

IMPROVEMENT OF DETERIORATING REAL PROPERTY OR AREAS TAX EXEMPT ACT
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SB 1271

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 9, 1971 (P.L.206, No.34), entitled, as reenacted and amended, "An act authorizing local taxing authorities to provide for tax exemption for certain improvements to deteriorated dwellings and for improvement of deteriorating areas by the construction of new dwelling units; and providing for exemption schedules and other limitations," further providing for exemption schedules; and making an editorial change.

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

Section 1. Sections 203(a) and 303(a) of the act of July 9, 1971 (P.L.206, No.34), known as the Improvement of Deteriorating Real Property or Areas Tax Exemption Act, reenacted and amended August 5, 1977 (P.L.167, No.42), are amended to read:

Section 203. Exemption Schedules; Maximum Exemption.--(a) A local taxing authority granting a tax exemption pursuant to the provisions of this article may provide for tax exemption on the assessment attributable to the actual cost of improvements up to the maximum cost per dwelling unit herein specified or up to any lesser multiple of one thousand dollars (\$1,000). If a local taxing authority by ordinance or resolution specifies a lesser cost than the maximum provided by this act, such amount shall not be increased by any subsequent ordinance or resolution for a period of two years, nor shall the schedule of taxes exempted be changed for such period. Whether or not the assessment eligible for exemption is based upon a maximum cost or a lesser cost, the actual amount of taxes exempted shall be in accordance with one of the following schedules:

(1) For the first year for which improvements would otherwise be taxable, one hundred per cent of the eligible assessment shall be exempted; for the second year, ninety per cent of the eligible assessment shall be exempted; for the third through tenth years, eighty, seventy, sixty, fifty, forty, thirty, twenty, and ten per cent, respectively, of the eligible assessment shall be exempted; after the tenth year, the exemption shall terminate;

(2) For the first year for which improvements would otherwise be taxable, one hundred per cent of the eligible assessment shall be exempted; for the second year, eighty per cent of the eligible assessment shall be exempted; for the third through fifth years, sixty, forty, and twenty per cent, respectively, of the eligible assessment shall be exempted; after the fifth year, the exemption shall terminate; [or]

(3) For the first, second and third year for which improvements would otherwise be taxable, one hundred per cent of the eligible assessment shall be exempted; after the third year the exemption shall terminate[.]; or

(4) For the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth year for which improvements would otherwise be taxable, one hundred per cent of the eligible assessment shall be exempted; after the tenth year the exemption shall terminate.

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Section 303. Exemption Schedule; Maximum Exemption.--(a) A local taxing authority granting a tax exemption pursuant to the provisions of this article may provide for tax exemption on the assessment attributable to the actual cost of construction of the new dwelling unit in accordance with **one of** the following [schedule] **schedules**:

(1) For the first, second and third year for which said newly-constructed dwelling unit or units would otherwise be taxable, [100%] **one hundred per cent** of the eligible assessment shall be exempted; after the third year the exemption shall terminate[.];

(2) For the first year for which said newly-constructed dwelling unit or units would otherwise be taxable, one hundred per cent of the eligible assessment shall be exempted; for the second year, ninety per cent of the eligible assessment shall be exempted; for the third through tenth years, eighty, seventy, sixty, fifty, forty, thirty, twenty, and ten per cent, respectively, of the eligible assessment shall be exempted; after the tenth year, the exemption shall terminate; or

(3) For the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth year for which said newly-constructed dwelling unit or units would otherwise be taxable, one hundred per cent of the eligible assessment shall be exempted; after the tenth year the exemption shall terminate.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED--The 18th day of October, A. D. 2000.

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