THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 836

Session of 1997

INTRODUCED BY MAYERNIK, MARKOSEK, VAN HORNE, READSHAW, BELARDI, CAWLEY, PIPPY, STEVENSON AND ORIE, MARCH 12, 1997

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 11, 1997

AN ACT

- 1 Amending the act of December 17, 1986 (P.L.1693, No.202),
- 2 entitled "An act empowering certain local taxing authorities
- 3 to provide exemptions from taxation for certain improvements
- 4 made to certain unimproved residential property, " further
- 5 providing for the procedure for obtaining an exemption.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. Section 6(a) of the act of December 17, 1986
- 9 (P.L.1693, No.202), known as the New Home Construction Local Tax
- 10 Abatement Act, is amended to read:
- 11 Section 6. Procedure for obtaining an exemption.
- 12 (a) Notification. -- Any person desiring tax exemption,
- 13 pursuant to ordinances or resolutions adopted pursuant to this
- 14 act, shall notify each local taxing authority granting the
- 15 exemption on a form provided by the local taxing authority. The
- 16 form shall be submitted [at] between the time the person
- 17 desiring tax exemption secures the building permit and when the
- 18 occupancy permit is issued, or if no building permit or other

- 1 notification of improvement is required, [at the time he
- 2 commences construction] prior to the time the structure is
- 3 <u>assessed for tax purposes</u>. A copy of the exemption request shall
- 4 be forwarded to the Board of Assessment and Revision of Taxes or
- 5 other appropriate assessment agency. The assessment agency shall
- 6 not be required to reassess that portion of the property which
- 7 has been exempted by the municipality for taxation purposes
- 8 until the exemption period has expired. Appeals from any
- 9 reassessment and the amounts eligible for the exemption may be
- 10 taken by the taxpayer or the local taxing authorities as
- 11 provided by law.
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- 13 Section 2. This act shall be retroactive to July 1, 1996.
- 14 Any taxes or portion of taxes paid that are eligible for an
- 15 exemption under the provisions of this act shall be credited

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- 16 against taxes owed for the next taxing period or periods.
- 17 Section $\frac{3}{2}$ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.