 the local law, ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to this section, provided that when the head of the household retires before the 16 17 commencement of such income tax year and the date of filing the applica-18 tion, the income for such year may be adjusted by excluding salary or earnings and projecting his or her retirement income over the entire 19 20 period of such year. THE MAXIMUM INCOME THRESHOLD PROVIDED FOR HEREIN

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

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SHALL BE INCREASED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL ON JANUARY FIRST OF EACH YEAR TO REFLECT ANY INCREASE IN THE REGIONAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR THE N.Y., N.Y.-NORTHEASTERN, N.J. AREA, BASED UPON THE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUM- ERS (CPI-U) DURING THE PRECEDING TWELVE MONTH PERIOD.

- S 2. Paragraph d of subdivision 1 of section 467-c of the real property tax law, as separately amended by chapters 188 and 205 of the laws of 2005, subparagraph 1 as amended by section 2 of part U of chapter 55 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as follows:
- 9 10 d. "Eligible head of the household" means (1) a person or his or her sixty-two years of age or older and is entitled to the 11 is possession or to the use and occupancy of a dwelling unit, provided, 12 however, with respect to a dwelling which was subject to a mortgage 13 14 insured or initially insured by the federal government pursuant 15 section two hundred thirteen of the National Housing Act, as amended "eligible head of the household" shall be limited to that person or his 16 17 or her spouse who was entitled to possession or the use and occupancy of 18 such dwelling unit at the time of termination of such mortgage, and 19 whose income when combined with the income of all other members of the household, does not exceed six thousand five hundred dollars for the 20 taxable period, or such other sum not less than sixty-five hundred 21 dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand dollars beginning July first, 22 23 two thousand five, twenty-six thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand six, twenty-seven thousand dollars beginning July first, two 24 25 thousand seven, twenty-eight thousand dollars beginning July first, 26 thousand eight, twenty-nine thousand dollars beginning July first, two 27 thousand nine, and fifty thousand dollars beginning July first, 28 thousand fourteen, as may be provided by local law; or (2) a person with 29 a disability as defined in this subdivision. THE MAXIMUM INCOME THRESH-PROVIDED FOR HEREIN SHALL BE INCREASED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER 30 OF THE STATE DIVISION OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL ON JANUARY FIRST 31 EACH YEAR TO REFLECT ANY INCREASE IN THE REGIONAL CONSUMER PRICE 32 33 INDEX FOR THE N.Y., N.Y.-NORTHEASTERN, N.J. AREA, BASED UPON FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U) DURING THE PRECEDING TWELVE MONTH PERI-34 35
- S 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amendment to paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 467-b of the real property tax law made by section one of this act shall not affect the expiration of such paragraph and shall be deemed to expire therewith.