## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

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SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, MAY 21, 2012

## AN ACT

Amending the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), entitled "An

act relating to tax reform and State taxation by codifying and enumerating certain subjects of taxation and imposing taxes thereon; providing procedures for the payment, collection, administration and enforcement thereof; providing for tax credits in certain cases; conferring powers and imposing duties upon the Department of Revenue, certain employers, fiduciaries, individuals, persons, corporations and other entities; prescribing crimes, offenses and 9 penalties," IN PERSONAL INCOME TAX, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR 10 CLASSES OF INCOME AND FOR INCOME TAX RETURNS; in realty 11 transfer tax, further providing for definitions, for excluded 12 transactions and for acquired company, FOR DOCUMENTS RELATING 13 TO ASSOCIATIONS OR CORPORATIONS AND MEMBERS, PARTNERS, 14 STOCKHOLDERS OR SHAREHOLDERS THEREOF AND FOR ACQUIRED 15 COMPANY; AND, IN INHERITANCE TAX, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS NOT SUBJECT TO TAX. 17 18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 19 hereby enacts as follows: 20 Section 1. The definitions of "association," "corporation," 21 "family farm corporation" and "family farm partnership" in-22 section 1101 C of the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known

- 1 as the Tax Reform Code of 1971, amended July 2, 1986 (P.L.318,
- 2 No.77) and April 23, 1998 (P.L.239, No.45), are amended to read:
- 3 Section 1101-C. Definitions. The following words when used
- 4 in this article shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this
- 5 section:
- 6 "Association." A partnership, limited partnership, limited
- 7 <u>liability partnership</u> or any other form of unincorporated
- 8 enterprise, owned or conducted by two or more persons other than
- 9 a private trust or decedent's estate.
- 10 "Corporation." A corporation, limited liability company,
- 11 joint-stock association, business trust or banking institution
- 12 which is organized under the laws of this Commonwealth, the
- 13 United States, or any other state, territory, or foreign
- 14 country, or dependency.
- 15 \* \* \*
- 16 "Family farm [corporation.] business." A corporation or
- 17 <u>association</u> of which at least seventy-five per cent of its-
- 18 assets are devoted to the business of agriculture and at least
- 19 seventy-five per cent of each class of stock of the corporation-
- 20 or interest in the association is continuously owned by members
- 21 of the same family. The business of agriculture shall include
- 22 the leasing to members of the same family or the leasing to a
- 23 corporation or association owned by members of the same family
- 24 of property which is directly and principally used for-
- 25 agricultural purposes. The business of agriculture shall not be-
- 26 deemed to include:
- 27 (1) Recreational activities such as, but not limited to,
- 28 hunting, fishing, camping, skiing, show competition or racing;
- 29 (2) The raising, breeding or training of game animals or
- 30 game birds, fish, cats, dogs or pets or animals intended for use-

- 1 in sporting or recreational activities;
- 2 <del>(3) Fur farming;</del>
- 3 (4) Stockyard and slaughterhouse operations; or
- 4 (5) Manufacturing or processing operations of any kind.
- 5 ["Family farm partnership." A partnership of which at least-
- 6 seventy-five per cent of its assets are devoted to the business-
- 7 of agriculture and at least seventy five per cent of the
- 8 interests in the partnership are continuously owned by members
- 9 of the same family. The business of agriculture shall include
- 10 the leasing to members of the same family of property which is-
- 11 directly and principally used for agricultural purposes. The
- 12 business of agriculture shall not be deemed to include:
- 13 (1) recreational activities such as, but not limited to,
- 14 hunting, fishing, camping, skiing, show competition or racing;
- 15 (2) the raising, breeding or training of game animals or
- 16 game birds, fish, cats, dogs or pets or animals intended for use-
- 17 in sporting or recreational activities;
- 18 <del>(3) fur farming;</del>
- 19 (4) stockyard and slaughterhouse operations; or
- 20 (5) manufacturing or processing operations of any kind.
- 21 \* \* \*
- 22 Section 2. sections 1102 C.3(19), (19.1) and (20) and 1102
- 23 c.5 of the act, amended or added July 2, 1986 (P.L.318, No.77)
- 24 and June 16, 1994 (P.L.279, No.48), are amended to read:
- 25 Section 1102-C.3. Excluded Transactions. The tax imposed by
- 26 section 1102 C shall not be imposed upon:
- 27 \* \* \*
- 28 (19) A transfer of real estate devoted to the business of
- 29 agriculture to a family farm [corporation] business by a member-
- 30 of the same family which directly owns at least seventy five per-

- 1 cent of each class of the stock thereof or interest therein.
- 2 ((19.1) A transfer of real estate devoted to the business of
- 3 agriculture to a family farm partnership by a member of the same-
- 4 family, which family directly owns at least seventy five per-
- 5 cent of the interests in the partnership.]
- 6 (20) A transfer between members of the same family of an
- 7 ownership interest in a real estate company[,] or family farm
- 8 [corporation or family farm partnership which] business that
- 9 owns real estate.
- 10 \* \* \*
- 11 Section 1102 C.5. Acquired Company. (a) A real estate
- 12 company is an acquired company upon a change in the ownership
- 13 interest in the company, however effected, if the change:
- 14 (1) does not affect the continuity of the company; and
- 15 (2) of itself or together with prior changes has the effect
- 16 of transferring, directly or indirectly, ninety per cent or more
- 17 of the total ownership interest in the company within a period
- 18 of three years.
- 19 (b) [With respect to real estate acquired after February 16,
- 20 1986, a family farm corporation is an acquired company when,
- 21 because of voluntary or involuntary dissolution, it ceases to be-
- 22 a family farm corporation or when, because of issuance or
- 23 transfer of stock or because of acquisition or transfer of
- 24 assets that are devoted to the business of agriculture, it fails
- 25 to meet the minimum requirements of a family farm corporation
- 26 under this act.
- 27 (b.1) A family farm partnership is an acquired company when,
- 28 because of voluntary or involuntary dissolution, it ceases to be-
- 29 a family farm partnership or when, because of transfer of
- 30 partnership interests or because of acquisition or transfer of

- 1 assets that are devoted to the business of agriculture, it fails
- 2 to meet the minimum requirements of a family farm partnership
- 3 under this act.] A family farm business is an acquired company
- 4 when, because of voluntary or involuntary dissolution, it ceases
- 5 to be a family farm business, or when, because of the issuance
- 6 or transfer of stock in the corporation or transfer of interests
- 7 in the association or because of an acquisition or transfer of
- 8 assets that are devoted to the business of agriculture, it fails
- 9 to meet the minimum requirements of a family farm business under
- 10 this act.
- 11 (c) Within thirty days after becoming an acquired company,
- 12 the company shall present a declaration of acquisition with the-
- 13 recorder of each county in which it holds real estate for the
- 14 affixation of documentary stamps and recording. Such declaration
- 15 shall set forth the value of real estate holdings of the
- 16 acquired company in such county.
- 17 Section 3. This act shall apply retroactively to
- 18 transactions occurring after December 31, 2008.
- 19 Section 4. The provisions of 61 Pa. Code 91.222 (relating to
- 20 family farm corporation) are abrogated.
- 21 Section 5. This act shall take effect immediately.
- 22 SECTION 1. THE DEFINITIONS OF "ASSOCIATION," "FAMILY FARM-
- 23 CORPORATION" AND "FAMILY FARM PARTNERSHIP" IN SECTION 1101-C OF
- 24 THE ACT OF MARCH 4, 1971 (P.L.6, NO.2), KNOWN AS THE TAX REFORM
- 25 CODE OF 1971, AMENDED JULY 2, 1986 (P.L.318, NO.77) AND APRIL
- 26 <del>23, 1998 (P.L.239, NO.45), ARE AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS</del>
- 27 AMENDED BY ADDING A DEFINITION TO READ:
- SECTION 1. SECTION 303(A.7) OF THE ACT OF MARCH 4, 1971
- 29 (P.L.6, NO.2), KNOWN AS THE TAX REFORM CODE OF 1971, ADDED JULY
- 30 6, 2006 (P.L.319, NO.67), IS AMENDED TO READ:

- 1 SECTION 303. CLASSES OF INCOME. --\* \* \*
- 2 (A.7) THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:
- 3 (1) AN AMOUNT PAID AS A CONTRIBUTION INTO A QUALIFIED
- 4 TUITION PROGRAM UNDER CHAPTER 3 OF THE ACT OF APRIL 3, 1992
- 5 (P.L.28, NO.11), KNOWN AS THE "TUITION ACCOUNT PROGRAMS AND
- 6 <u>COLLEGE SAVINGS BOND ACT,"</u> SHALL BE DEDUCTIBLE FROM TAXABLE
- 7 INCOME ON THE ANNUAL PERSONAL INCOME TAX RETURN. THE AMOUNT PAID
- 8 AS A CONTRIBUTION TO A QUALIFIED TUITION PROGRAM ALLOWABLE AS A
- 9 DEDUCTION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL
- 10 LIMITATION NOT TO EXCEED THE THRESHOLD FOR EXCLUSION FROM GIFTS
- 11 AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2503(B) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF
- 12 1986, AS AMENDED, PER DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY. THE DEDUCTION
- 13 SHALL NOT RESULT IN TAXABLE INCOME BEING LESS THAN ZERO.
- 14 (2) (I) THE FOLLOWING SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO TAX UNDER
- 15 THIS ARTICLE:
- 16 (A) ANY AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED FROM A QUALIFIED TUITION PROGRAM
- 17 THAT IS EXCLUDABLE FROM TAX UNDER SECTION 529(C)(3)(B) OF THE
- 18 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED.
- 19 (B) ANY ROLLOVER THAT IS EXCLUDABLE FROM TAX UNDER SECTION
- 20 529(C)(3)(C) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED.
- 21 THE EXCEPTION UNDER THIS CLAUSE DOES NOT APPLY TO A ROLLOVER
- 22 FROM A QUALIFIED TUITION PROGRAM UNDER CHAPTER 3 OF THE "TUITION
- 23 ACCOUNT PROGRAMS AND COLLEGE SAVINGS BOND ACT."
- 24 (C) UNDISTRIBUTED EARNINGS ON A QUALIFIED TUITION PROGRAM.
- 25 (II) A CHANGE IN DESIGNATED BENEFICIARIES UNDER SECTION
- 26 529(C)(3)(C) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED,
- 27 SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A TAXABLE EVENT UNDER THIS ARTICLE.
- 28 (3) ANY AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED FROM A QUALIFIED TUITION PROGRAM
- 29 THAT IS NOT DESCRIBED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) SHALL BE TAXABLE UNDER
- 30 THIS ARTICLE.

- 1 (4) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION:
- 2 (I) THE TERM "DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY" SHALL HAVE THE SAME
- 3 MEANING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 529(E)(1) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE
- 4 CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED.
- 5 (II) THE TERM "QUALIFIED TUITION PROGRAM" SHALL HAVE THE
- 6 SAME MEANING AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 529(B)(1) OF THE INTERNAL
- 7 REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED.
- 8 \* \* \*
- 9 SECTION 1.1. SECTION 331(E) OF THE ACT, REPEALED AND ADDED
- 10 AUGUST 31, 1971 (P.L.362, NO.93), IS AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS
- 11 AMENDED BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS TO READ:
- 12 SECTION 331. RETURNS OF MARRIED INDIVIDUALS, DECEASED OR
- 13 DISABLED INDIVIDUALS AND FIDUCIARIES.--\* \* \*
- 14 (E) [THE] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (E.1) AND
- 15 (E.2), THE FINAL RETURN FOR ANY DECEASED INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE
- 16 MADE AND FILED BY HIS EXECUTOR, ADMINISTRATOR, OR OTHER [PERSON]
- 17 PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE CHARGED WITH HIS PROPERTY.
- 18 (E.1) (1) A SURVIVING SPOUSE MAY FILE A JOINT RETURN FOR
- 19 THE YEAR IN WHICH HIS OR HER SPOUSE DIED IF THE JOINT RETURN
- 20 COULD HAVE BEEN FILED IF BOTH SPOUSES WERE LIVING FOR THE ENTIRE
- 21 TAXABLE YEAR.
- 22 (2) IF A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR
- 23 IS APPOINTED ON BEHALF OF THE DECEASED SPOUSE BEFORE THE TAX
- 24 RETURN IS FILED, THE SURVIVING SPOUSE MAY NOT FILE A JOINT
- 25 RETURN WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE FIDUCIARY. BOTH THE FIDUCIARY
- 26 AND THE SURVIVING SPOUSE MUST SIGN THE JOINT RETURN. THE
- 27 <u>SURVIVING SPOUSE MAY FILE A JOINT RETURN WITH THE DECEASED</u>
- 28 SPOUSE IF THE DECEASED SPOUSE DID NOT PREVIOUSLY FILE A RETURN
- 29 FOR THAT TAXABLE YEAR AND IF A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, EXECUTOR
- 30 OR ADMINISTRATOR HAS NOT BEEN APPOINTED BY THE TIME THE JOINT

- 1 RETURN IS MADE OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE FOR FILING THE RETURN OF
- 2 THE SURVIVING SPOUSE, INCLUDING EXTENSIONS. IF THE SURVIVING
- 3 SPOUSE PROPERLY FILES A JOINT RETURN UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH, THE
- 4 FIDUCIARY MAY SUPERSEDE THE SURVIVING SPOUSE BY FILING A
- 5 SEPARATE RETURN FOR THE DECEDENT WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE DUE
- 6 DATE, INCLUDING EXTENSIONS. ANY JOINT RETURN IMPROPERLY FILED BY
- 7 THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OR DISAFFIRMED BY THE FIDUCIARY SHALL BE
- 8 TREATED AS A SEPARATE RETURN OF THE SURVIVOR. THE SURVIVING
- 9 SPOUSE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO FILE AN AMENDED RETURN.
- 10 (E.2) IF BOTH TAXPAYERS DIE DURING THE SAME TAX YEAR, A
- 11 JOINT FINAL RETURN MAY BE FILED IF A JOINT RETURN COULD HAVE
- 12 BEEN FILED HAD BOTH SPOUSES LIVED FOR THE ENTIRE TAXABLE YEAR
- 13 AND WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, EXECUTORS
- 14 OR ADMINISTRATORS OF BOTH DECEASED SPOUSES UNDER SUBSECTION
- 15 (E.1) BY THE DUE DATE, INCLUDING EXTENSIONS, OF THE JOINT TAX
- 16 RETURN. BOTH FIDUCIARIES MUST SIGN THE JOINT RETURN.
- 17 \* \* \*
- 18 SECTION 1.2. THE DEFINITIONS OF "ASSOCIATION," "FAMILY FARM
- 19 CORPORATION" AND "FAMILY FARM PARTNERSHIP" IN SECTION 1101-C OF
- 20 THE ACT, AMENDED JULY 2, 1986 (P.L.318, NO.77) AND APRIL 23,
- 21 1998 (P.L.239, NO.45), ARE AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY
- 22 ADDING A DEFINITION TO READ:
- 23 SECTION 1101-C. DEFINITIONS.--THE FOLLOWING WORDS WHEN USED
- 24 IN THIS ARTICLE SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS ASCRIBED TO THEM IN THIS
- 25 SECTION:
- 26 "ASSOCIATION." A GENERAL PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP,
- 27 LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP OR ANY OTHER FORM OF
- 28 UNINCORPORATED ENTERPRISE, OWNED OR CONDUCTED BY TWO OR MORE
- 29 PERSONS OTHER THAN A PRIVATE TRUST OR DECEDENT'S ESTATE.
- 30 \* \* \*

- 1 ["FAMILY FARM CORPORATION." A CORPORATION OF WHICH AT LEAST
- 2 SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF ITS ASSETS ARE DEVOTED TO THE BUSINESS
- 3 OF AGRICULTURE AND AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF EACH CLASS
- 4 OF STOCK OF THE CORPORATION IS CONTINUOUSLY OWNED BY MEMBERS OF
- 5 THE SAME FAMILY. THE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE SHALL INCLUDE THE
- 6 LEASING TO MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY OF PROPERTY WHICH IS
- 7 DIRECTLY AND PRINCIPALLY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES. THE
- 8 BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO INCLUDE:
- 9 (1) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
- 10 HUNTING, FISHING, CAMPING, SKIING, SHOW COMPETITION OR RACING;
- 11 (2) THE RAISING, BREEDING OR TRAINING OF GAME ANIMALS OR
- 12 GAME BIRDS, FISH, CATS, DOGS OR PETS OR ANIMALS INTENDED FOR USE
- 13 IN SPORTING OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES;
- 14 (3) FUR FARMING;
- 15 (4) STOCKYARD AND SLAUGHTERHOUSE OPERATIONS; OR
- 16 (5) MANUFACTURING OR PROCESSING OPERATIONS OF ANY KIND.
- 17 "FAMILY FARM PARTNERSHIP." A PARTNERSHIP OF WHICH AT LEAST
- 18 SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF ITS ASSETS ARE DEVOTED TO THE BUSINESS
- 19 OF AGRICULTURE AND AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE
- 20 INTERESTS IN THE PARTNERSHIP ARE CONTINUOUSLY OWNED BY MEMBERS
- 21 OF THE SAME FAMILY. THE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE SHALL INCLUDE
- 22 THE LEASING TO MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY OF PROPERTY WHICH IS
- 23 DIRECTLY AND PRINCIPALLY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES. THE
- 24 BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO INCLUDE:
- 25 (1) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
- 26 HUNTING, FISHING, CAMPING, SKIING, SHOW COMPETITION OR RACING;
- 27 (2) THE RAISING, BREEDING OR TRAINING OF GAME ANIMALS OR
- 28 GAME BIRDS, FISH, CATS, DOGS OR PETS OR ANIMALS INTENDED FOR USE
- 29 IN SPORTING OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES;
- 30 (3) FUR FARMING;

- 1 (4) STOCKYARD AND SLAUGHTERHOUSE OPERATIONS; OR
- 2 (5) MANUFACTURING OR PROCESSING OPERATIONS OF ANY KIND.]
- 3 "FAMILY FARM BUSINESS." A CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION OF
- 4 WHICH AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF ITS ASSETS ARE DEVOTED
- 5 TO THE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE AND AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PER
- 6 CENT OF EACH CLASS OF STOCK OF THE CORPORATION OR THE INTERESTS
- 7 IN THE ASSOCIATION IS CONTINUOUSLY OWNED BY MEMBERS OF THE SAME
- 8 FAMILY. THE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE SHALL INCLUDE THE LEASING TO
- 9 MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY OR THE LEASING TO A CORPORATION OR
- 10 ASSOCIATION OWNED BY MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY OF PROPERTY
- 11 WHICH IS DIRECTLY AND PRINCIPALLY USED FOR AGRICULTURAL
- 12 PURPOSES. THE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE SHALL NOT BE DEEMED TO
- 13 INCLUDE:
- 14 (1) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
- 15 HUNTING, FISHING, CAMPING, SKIING, SHOW COMPETITION OR RACING;
- 16 (2) THE RAISING, BREEDING OR TRAINING OF GAME ANIMALS OR
- 17 GAME BIRDS, FISH, CATS, DOGS OR PETS OR ANIMALS INTENDED FOR USE
- 18 IN SPORTING OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES;
- 19 (3) FUR FARMING;
- 20 (4) STOCKYARD AND SLAUGHTERHOUSE OPERATIONS; OR
- 21 (5) MANUFACTURING OR PROCESSING OPERATIONS OF ANY KIND.
- 22 \* \* \*
- 23 SECTION 2. SECTION 1102-C.3(19), (19.1) AND (20) OF THE ACT,
- 24 AMENDED OR ADDED JULY 2, 1986 (P.L.318, NO.77) AND JUNE 16, 1994
- 25 (P.L.279, NO.48), ARE AMENDED TO READ:
- 26 SECTION 1102-C.3. EXCLUDED TRANSACTIONS.--THE TAX IMPOSED BY
- 27 SECTION 1102-C SHALL NOT BE IMPOSED UPON:
- 28 \* \* \*
- 29 (19) A TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE DEVOTED TO THE BUSINESS OF
- 30 AGRICULTURE TO A FAMILY FARM [CORPORATION] BUSINESS BY:

- 1 (I) A MEMBER OF THE SAME FAMILY WHICH DIRECTLY OWNS AT LEAST
- 2 SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF [EACH CLASS OF THE STOCK THEREOF] THE
- 3 INTERESTS IN THAT FAMILY FARM BUSINESS; OR
- 4 (II) A FAMILY FARM BUSINESS, WHICH FAMILY DIRECTLY OWNS AT
- 5 LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF THE INTERESTS IN THAT FAMILY FARM
- 6 <u>BUSINESS</u>.
- 7 [(19.1) A TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE DEVOTED TO THE BUSINESS OF
- 8 AGRICULTURE TO A FAMILY FARM PARTNERSHIP BY A MEMBER OF THE SAME
- 9 FAMILY, WHICH FAMILY DIRECTLY OWNS AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PER
- 10 CENT OF THE INTERESTS IN THE PARTNERSHIP.]
- 11 (20) A TRANSFER BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY OF AN
- 12 OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN A REAL ESTATE COMPANY[,] OR FAMILY FARM
- 13 [CORPORATION OR FAMILY FARM PARTNERSHIP WHICH] BUSINESS THAT
- 14 OWNS REAL ESTATE.
- 15 \* \* \*
- 16 SECTION 3. SECTION 1102-C.4 OF THE ACT, ADDED JULY 2, 1986
- 17 (P.L.318, NO.77), IS AMENDED TO READ:
- 18 SECTION 1102-C.4. DOCUMENTS RELATING TO ASSOCIATIONS OR
- 19 CORPORATIONS AND MEMBERS, PARTNERS, STOCKHOLDERS OR SHAREHOLDERS
- 20 THEREOF. -- EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN [SECTION] SECTIONS
- 21 1102-C.3 AND 1102-C.5, DOCUMENTS WHICH MAKE, CONFIRM OR EVIDENCE
- 22 ANY TRANSFER OR DEVISE OF TITLE TO REAL ESTATE BETWEEN
- 23 ASSOCIATIONS OR CORPORATIONS AND THE MEMBERS, PARTNERS,
- 24 SHAREHOLDERS OR STOCKHOLDERS THEREOF ARE FULLY TAXABLE. FOR THE
- 25 PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE, CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARE
- 26 ENTITIES SEPARATE FROM THEIR MEMBERS, PARTNERS, STOCKHOLDERS OR
- 27 SHAREHOLDERS.
- 28 SECTION 4. SECTION 1102-C.5 OF THE ACT, AMENDED OR ADDED
- 29 JULY 2, 1986 (P.L.318, NO.77) AND JUNE 16, 1994 (P.L.279,
- 30 NO.48), IS AMENDED TO READ:

- 1 SECTION 1102-C.5. ACQUIRED COMPANY.--(A) A REAL ESTATE
- 2 COMPANY IS AN ACQUIRED COMPANY UPON A CHANGE IN THE OWNERSHIP
- 3 INTEREST IN THE COMPANY, HOWEVER EFFECTED, IF THE CHANGE:
- 4 (1) DOES NOT AFFECT THE CONTINUITY OF THE COMPANY; AND
- 5 (2) OF ITSELF OR TOGETHER WITH PRIOR CHANGES HAS THE EFFECT
- 6 OF TRANSFERRING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, NINETY PER CENT OR MORE
- 7 OF THE TOTAL OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE COMPANY WITHIN A PERIOD
- 8 OF THREE YEARS.
- 9 [(B) WITH RESPECT TO REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED AFTER FEBRUARY 16,
- 10 1986, A FAMILY FARM CORPORATION IS AN ACQUIRED COMPANY WHEN,
- 11 BECAUSE OF VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION, IT CEASES TO BE
- 12 A FAMILY FARM CORPORATION OR WHEN, BECAUSE OF ISSUANCE OR
- 13 TRANSFER OF STOCK OR BECAUSE OF ACQUISITION OR TRANSFER OF
- 14 ASSETS THAT ARE DEVOTED TO THE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE, IT FAILS
- 15 TO MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF A FAMILY FARM CORPORATION
- 16 UNDER THIS ACT.
- 17 (B.1) A FAMILY FARM PARTNERSHIP IS AN ACQUIRED COMPANY WHEN,
- 18 BECAUSE OF VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION, IT CEASES TO BE
- 19 A FAMILY FARM PARTNERSHIP OR WHEN, BECAUSE OF TRANSFER OF
- 20 PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS OR BECAUSE OF ACQUISITION OR TRANSFER OF
- 21 ASSETS THAT ARE DEVOTED TO THE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE, IT FAILS
- 22 TO MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF A FAMILY FARM PARTNERSHIP
- 23 UNDER THIS ACT.]
- 24 (B.2) A FAMILY FARM BUSINESS IS AN ACQUIRED COMPANY WHEN,
- 25 BECAUSE OF VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION, IT CEASES TO BE
- 26 A FAMILY FARM BUSINESS OR WHEN, BECAUSE OF THE ISSUANCE OR
- 27 TRANSFER OF STOCK IN THE CORPORATION OR TRANSFER OF INTERESTS IN
- 28 THE ASSOCIATION OR BECAUSE OF ACQUISITION OR TRANSFER OF ASSETS
- 29 THAT ARE DEVOTED TO THE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE, IT FAILS TO
- 30 MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF A FAMILY FARM BUSINESS UNDER

- 1 THIS ARTICLE.
- 2 (B.3) THE CONVEYANCE OF ASSETS HELD BY ONE FAMILY FARM
- 3 BUSINESS TO ANOTHER FAMILY FARM BUSINESS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED
- 4 A TRANSFER OF ASSETS UNDER THIS ARTICLE IF THE SAME INDIVIDUALS
- 5 HOLD AT LEAST FIFTY PER CENT OF THE OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN EACH
- 6 FAMILY FARM BUSINESS.
- 7 (C) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER BECOMING AN ACQUIRED COMPANY,
- 8 THE COMPANY SHALL PRESENT A DECLARATION OF ACQUISITION WITH THE
- 9 RECORDER OF EACH COUNTY IN WHICH IT HOLDS REAL ESTATE FOR THE
- 10 AFFIXATION OF DOCUMENTARY STAMPS AND RECORDING. SUCH DECLARATION
- 11 SHALL SET FORTH THE VALUE OF REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS OF THE
- 12 ACQUIRED COMPANY IN SUCH COUNTY.
- 13 SECTION 5. SECTION 2102 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING
- 14 DEFINITIONS TO READ:
- 15 SECTION 2102. DEFINITIONS.--THE FOLLOWING WORDS, TERMS AND
- 16 PHRASES, WHEN USED IN THIS ARTICLE, SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS
- 17 ASCRIBED TO THEM IN THIS SECTION, EXCEPT WHERE THE CONTEXT
- 18 CLEARLY INDICATES A DIFFERENT MEANING:
- 19 \* \* \*
- 20 "BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE." THE TERM SHALL INCLUDE THE
- 21 LEASING TO MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY OR THE LEASING TO A
- 22 CORPORATION OR ASSOCIATION OWNED BY MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY
- 23 OF PROPERTY WHICH IS DIRECTLY AND PRINCIPALLY USED FOR
- 24 AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES. THE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE SHALL NOT BE
- 25 DEEMED TO INCLUDE:
- 26 (1) RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,
- 27 HUNTING, FISHING, CAMPING, SKIING, SHOW COMPETITION OR RACING;
- 28 (2) THE RAISING, BREEDING OR TRAINING OF GAME ANIMALS OR
- 29 GAME BIRDS, FISH, CATS, DOGS OR PETS OR ANIMALS INTENDED FOR USE
- 30 IN SPORTING OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES;

- 1 (3) FUR FARMING;
- 2 (4) STOCKYARD AND SLAUGHTERHOUSE OPERATIONS; OR
- 3 (5) MANUFACTURING OR PROCESSING OPERATIONS OF ANY KIND.
- 4 \* \* \*
- 5 <u>"MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY." ANY INDIVIDUAL, SUCH</u>
- 6 INDIVIDUAL'S BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF
- 7 SUCH INDIVIDUAL'S PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS, THE ANCESTORS AND
- 8 LINEAL DESCENDENTS OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING, A SPOUSE OF ANY OF
- 9 THE FOREGOING AND THE ESTATE OF ANY OF THE FOREGOING.
- 10 INDIVIDUALS RELATED BY THE HALF BLOOD OR LEGAL ADOPTION SHALL BE
- 11 TREATED AS IF THEY WERE RELATED BY THE WHOLE BLOOD.
- 12 \* \* \*
- 13 SECTION 6. SECTION 2111 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
- 14 SUBSECTION TO READ:
- 15 SECTION 2111. TRANSFERS NOT SUBJECT TO TAX.--\* \* \*
- 16 (S) A TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE DEVOTED TO THE BUSINESS OF
- 17 AGRICULTURE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY, PROVIDED THAT
- 18 AFTER THE TRANSFER THE REAL ESTATE CONTINUES TO BE DEVOTED TO
- 19 THE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN YEARS BEYOND
- 20 THE TRANSFEROR'S DATE OF DEATH AND THE REAL ESTATE DERIVES A
- 21 YEARLY GROSS INCOME OF AT LEAST TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000),
- 22 PROVIDED THAT:
- 23 (1) ANY TRACT OF LAND UNDER THIS ARTICLE WHICH IS NO LONGER
- 24 DEVOTED TO THE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURE WITHIN SEVEN YEARS BEYOND
- 25 THE TRANSFEROR'S DATE OF DEATH SHALL BE SUBJECT TO INHERITANCE
- 26 TAX DUE THE COMMONWEALTH UNDER SECTION 2107, IN THE AMOUNT THAT
- 27 WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID OR PAYABLE ON THE BASIS OF VALUATION
- 28 AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 2121 FOR NONEXEMPT TRANSFERS OF
- 29 PROPERTY, PLUS INTEREST THEREON ACCRUING AS OF THE TRANSFEROR'S
- 30 DATE OF DEATH, AT THE RATE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 2143.

- 1 (2) ANY TAX IMPOSED UNDER SECTION 2107 SHALL BE A LIEN IN
- 2 FAVOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH UPON THE PROPERTY NO LONGER BEING
- 3 DEVOTED TO AGRICULTURAL USE, COLLECTIBLE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED
- 4 FOR BY LAW FOR THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES,
- 5 AS WELL AS THE PERSONAL OBLIGATION OF THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY
- 6 AT THE TIME OF THE CHANGE OF USE.
- 7 (3) EVERY OWNER OF REAL ESTATE EXEMPT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION
- 8 SHALL CERTIFY TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS THAT THE LAND
- 9 QUALIFIES FOR THIS EXEMPTION AND SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT
- 10 WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF ANY TRANSACTION OR OCCURRENCE CAUSING THE
- 11 REAL ESTATE TO FAIL TO QUALIFY FOR THE EXEMPTION. EACH YEAR THE
- 12 <u>DEPARTMENT SHALL INFORM ALL OWNERS OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO</u>
- 13 PROVIDE AN ANNUAL CERTIFICATION UNDER THIS SUBCLAUSE. THIS
- 14 CERTIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION SHALL BE COMPLETED IN THE FORM
- 15 AND MANNER AS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.
- 16 SECTION 7. A REFERENCE IN ANY LAW TO THE FORMER DEFINITION
- 17 OF "FAMILY FARM CORPORATION" OR "FAMILY FARM PARTNERSHIP" IN
- 18 SECTION 1101-C OF THE ACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE REFERENCES TO A
- 19 "FAMILY FARM BUSINESS" UNDER SECTION 1101-C OF THE ACT.
- 20 SECTION 7.1. THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 303(A.7) OF THE ACT
- 21 SHALL NOT APPLY TO CONTRIBUTIONS OR ROLLOVERS MADE PRIOR TO
- 22 JANUARY 1, 2013.
- 23 SECTION 7.2. THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 331(E) OF THE ACT
- 24 SHALL APPLY TO TAXABLE YEARS BEGINNING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2011.
- 25 SECTION 8. THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XXI OF THE ACT SHALL
- 26 APPLY TO THE ESTATES OF DECEDENTS DYING AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2011.
- 27 SECTION 9. THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XI-C OF THE ACT SHALL BE
- 28 RETROACTIVE TO ANY DOCUMENT MADE, EXECUTED, DELIVERED, ACCEPTED
- 29 OR PRESENTED FOR RECORDING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2010.
- 30 SECTION 10. THE PROVISIONS OF 61 PA. CODE § 91.222 (RELATING

- 1 TO ACQUIRED FAMILY FARM PARTNERSHIP) ARE ABROGATED.
- 2 SECTION 11. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.