

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. SHIMSKY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Real Property Taxation

AN ACT to amend the real property tax law and the tax law, in relation to the definition of income in relation to the enhanced STAR exemption

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of
2 section 425 of the real property tax law, as amended by section 1 of
3 part B of chapter 59 of the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:
4 (ii) The term "income" as used herein shall mean the "adjusted gross
5 income" for federal income tax purposes as reported on the applicant's
6 federal or state income tax return for the applicable income tax year,
7 subject to any subsequent amendments or revisions, reduced by distrib-
8 utions, to the extent included in federal adjusted gross income,
9 received from an individual retirement account and an individual retire-
10 ment annuity, and distribution from a thrift savings plan established
11 prior to January first, nineteen hundred eighty-four; provided that if
12 no such return was filed for the applicable income tax year, "income"
13 shall mean the adjusted gross income that would have been so reported if
14 such a return had been filed. Provided further, that effective with
15 exemption applications for final assessment rolls to be completed in two
16 thousand nineteen, where an income-eligibility determination is wholly
17 or partly based upon the income of one or more individuals who did not
18 file a return for the applicable income tax year, then in order for the
19 application to be considered complete, each such individual must file a
20 statement with the department showing the source or sources of his or
21 her income for that income tax year, and the amount or amounts thereof,
22 that would have been reported on such a return if one had been filed.
23 Such statement shall be filed at such time, and in such form and manner,
24 as may be prescribed by the department, and shall be subject to the
25 secrecy provisions of the tax law to the same extent that a personal
26 income tax return would be. The department shall make such forms and
27 instructions available for the filing of such statements. The local

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

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1 assessor shall upon the request of a taxpayer assist such taxpayer in
2 the filing of the statement with the department.

3 § 2. Subparagraph (B) of paragraph 1 of subsection (eee) of section
4 606 of the tax law, as amended by section 10 of part B of chapter 59 of
5 the laws of 2018, is amended to read as follows:

6 (B) "Affiliated income" shall mean for purposes of the basic STAR
7 credit, the combined income of all of the owners of the parcel who
8 resided primarily thereon as of December thirty-first of the taxable
9 year, and of any owners' spouses residing primarily thereon as of such
10 date, and for purposes of the enhanced STAR credit, the combined income
11 of all of the owners of the parcel as of December thirty-first of the
12 taxable year, and of any owners' spouses residing primarily thereon as
13 of such date; provided that for both purposes the income to be so
14 combined shall be the "adjusted gross income" for the taxable year as
15 reported for federal income tax purposes, or that would be reported as
16 adjusted gross income if a federal income tax return were required to be
17 filed, reduced by distributions, to the extent included in federal
18 adjusted gross income, received from an individual retirement account
19 and an individual retirement annuity, and distribution from a thrift
20 savings plan established prior to January first, nineteen hundred eight-
21 y-four. For taxable years beginning on and after January first, two
22 thousand nineteen, where an income-eligibility determination is wholly
23 or partly based upon the income of one or more individuals who did not
24 file a return pursuant to section six hundred fifty-one of this article
25 for the applicable income tax year, then in order to be eligible for the
26 credit authorized by this subsection, each such individual must file a
27 statement with the department showing the source or sources of his or
28 her income for that income tax year, and the amount or amounts thereof,
29 that would have been reported on such a return if one had been filed.
30 Such statement shall be filed at such time, and in such form and manner,
31 as may be prescribed by the department, and shall be subject to the
32 provisions of section six hundred ninety-seven of this article to the
33 same extent that a return would be. The department shall make such forms
34 and instructions available for the filing of such statements. The local
35 assessor shall upon the request of a taxpayer assist such taxpayer in
36 the filing of the statement with the department. Provided further, that
37 if the qualified taxpayer was an owner of the property during the taxa-
38 ble year but did not own it on December thirty-first of the taxable
39 year, then the determination as to whether the income of an individual
40 should be included in "affiliated income" shall be based upon the owner-
41 ship and/or residency status of that individual as of the first day of
42 the month during which the qualified taxpayer ceased to be an owner of
43 the property, rather than as of December thirty-first of the taxable
44 year.

45 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
46 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.