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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MARCH 23, 1999

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for administration
3 of the homestead property exclusion.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Sections 8583(a) and 8584(b) of Title 53 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 8583. Exclusion for homestead property.

9 (a) General rule.--

10 (1) The governing body of a political subdivision may
11 exclude from taxation a fixed dollar amount of the assessed
12 value of each homestead property in the political subdivision
13 consistent with section 8586 (relating to limitations).

14 (2) Upon making a determination under paragraph (1), the
15 governing body shall transmit to the Department of Community

1 and Economic Development a notice of exclusion. The
2 department shall transmit the notice under this paragraph to
3 the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the
4 Pennsylvania Bulletin.

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6 § 8584. Administration and procedure.

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8 (b) Filing deadlines; renewal of application.--[Applications
9 shall]

10 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), applications
11 must be filed with the assessor not later than March 1 of
12 each year.

13 (2) The first time the exclusion is authorized by the
14 governing body, applications must be filed with the assessor
15 not later than 90 days after publication of the notice under
16 section 8583(a)(2) (relating to exclusion for homestead
17 property).

18 (3) The governing body of a county may adopt a schedule
19 for review or reapplication for real property previously
20 approved as homestead property or farmstead property.

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22 Section 2. The amendment of 53 Pa.C.S. § 8584(b) shall apply
23 retroactively to January 1, 1999.

24 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.