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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:

c. "Income" means income from all sources after deduction of all income and social security taxes and includes social security and 5 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 shall not include gifts or inheritances, payments made to individuals 9 10 because of their status as victims of Nazi persecution, as defined in 11 P.L. 103-286, or increases in benefits accorded pursuant to the social 12 security act or a public or private pension paid to any member of the 13 household which increase, in any given year, does not exceed the consumer price index (all items United States city average) for such year 14 which take effect after the date of eligibility of head of the household 15 receiving benefits hereunder whether received by the head of the house-16 17 hold or any other member of the household and any such income shall be 18 offset by all medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid which 19 were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance, if the governing board of 20 <u>a municipality, after a public hearing, adopts a local law, ordinance or</u> 21 <u>resolution providing therefor</u>;

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

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§ 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:

4 "Income" means income received by the eligible head of the household combined with the income of all other members of the household from all sources after deduction of all income and social security taxes and includes without limitation, social security and retirement benefits, supplemental security income and additional state payments, public assistance benefits, interest, dividends, net rental income, salary and 9 10 earnings, and net income from self employment, but shall not include gifts or inheritances, payments made to individuals because of their 11 status as victims of Nazi persecution as defined in P.L. 103-286, nor 12 13 increases in benefits accorded pursuant to the social security act or a 14 public or private pension paid to any member of the household which 15 increase, in any given year, does not exceed the consumer price index 16 (all items United States city average) for such year which take effect 17 after the eligibility date of an eligible head of the household receiving benefits hereunder whether received by the eligible head of the 18 household or any other member of the household and any such income 19 20 shall be offset by all medical and prescription drug expenses actually 21 paid which were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance, if the govern-22 ing board of a municipality, after a public hearing, adopts a local law, ordinance or resolution providing therefor. When the eligible head of 23 the household has retired on or after the commencement of the taxable period and prior to the date of making an application for a rent 25 26 increase exemption order/tax abatement certificate pursuant to this 27 section, such person's income shall be adjusted by excluding salary or 28 earnings and projecting such person's retirement income over the entire 29 taxable period.

30 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately, provided that the amend-31 ment to paragraph c of subdivision 1 of section 467-b of the real prop-32 erty tax law, made by section one of this act, shall not affect the 33 expiration of such section and shall be deemed to expire therewith.