THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 469

Session of 2005

INTRODUCED BY KASUNIC, WOZNIAK, GORDNER, LOGAN, O'PAKE, COSTA, LAVALLE, KITCHEN, STOUT, BOSCOLA AND FERLO, MARCH 28, 2005

REFERRED TO FINANCE, MARCH 28, 2005

AN ACT

- Amending the act of May 21, 1943 (P.L.571, No.254), entitled, as 2 amended, "An act relating to assessment for taxation in 3 counties of the fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; designating the subjects, property and persons 5 subject to and exempt from taxation for county, borough, 6 town, township, school, except in cities and county institution district purposes; and providing for and 7 regulating the assessment and valuation thereof for such 8 9 purposes; creating in each such county a board for the assessment and revision of taxes; defining the powers and 10 duties of such boards; providing for the acceptance of this 11 act by cities; regulating the office of ward, borough, town 12 13 and township assessors; abolishing the office of assistant 14 triennial assessor in townships of the first class; providing for the appointment of a chief assessor, assistant assessors 15 and other employes; providing for their compensation payable 16 17 by such counties; prescribing certain duties of and certain fees to be collected by the recorder of deeds and municipal officers who issue building permits; imposing duties on 18 19 20 taxables making improvements on land and grantees of land; 21 prescribing penalties; and eliminating the triennial 22 assessment, "further providing for exemptions from taxation.
- The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 24 hereby enacts as follows:
- 25 Section 1. Section 202(d) of the act of May 21, 1943
- 26 (P.L.571, No.254), known as The Fourth to Eighth Class County
- 27 Assessment Law, amended November 26, 1982 (P.L.756, No.211), is
- 28 amended to read:

- 1 Section 202. Exemptions from Taxation.--* * *
- 2 (d) Each county, city, borough, incorporated town, township
- 3 and school district may, by ordinance or resolution, exempt any
- 4 person whose total income from all sources is less than [five
- 5 thousand dollars (\$5,000)] twelve thousand (\$12,000), per annum
- 6 from its per capita or similar head tax, occupation tax and
- 7 occupational privilege tax, or any portion thereof and may
- 8 <u>exempt any person sixty-five years of age or older whose total</u>
- 9 <u>income from all sources is less than twelve thousand five</u>
- 10 <u>hundred dollars (\$12,500) per annum from its per capita or</u>
- 11 <u>similar head tax</u>. Each taxing authority may adopt regulations
- 12 for the processing of claims for the exemption.
- 13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.