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Introduced by Sens. KAVANAGH, ADDABBO, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, JACKSON, KRUEGER, ROLISON, SERRANO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Aging -- recommitted to the Committee on Aging in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

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), disability rent increase exemption (DRIE), senior citizen homeowners' exemption (SCHE), and disabled homeowners' exemption (DHE) 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. Paragraphs a and b of subdivision 3 of section 467-b of the  
2 real property tax law, paragraph a as amended by section 1 of part U of  
3 chapter 55 of the laws of 2014 and paragraph b as amended by chapter 129  
4 of the laws of 2014, are amended to read as follows:  
5 a. for a dwelling unit where the head of the household is a person  
6 sixty-two years of age or older, no tax abatement shall be granted if  
7 the combined income of all members of the household for the income tax  
8 year immediately preceding the date of making application exceeds four  
9 thousand dollars, or such other sum not more than twenty-five thousand  
10 dollars beginning July first, two thousand five, twenty-six thousand  
11 dollars beginning July first, two thousand six, twenty-seven thousand  
12 dollars beginning July first, two thousand seven, twenty-eight thousand  
13 dollars beginning July first, two thousand eight, twenty-nine thousand  
14 dollars beginning July first, two thousand nine, [~~and~~] fifty thousand  
15 dollars beginning July first, two thousand fourteen, and sixty-one thou-  
16 sand dollars beginning July first, two thousand twenty-four, as may be

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

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1 provided by the local law, ordinance or resolution adopted pursuant to  
2 this section, provided that when the head of the household retires  
3 before the commencement of such income tax year and the date of filing  
4 the application, the income for such year may be adjusted by excluding  
5 salary or earnings and projecting [~~his or her~~] such head of household's  
6 retirement income over the entire period of such year. The maximum  
7 income threshold provided for herein shall be increased by order of the  
8 commissioner of the state division of housing and community renewal to  
9 reflect any increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers  
10 for all items as published by the United States bureau of labor statis-  
11 tics for the region in which the housing accommodation is located, as  
12 established for the most recent preceding calendar year as shall be  
13 published by the division of housing and community renewal no later than  
14 the first of July in any given year, provided that for New York city and  
15 any municipality that adopts a local law, ordinance or resolution  
16 providing for the abatement of taxes pursuant to this section in the  
17 counties of Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and  
18 Westchester, such consumer price index shall be the New York-Newark-Jer-  
19 sey City, NY-NJ-PA consumer price index (CPI-U), and provided further  
20 that for any other municipality that adopts a local law, ordinance or  
21 resolution providing for the abatement of taxes pursuant to this  
22 section, such consumer price index shall be the Northeast Region consum-  
23 er price index.

24 b. for a dwelling unit where the head of the household qualifies as a  
25 person with a disability pursuant to subdivision five of this section,  
26 no tax abatement shall be granted if the combined income for all members  
27 of the household for the current income tax year exceeds [~~fifty~~] sixty-  
28 one thousand dollars beginning July first, two thousand [~~fourteen~~] twen-  
29 ty-four, as may be provided by the local law, ordinance or resolution  
30 adopted pursuant to this section. The maximum income threshold provided  
31 for herein shall be increased by order of the commissioner of the state  
32 division of housing and community renewal to reflect any increase in the  
33 consumer price index for all urban consumers for all items as published  
34 by the United States bureau of labor statistics for the region in which  
35 the housing accommodation is located, as established for the most recent  
36 preceding calendar year as shall be published by the division of housing  
37 and community renewal no later than the first of July in any given year,  
38 provided that for New York city and any municipality that adopts a local  
39 law, ordinance or resolution providing for the abatement of taxes pursu-  
40 ant to this section in the counties of Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam,  
41 Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester, such consumer price index shall be  
42 the New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA consumer price index (CPI-U),  
43 and provided further that for any other municipality that adopts a local  
44 law, ordinance or resolution providing for the abatement of taxes pursu-  
45 ant to this section, such consumer price index shall be the Northeast  
46 Region consumer price index.

47 § 2. Paragraphs d and m of subdivision 1 of section 467-c of the real  
48 property tax law, paragraph d as separately amended by chapters 188 and  
49 205 of the laws of 2005, subparagraph 1 of paragraph d as amended by  
50 section 2 of part U of chapter 55 of the laws of 2014 and paragraph m as  
51 amended by chapter 129 of the laws of 2014, are amended to read as  
52 follows:

53 d. "Eligible head of the household" means (1) a person or [~~his or her~~]  
54 such person's spouse who is sixty-two years of age or older and is enti-  
55 tled to the possession or to the use and occupancy of a dwelling unit,  
56 provided, however, with respect to a dwelling which was subject to a

1 mortgage insured or initially insured by the federal government pursuant  
2 to section two hundred thirteen of the National Housing Act, as amended  
3 "eligible head of the household" shall be limited to that person or [~~his~~  
4 ~~or her~~] such person's spouse who was entitled to possession or the use  
5 and occupancy of such dwelling unit at the time of termination of such  
6 mortgage, and whose income when combined with the income of all other  
7 members of the household, does not exceed six thousand five hundred  
8 dollars for the taxable period, or such other sum not less than sixty-  
9 five hundred dollars nor more than twenty-five thousand dollars begin-  
10 ning July first, two thousand five, twenty-six thousand dollars begin-  
11 ning July first, two thousand six, twenty-seven thousand dollars  
12 beginning July first, two thousand seven, twenty-eight thousand dollars  
13 beginning July first, two thousand eight, twenty-nine thousand dollars  
14 beginning July first, two thousand nine, [~~and~~] fifty thousand dollars  
15 beginning July first, two thousand fourteen, and sixty-one thousand  
16 dollars beginning July first, two thousand twenty-four, as may be  
17 provided by local law; or (2) a person with a disability as defined in  
18 this subdivision. The maximum income threshold provided for herein  
19 shall be increased by order of the commissioner of the state division of  
20 housing and community renewal to reflect any increase in the consumer  
21 price index for all urban consumers for all items as published by the  
22 United States bureau of labor statistics for the region in which the  
23 housing accommodation is located, as established for the most recent  
24 preceding calendar year as shall be published by the division of housing  
25 and community renewal no later than the first of July in any given year,  
26 provided that for New York city and any municipality that adopts a local  
27 law, ordinance or resolution providing for the abatement of taxes pursu-  
28 ant to this section in the counties of Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam,  
29 Rockland, Suffolk, and Westchester, such consumer price index shall be  
30 the New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA consumer price index (CPI-U),  
31 and provided further that for any other municipality that adopts a local  
32 law, ordinance or resolution providing for the abatement of taxes pursu-  
33 ant to this section, such consumer price index shall be the Northeast  
34 Region consumer price index.

35 m. "Person with a disability" means an individual who is currently  
36 receiving social security disability insurance (SSDI) or supplemental  
37 security income (SSI) benefits under the federal social security act or  
38 disability pension or disability compensation benefits provided by the  
39 United States department of veterans affairs or those previously eligi-  
40 ble by virtue of receiving disability benefits under the supplemental  
41 security income program or the social security disability program and  
42 currently receiving medical assistance benefits based on determination  
43 of disability as provided in section three hundred sixty-six of the  
44 social services law and whose income for the current income tax year,  
45 together with the income of all members of such individual's household,  
46 does not exceed [~~fifty~~] sixty-one thousand dollars beginning July first,  
47 two thousand [~~fourteen~~] twenty-four, as may be provided by local law.  
48 The maximum income threshold provided for herein shall be increased by  
49 order of the commissioner of the state division of housing and community  
50 renewal to reflect any increase in the consumer price index for all  
51 urban consumers for all items as published by the United States bureau  
52 of labor statistics for the region in which the housing accommodation is  
53 located, as established for the most recent preceding calendar year as  
54 shall be published by the division of housing and community renewal no  
55 later than the first of July in any given year, provided that for New  
56 York city and any municipality that adopts a local law, ordinance or

1 resolution providing for the abatement of taxes pursuant to this section  
2 in the counties of Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk,  
3 and Westchester, such consumer price index shall be the New York-Ne-  
4 wark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA consumer price index (CPI-U), and provided  
5 further that for any other municipality that adopts a local law, ordi-  
6 nance or resolution providing for the abatement of taxes pursuant to  
7 this section, such consumer price index shall be the Northeast Region  
8 consumer price index.

9 § 3. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 467  
10 of the real property tax law, as amended by section 2 of part K of chap-  
11 ter 59 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

12 (i) if the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of  
13 the property for the applicable income tax year exceeds the sum of three  
14 thousand dollars, or such other sum not less than three thousand dollars  
15 nor more than [~~fifty~~] sixty-one thousand dollars beginning July first,  
16 two thousand twenty-four, as may be provided by the local law, ordinance  
17 or resolution adopted pursuant to this section. The maximum income  
18 threshold provided for herein shall be increased by order of the commis-  
19 sioner to reflect any increase in the consumer price index for all urban  
20 consumers for all items as published by the United States bureau of  
21 labor statistics for the region in which the housing accommodation is  
22 located, as established for the most recent preceding calendar year as  
23 shall be published by the division of housing and community renewal no  
24 later than the first of July in any given year, provided that for New  
25 York city and any municipality that adopts a local law, ordinance or  
26 resolution providing for the abatement of taxes pursuant to this section  
27 in the counties of Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk,  
28 and Westchester, such consumer price index shall be the New York-Ne-  
29 wark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA consumer price index (CPI-U), and provided  
30 further that for any other municipality that adopts a local law, ordi-  
31 nance or resolution providing for the abatement of taxes pursuant to  
32 this section, such consumer price index shall be the Northeast Region  
33 consumer price index.

34 § 4. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 5 of section  
35 459-c of the real property tax law, as amended by section 8 of part K of  
36 chapter 59 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as follows:

37 (i) if the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of  
38 the property for the applicable income tax year exceeds the sum of three  
39 thousand dollars, or such other sum not less than three thousand dollars  
40 nor more than [~~fifty~~] sixty-one thousand dollars beginning July first,  
41 two thousand twenty-four, as may be provided by the local law or resol-  
42 ution adopted pursuant to this section. The maximum income threshold  
43 provided for herein shall be increased by order of the commissioner to  
44 reflect any increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers  
45 for all items as published by the United States bureau of labor statis-  
46 tics for the region in which the housing accommodation is located, as  
47 established for the most recent preceding calendar year as shall be  
48 published by the division of housing and community renewal no later than  
49 the first of July in any given year, provided that for New York city and  
50 any municipality that adopts a local law, ordinance or resolution  
51 providing for the abatement of taxes pursuant to this section in the  
52 counties of Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk, and  
53 Westchester, such consumer price index shall be the New York-Newark-Jer-  
54 sey City, NY-NJ-PA consumer price index (CPI-U), and provided further  
55 that for any other municipality that adopts a local law, ordinance or  
56 resolution providing for the abatement of taxes pursuant to this

1 section, such consumer price index shall be the Northeast Region consum-  
2 er price index.

3 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that:

4 (a) the amendments to paragraph a of subdivision 3 of section 467-b of  
5 the real property tax law made by section one of this act shall not  
6 affect the expiration of such paragraph pursuant to section 4 of part U  
7 of chapter 55 of the laws of 2014, as amended, and shall be deemed to  
8 expire therewith;

9 (b) the amendments to paragraph b of subdivision 3 of section 467-b of  
10 the real property tax law made by section one of this act shall not  
11 affect the expiration of such paragraph pursuant to section 4 of chapter  
12 129 of the laws of 2014, as amended, and shall be deemed to expire ther-  
13 ewith;

14 (c) the amendments to subparagraph 1 of paragraph d of subdivision 1  
15 of section 467-c of the real property tax law, made by section two of  
16 this act shall not affect the expiration of such subparagraph pursuant  
17 to section 4 of part U of chapter 55 of the laws of 2014, as amended,  
18 and shall be deemed expired therewith; and

19 (d) the amendments to paragraph m of subdivision 1 of section 467-c of  
20 the real property tax law, made by section two of this act shall not  
21 affect the expiration of such paragraph pursuant to section 4 of chapter  
22 129 of the laws of 2014, as amended, and shall be deemed expired there-  
23 with.