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Introduced by Sen. S. RYAN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the civil practice law and rules and the debtor and creditor law, in relation to the motor vehicle exemption and the homestead exemption for certain money judgments and bankruptcy proceedings

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph 8 of subdivision (a) of section 5205 of the civil
2 practice law and rules, as amended by chapter 1 of the laws of 2011, is
3 amended to read as follows:

4 8. one motor vehicle not exceeding [~~four~~] ten thousand dollars in
5 value above liens and encumbrances of the debtor; if such vehicle has
6 been equipped for use by a disabled debtor, then [~~ten~~] twenty-five thou-
7 sand dollars in value above liens and encumbrances of the debtor;
8 provided, however, that this exemption for one motor vehicle shall not
9 apply if the debt enforced is for child support, spousal support, main-
10 tenance, alimony or equitable distribution, or if the state of New York
11 or any of its agencies or any municipal corporation is the judgment
12 creditor; and

13 § 2. Subdivisions (a), (d) and (e) of section 5206 of the civil prac-
14 tice law and rules, as amended by chapter 568 of the laws of 2010, are
15 amended and a new subdivision (g) is added to read as follows:

16 (a) Exemption of homestead. Property of one of the following types,
17 not exceeding [~~one hundred fifty thousand dollars for the counties of~~
18 ~~Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx, Richmond, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland,~~
19 ~~Westchester and Putnam, one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars for the~~
20 ~~counties of Dutchess, Albany, Columbia, Orange, Saratoga and Ulster, and~~
21 ~~seventy-five thousand dollars~~] the homestead exemption amount for the
22 remaining counties of the state in value above liens and encumbrances,
23 owned and occupied as a principal residence, is exempt from application

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

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1 to the satisfaction of a money judgment, unless the judgment was recov-
2 ered wholly for the purchase price thereof:

- 3 1. a lot of land with a dwelling thereon,
- 4 2. shares of stock in a cooperative apartment corporation,
- 5 3. units of a condominium apartment, or
- 6 4. a mobile home.

7 But no exempt homestead shall be exempt from taxation or from sale for
8 non-payment of taxes or assessments.

9 (d) Exemption of homestead exceeding [~~one hundred fifty thousand~~
10 ~~dollars in value for the counties of Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx,~~
11 ~~Richmond, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester and Putnam; one hundred~~
12 ~~twenty five thousand dollars for the counties of Dutchess, Albany,~~
13 ~~Columbia, Orange, Saratoga and Ulster; and seventy five thousand dollars~~
14 ~~for the remaining counties of the state]~~ the homestead exemption amount.

15 The exemption of a homestead is not void because the value of the prop-
16 erty exceeds [~~one hundred fifty thousand dollars for the counties of~~
17 ~~Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx, Richmond, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland,~~
18 ~~Westchester and Putnam; one hundred twenty five thousand dollars for the~~
19 ~~counties of Dutchess, Albany, Columbia, Orange, Saratoga and Ulster; and~~
20 ~~seventy five thousand dollars for the remaining counties of the state]~~
21 the homestead exemption amount but the lien of a judgment attaches to
22 the surplus.

23 (e) Sale of homestead exceeding [~~one hundred fifty thousand dollars~~
24 ~~for the counties of Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx, Richmond, Nassau,~~
25 ~~Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester and Putnam; one hundred twenty five thou-~~
26 ~~sand dollars for the counties of Dutchess, Albany, Columbia, Orange,~~
27 ~~Saratoga and Ulster; and seventy five thousand dollars for the remaining~~
28 ~~counties of the state in value]~~ the homestead exemption amount. A judg-

29 ment creditor may commence a special proceeding in the county in which
30 the homestead is located against the judgment debtor for the sale, by a
31 sheriff or receiver, of a homestead exceeding [~~one hundred fifty thou-~~
32 ~~sand dollars for the counties of Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx, Rich-~~
33 ~~mond, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester and Putnam; one hundred~~
34 ~~twenty five thousand dollars for the counties of Dutchess, Albany,~~
35 ~~Columbia, Orange, Saratoga and Ulster; and seventy five thousand dollars~~
36 ~~for the remaining counties of the state]~~ the homestead exemption amount

37 in value. The court may direct that the notice of petition be served
38 upon any other person. The court, if it directs such a sale, shall so
39 marshal the proceeds of the sale that the right and interest of each
40 person in the proceeds shall correspond as nearly as may be to [~~his~~]

41 such judgment debtor's right and interest in the property sold. Money,
42 not exceeding [~~one hundred fifty thousand dollars for the counties of~~
43 ~~Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx, Richmond, Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland,~~
44 ~~Westchester and Putnam; one hundred twenty five thousand dollars for the~~
45 ~~counties of Dutchess, Albany, Columbia, Orange, Saratoga and Ulster; and~~
46 ~~seventy five thousand dollars for the remaining counties of the state]~~
47 the homestead exemption amount, paid to a judgment debtor, as represent-

48 ing [~~his~~] such judgment debtor's interest in the proceeds, is exempt for
49 one year after the payment, unless, before the expiration of the year,
50 [~~he~~] such judgment debtor acquires an exempt homestead, in which case,
51 the exemption ceases with respect to so much of the money as was not
52 expended for the purchase of that property; and the exemption of the
53 property so acquired extends to every debt against which the property
54 sold was exempt. Where the exemption of property sold as prescribed in
55 this subdivision has been continued after the judgment debtor's death,
56 or where [~~he~~] such judgment debtor dies after the sale and before

1 payment to [~~him~~] such judgment debtor of [~~his~~] such judgment debtor's
2 portion of the proceeds of the sale, the court may direct that portion
3 of the proceeds which represents [~~his~~] such judgment debtor's interest
4 be invested for the benefit of the person or persons entitled to the
5 benefit of the exemption, or be otherwise disposed of as justice
6 requires.

7 (g) Homestead exemption amount. For the purposes of this section, the
8 term "homestead exemption amount" shall mean six hundred thousand
9 dollars for the counties of Kings, Queens, New York, Bronx, Richmond,
10 Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland, Westchester and Putnam; five hundred thousand
11 dollars for the counties of Dutchess, Albany, Columbia, Orange, Saratoga
12 and Ulster; and three hundred thousand dollars for the remaining coun-
13 ties of the state.

14 § 3. Subdivision (b) of section 5253 of the civil practice law and
15 rules, as added by chapter 568 of the laws of 2010 and as further
16 amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of 2011, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (b) [~~The~~] (1) Except as otherwise provided by paragraph two of this
19 subdivision, the superintendent of financial services shall determine
20 the amount of the adjustment based on the change in the consumer price
21 index for all urban consumers, New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island,
22 NY-NJ-CT-PA, published by the U.S. department of labor, bureau of labor
23 statistics, for the most recent three-year period ending on December
24 thirty-first preceding the adjustment, with each adjusted amount rounded
25 to the nearest twenty-five dollars.

26 (2) Beginning April first, two thousand twenty-seven, and every three
27 years thereafter, the superintendent of financial services shall deter-
28 mine the amount of the adjustment of the dollar amount of the homestead
29 exemption provided in section fifty-two hundred six of this article and
30 section two hundred eighty-two of the debtor and creditor law based on
31 the change in the median value of owner-occupied housing units for the
32 state of New York found in the five-year estimates of the American
33 community survey for the most recent year then available, compared to
34 the median value of owner-occupied housing units for the state of New
35 York found in five-year estimates of the American community survey for
36 the year three years previous to the most recent year then available, as
37 published by the United States census bureau.

38 § 4. Subdivision 1 of section 282 of the debtor and creditor law, as
39 amended by chapter 568 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as
40 follows:

41 1. Bankruptcy exemption of a motor vehicle. One motor vehicle not
42 exceeding [~~four~~] ten thousand dollars in value above liens and encum-
43 brances of the debtor; provided, however, if such vehicle has been
44 equipped for use by a disabled debtor, then [~~ten~~] twenty-five thousand
45 dollars in value above liens and encumbrances of the debtor; provided,
46 however, that a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding shall not exempt a
47 motor vehicle under this subdivision where such debtor has exempted the
48 same motor vehicle under subdivision eight of section fifty-two hundred
49 five of the civil practice law and rules.

50 (b) Notwithstanding the opening paragraph of this section, an indi-
51 vidual bankruptcy debtor domiciled in this state who is not the sole
52 owner of such debtor's homestead property and who is claiming the home-
53 stead exemption under section fifty-two hundred six of the civil prac-
54 tice law and rules may claim as an exemption:

55 (1) if such debtor holds a one-half interest in the equity in such
56 homestead property, one-half of the homestead exemption; or

1 (2) if such debtor holds a different fractional interest in the equity
2 of such homestead property, a fractional share of the homestead
3 exemption equivalent to such debtor's fractional equity interest.
4 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.