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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 4, 2007

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 31, 1965 (P.L.1257, No.511),
2 entitled "An act empowering cities of the second class,
3 cities of the second class A, cities of the third class,
4 boroughs, towns, townships of the first class, townships of
5 the second class, school districts of the second class,
6 school districts of the third class and school districts of
7 the fourth class including independent school districts, to
8 levy, assess, collect or to provide for the levying,
9 assessment and collection of certain taxes subject to maximum
10 limitations for general revenue purposes; authorizing the
11 establishment of bureaus and the appointment and compensation
12 of officers, agencies and employees to assess and collect such
13 taxes; providing for joint collection of certain taxes,
14 prescribing certain definitions and other provisions for
15 taxes levied and assessed upon earned income, providing for
16 annual audits and for collection of delinquent taxes, and
17 permitting and requiring penalties to be imposed and
18 enforced, including penalties for disclosure of confidential
19 information, providing an appeal from the ordinance or
20 resolution levying such taxes to the court of quarter
21 sessions and to the Supreme Court and Superior Court,"
22 further providing for delegation of taxing powers and
23 restrictions.

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

26 ~~Section 1. Section 2 of the act of December 31, 1965~~

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~~(P.L.1257, No.511), known as The Local Tax Enabling Act, amended June 21, 2007 (P.L. —, No.7), is amended to read:~~

~~Section 2. Delegation of Taxing Powers and Restrictions~~

~~Thereon. (a) The duly constituted authorities of the following political subdivisions, cities of the second class, cities of the second class A, cities of the third class, boroughs, towns, townships of the first class, townships of the second class, school districts of the second class, school districts of the third class, and school districts of the fourth class, in all cases including independent school districts, may, in their discretion, by ordinance or resolution, for general revenue purposes, levy, assess and collect or provide for the levying, assessment and collection of such taxes as they shall determine on persons, transactions, occupations, privileges, subjects and personal property within the limits of such political subdivisions, and upon the transfer of real property, or of any interest in real property, situate within the political subdivision levying and assessing the tax, regardless of where the instruments making the transfers are made, executed or delivered or where the actual settlements on such transfer take place. The taxing authority may provide that the transferee shall remain liable for any unpaid realty transfer taxes imposed by virtue of this act.~~

~~(b) Each local taxing authority may, by ordinance or resolution, exempt any person whose total income from all sources is less than twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) per annum from the per capita or similar head tax, occupation tax or earned income tax, or any portion thereof, and may adopt regulations for the processing of claims for exemptions.~~

~~(c) (1) Each political subdivision levying the local~~

~~services tax shall exempt the following persons from the local services tax:~~

~~(i) Any person who served in any war or armed conflict in which the United States was engaged and is honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service if, as a result of military service, the person is blind, paraplegic or a double or quadruple amputee or has a service-connected disability declared by the United States Veterans' Administration or its successor to be a total one hundred percent permanent disability.~~

~~(ii) Any person who serves as a member of a reserve component of the armed forces and is called to active duty at any time during the taxable year.~~

~~(2) For purposes of this subsection, "reserve component of the armed forces" shall mean the United States Army Reserve, United States Navy Reserve, United States Marine Corps Reserve, United States Coast Guard Reserve, United States Air Force Reserve, the Pennsylvania Army National Guard or the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.~~

~~(d) Each political subdivision levying the local services tax at a rate exceeding ten dollars (\$10) shall, and each political subdivision levying the local services tax at a rate of ten dollars (\$10) or less may, by ordinance or resolution, exempt any person from the local services tax whose total earned income and net profits from all sources within the political subdivision is less than twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) for the calendar year in which the local services tax is levied.~~

~~(e) (1) A person seeking to claim an exemption from the local services tax may annually file an exemption certificate with the political subdivision levying the tax and with the~~

1 ~~person's employer affirming that the person reasonably expects~~
2 ~~to receive earned income and net profits from all sources within~~
3 ~~the political subdivision of less than twelve thousand dollars~~
4 ~~(\$12,000) in the calendar year for which the exemption~~
5 ~~certificate is filed. In the event the political subdivision~~
6 ~~utilizes a tax collection officer pursuant to section 10 of this~~
7 ~~act, the political subdivision shall provide a copy of the~~
8 ~~exemption certificate to that officer. The exemption certificate~~
9 ~~shall have attached to it a copy of all of the employee's last~~
10 ~~pay stubs or W 2 forms from employment within the political~~
11 ~~subdivision for the year prior to the fiscal year for which the~~
12 ~~employee is requesting to be exempted from the local services~~
13 ~~tax. Upon receipt of the exemption certificate and until~~
14 ~~otherwise instructed by the political subdivision levying the~~
15 ~~tax or except as required by clause (2), the employer shall not~~
16 ~~withhold the tax from the person during the calendar year or the~~
17 ~~remainder of the calendar year for which the exemption~~
18 ~~certificate applies. Employers shall ensure that the exemption~~
19 ~~certificate forms are readily available to employees at all times~~
20 ~~and shall furnish each new employee with a form at the time of~~
21 ~~hiring. The Department of Community and Economic Development~~
22 ~~shall develop and make available to political subdivisions and~~
23 ~~employers uniform exemption certificates required by this~~
24 ~~clause.~~

25 ~~(2) With respect to a person who claimed an exemption for a~~
26 ~~given calendar year from the local services tax, upon~~
27 ~~notification to an employer by the person or by the political~~
28 ~~subdivision that the person has received earned income and net~~
29 ~~profits from all sources within that political subdivision equal~~
30 ~~to or in excess of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) in that~~

~~1 calendar year or that the person is otherwise ineligible for the
2 tax exemption for that calendar year, or upon an employer's
3 payment to the person of earned income within that political
4 subdivision in an amount equal to or in excess of twelve
5 thousand dollars (\$12,000) in that calendar year, an employer
6 shall withhold the local services tax from the person under
7 clause (3).~~

~~8 (3) If a person who claimed an exemption for a given
9 calendar year from the local services tax becomes subject to the
10 tax for the calendar year under clause (2), the employer shall
11 withhold the tax for the remainder of that calendar year. The
12 employer shall withhold from the person, for the first payroll
13 period after receipt of the notification under clause (2), a
14 lump sum equal to the amount of tax that was not withheld from
15 the person due to the exemption claimed by the person under this
16 subsection, plus the per payroll amount due for that first
17 payroll period. The amount of tax withheld per payroll period
18 for the remaining payroll periods in that calendar year shall be
19 the same amount withheld for other employees. In the event the
20 employment of a person subject to withholding of the tax under
21 this clause is subsequently severed in that calendar year, the
22 person shall be liable for any outstanding balance of tax due
23 and the political subdivision levying the tax may pursue
24 collection under this act.~~

~~25 (4) Except as provided in clause (2), it is the intent of
26 this subsection that employers shall not be responsible for
27 investigating exemption certificates, monitoring tax exemption
28 eligibility or exempting any employee from a local services tax.~~

~~29 (f) Such local authorities shall not have authority by
30 virtue of this act.~~

1 ~~(1) To levy, assess and collect or provide for the levying,~~
2 ~~assessment and collection of any tax on the transfer of real~~
3 ~~property when the transfer is by will or mortgage or the~~
4 ~~intestate laws of this Commonwealth or on a transfer by the~~
5 ~~owner of previously occupied residential premises to a builder~~
6 ~~of new residential premises when such previously occupied~~
7 ~~residential premises is taken in trade by such builder as part~~
8 ~~of the consideration from the purchaser of a new previously~~
9 ~~unoccupied single family residential premises or on a transfer~~
10 ~~between corporations operating housing projects pursuant to the~~
11 ~~housing and redevelopment assistance law and the shareholders~~
12 ~~thereof, or on a transfer between nonprofit industrial~~
13 ~~development agencies and industrial corporations purchasing from~~
14 ~~them, or on transfer to or from nonprofit industrial development~~
15 ~~agencies, or on a transfer between husband and wife, or on a~~
16 ~~transfer between persons who were previously husband and wife~~
17 ~~but who have since been divorced; provided such transfer is made~~
18 ~~within three months of the date of the granting of the final~~
19 ~~decree in divorce, or the decree of equitable distribution of~~
20 ~~marital property, whichever is later, and the property or~~
21 ~~interest therein, subject to such transfer, was acquired by the~~
22 ~~husband and wife, or husband or wife, prior to the granting of~~
23 ~~the final decree in divorce, or on a transfer between parent and~~
24 ~~child or the spouse of such a child, or between parent and~~
25 ~~trustee for the benefit of a child or the spouse of such child,~~
26 ~~or on a transfer between a grandparent and grandchild or the~~
27 ~~spouse of such grandchild, or on a transfer between brother and~~
28 ~~sister or brother and brother or sister and sister or the spouse~~
29 ~~of such brother or sister, or on a transfer to a conservancy~~
30 ~~which possesses a tax exempt status pursuant to section~~

1 ~~501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and which has as its~~
2 ~~primary purpose the preservation of land for historic,~~
3 ~~recreational, scenic, agricultural or open space opportunities,~~
4 ~~by and between a principal and straw party for the purpose of~~
5 ~~placing a mortgage or ground rent upon the premises, or on a~~
6 ~~correctional deed without consideration, or on a transfer to the~~
7 ~~United States, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or to any of~~
8 ~~their instrumentalities, agencies or political subdivisions, by~~
9 ~~gift, dedication or deed in lieu of condemnation, or deed of~~
10 ~~confirmation in connection with condemnation proceedings, or~~
11 ~~reconveyance by the condemning body of the property condemned to~~
12 ~~the owner of record at the time of condemnation which~~
13 ~~reconveyance may include property line adjustments provided said~~
14 ~~reconveyance is made within one year from the date of~~
15 ~~condemnation[, leases,]; or leases; or lease transactions; or on~~
16 ~~a conveyance to a trustee under a recorded trust agreement for~~
17 ~~the express purpose of holding title in trust as security for a~~
18 ~~debt contracted at the time of the conveyance under which the~~
19 ~~trustee is not the lender and requiring the trustee to make~~
20 ~~reconveyance to the grantor borrower upon the repayment of the~~
21 ~~debt, or a transfer within a family from a sole proprietor~~
22 ~~family member to a family farm corporation, or in any sheriff~~
23 ~~sale instituted by a mortgagee in which the purchaser of said~~
24 ~~sheriff sale is the mortgagee who instituted said sale, or on a~~
25 ~~privilege, transaction, subject, occupation or personal property~~
26 ~~which is now or does hereafter become subject to a State tax or~~
27 ~~license fee;~~

28 ~~(2) To levy, assess or collect a tax on the gross receipts~~
29 ~~from utility service of any person or company whose rates and~~
30 ~~services are fixed and regulated by the Pennsylvania Public~~

~~Utility Commission or on any public utility services rendered by
any such person or company or on any privilege or transaction
involving the rendering of any such public utility service;~~

~~(3) Except on sales of admission to places of amusement,
other than on sales of admission to professional baseball events
in a city of the third class with a population of not less than
one hundred six thousand and not more than one hundred seven
thousand based on the 2000 Federal decennial census, or on sales
or other transfers of title or possession of property, to levy,
assess or collect a tax on the privilege of employing such
tangible property as is now or does hereafter become subject to
a State tax; and for the purposes of this clause, real property
rented for camping purposes shall not be considered a place of
amusement.~~

~~(4) To levy, assess and collect a tax on goods and articles
manufactured in such political subdivision or on the by products
of manufacture, or on minerals, timber, natural resources and
farm products produced in such political subdivision or on the
preparation or processing thereof for use or market, or on any
privilege, act or transaction related to the business of
manufacturing, the production, preparation or processing of
minerals, timber and natural resources, or farm products, by
manufacturers, by producers and by farmers with respect to the
goods, articles and products of their own manufacture,
production or growth, or on any privilege, act or transaction
relating to the business of processing by products of
manufacture, or on the transportation, loading, unloading or
dumping or storage of such goods, articles, products or by-
products; except that local authorities may levy, assess and
collect a local services tax and taxes on the occupation, per~~

~~capita and earned income or net profits of natural persons engaged in the above activities whether doing business as individual proprietorship or as members of partnerships or other associations;~~

~~(5) To levy, assess or collect a tax on salaries, wages, commissions, compensation and earned income of nonresidents of the political subdivisions: Provided, That this limitation (5) shall apply only to school districts of the second, third and fourth classes;~~

~~(6) To levy, assess or collect a tax on personal property subject to taxation by counties or on personal property owned by persons, associations and corporations specifically exempted by law from taxation under the county personal property tax law: Provided, That this limitation (6) shall not apply to cities of the second class;~~

~~(7) To levy, assess or collect a tax on membership in or membership dues, fees or assessment of charitable, religious, beneficial or nonprofit organizations including but not limited to sportsmens, recreational, golf and tennis clubs, girl and boy scout troops and councils;~~

~~(8) To levy, assess or collect any tax on a mobilehome or house trailer subject to a real property tax unless the same tax is levied, assessed and collected on other real property in the political subdivision.~~

~~(9) To levy, assess or collect any tax on individuals for the privilege of engaging in an occupation except that such a tax, to be known as the local services tax, may be levied, assessed and collected only by the political subdivision of the taxpayer's place of employment. The following apply:~~

~~(i) If a local services tax is levied at a combined rate~~

1 ~~exceeding ten dollars (\$10) in a calendar year, a person subject~~
2 ~~to the local services tax shall be assessed a pro rata share of~~
3 ~~the tax for each payroll period in which the person is engaging~~
4 ~~in an occupation. The pro rata share of the tax assessed on the~~
5 ~~person for a payroll period shall be determined by dividing the~~
6 ~~combined rate of the local services tax levied for the calendar~~
7 ~~year by the number of payroll periods established by the~~
8 ~~employer for the calendar year. For purposes of determining the~~
9 ~~pro rata share, an employer shall round down the amount of the~~
10 ~~tax collected each payroll period to the nearest one hundredth~~
11 ~~of a dollar. Collection of the local services tax levied under~~
12 ~~this subclause shall be made on a payroll period basis for each~~
13 ~~payroll period in which the person is engaging in an occupation,~~
14 ~~except as provided in subclause (v).~~

15 ~~(ii) If a school district levied an emergency and municipal~~
16 ~~services tax on the effective date of this subclause, the school~~
17 ~~district may continue to levy the local services tax in the same~~
18 ~~amount the school district collected on the effective date of~~
19 ~~this subclause. However, if a municipality located in whole or~~
20 ~~in part within the school district subsequently levies the local~~
21 ~~services tax, the school district may only collect five dollars~~
22 ~~(\$5) on persons employed within the municipality each calendar~~
23 ~~year. A school district that did not levy an emergency and~~
24 ~~municipal services tax on the effective date of this subclause~~
25 ~~shall be prohibited from levying the local services tax. If a~~
26 ~~school district and a municipality located in whole or in part~~
27 ~~within the school district both levy a local services tax at a~~
28 ~~combined rate exceeding ten dollars (\$10), the school district's~~
29 ~~pro rata share of the aggregate local services taxes levied on~~
30 ~~persons employed within the municipality shall be collected by~~

~~the municipality or its tax officer based on payroll periods as provided under subclause (i) and shall be paid to the school district on a quarterly basis within sixty days of receipt by the municipality or its tax officer.~~

~~(iii) Except as provided in subclause (ii), no person shall be subject to the payment of the local services tax by more than one political subdivision during each payroll period as established by subclause (iv).~~

~~(iv) With respect to a person subject to the local services tax at a combined rate exceeding ten dollars (\$10), the situs of the tax shall be the place of employment on the first day the person becomes subject to the tax during each payroll period. With respect to a person subject to the local services tax at a combined rate of not more than ten dollars (\$10), the situs of the tax shall be the place of employment determined as of the day the person first becomes subject to the tax during the calendar year. In the event a person is engaged in more than one occupation, that is, concurrent employment, or an occupation which requires the person working in more than one political subdivision during a payroll period, the priority of claim to collect the local services tax shall be in the following order: first, the political subdivision in which a person maintains the person's principal office or is principally employed; second, the political subdivision in which the person resides and works, if the tax is levied by that political subdivision; and third, the political subdivision in which a person is employed and which imposes the tax nearest in miles to the person's home.~~

~~(v) In the case of concurrent employment, an employer shall refrain from withholding the local services tax, if the employee provides a recent pay statement from a principal employer that~~

~~includes the name of the employer, the length of the payroll period and the amount of the local services tax withheld and a statement from the employee that the pay statement is from the employee's principal employer and the employee will notify other employers of a change in principal place of employment within two weeks of its occurrence. The Department of Community and Economic Development shall develop a uniform employee statement form.~~

~~(vi) The local services tax shall be no more than fifty two dollars (\$52) on each person for each calendar year, irrespective of the number of political subdivisions within which a person may be employed. A political subdivision shall provide a taxpayer a receipt of payment upon request by the taxpayer.~~

~~(vii) Political subdivisions shall adopt regulations for the processing of refund claims for overpaid local services taxes for any calendar year. The regulations shall be consistent with 53 Pa.C.S. §§ 8425 and 8426. Refunds made within seventy five days of a refund request or seventy five days after the last day the employer is required to remit the local services tax for the last quarter of the calendar year under section 9 of this act, whichever is later, shall not be subject to interest imposed under 53 Pa.C.S. § 8426. Political subdivisions shall only provide refunds for amounts overpaid in a calendar year that exceed one dollar (\$1).~~

~~(viii) The Department of Community and Economic Development shall provide suggested forms and technical assistance to facilitate the administration of the local services tax for political subdivisions and reduce the burden of implementation, accounting and compliance for employers and taxpayers.~~

~~(ix) For purposes of this clause, "combined rate" shall mean the aggregate annual rate of the local services tax levied by a school district and a municipality located in whole or in part within the school district.~~

~~(10) To levy, assess or collect a tax on admissions to motion picture theatres: Provided, That this limitation (10) shall not apply to cities of the second class.~~

~~(11) To levy, assess or collect a tax on the construction of or improvement to residential dwellings or upon the application for or issuance of permits for the construction of or improvements to residential dwellings.~~

~~(12) To levy, assess and collect a mercantile or business privilege tax on gross receipts or part thereof which are: (i) discounts allowed to purchasers as cash discounts for prompt payment of their bills; (ii) charges advanced by a seller for freight, delivery or other transportation for the purchaser in accordance with the terms of a contract of sale; (iii) received upon the sale of an article of personal property which was acquired by the seller as a trade in to the extent that the gross receipts in the sale of the article taken in trade does not exceed the amount of trade in allowance made in acquiring such article; (iv) refunds, credits or allowances given to a purchaser on account of defects in goods sold or merchandise returned; (v) Pennsylvania sales tax; (vi) based on the value of exchanges or transfers between one seller and another seller who transfers property with the understanding that property of an identical description will be returned at a subsequent date; however, when sellers engaged in similar lines of business exchange property and one of them makes payment to the other in addition to the property exchanged, the additional payment~~

1 ~~received may be included in the gross receipts of the seller~~
2 ~~receiving such additional cash payments; (vii) of sellers from~~
3 ~~sales to other sellers in the same line where the seller~~
4 ~~transfers the title or possession at the same price for which~~
5 ~~the seller acquired the merchandise; or (viii) transfers between~~
6 ~~one department, branch or division of a corporation or other~~
7 ~~business entity of goods, wares and merchandise to another~~
8 ~~department, branch or division of the same corporation or~~
9 ~~business entity and which are recorded on the books to reflect~~
10 ~~such interdepartmental transactions.~~

11 ~~(13) To levy, assess or collect an amusement or admissions~~
12 ~~tax on membership, membership dues, fees or assessments,~~
13 ~~donations, contributions or monetary charges of any character~~
14 ~~whatsoever paid by the general public, or a limited or selected~~
15 ~~number thereof, for such persons to enter into any place,~~
16 ~~indoors or outdoors, to engage in any activities, the~~
17 ~~predominant purpose or nature of which is exercise, fitness,~~
18 ~~health maintenance, improvement or rehabilitation, health or~~
19 ~~nutrition education, or weight control.~~

20 ~~(14) Except by cities of the second class, to levy, assess~~
21 ~~or collect a tax on payroll amounts generated as a result of~~
22 ~~business activity.~~

23 ~~(15) Except by cities of the second class in which a sports~~
24 ~~stadium or arena that has received public funds in connection~~
25 ~~with its construction or maintenance is located, to levy, assess~~
26 ~~and collect a publicly funded facility usage fee upon those~~
27 ~~nonresident individuals who use such facility to engage in an~~
28 ~~athletic event or otherwise render a performance for which they~~
29 ~~receive remuneration.~~

30 ~~(16) To levy, assess or collect an amusement or admissions~~

1 ~~tax on the charge imposed upon a patron for the sale of~~
2 ~~admission to or for the privilege of admission to a bowling~~
3 ~~alley or bowling lane to engage in one or more games of bowling.~~

4 ~~(g) For the purposes of this section, the terms "earned~~
5 ~~income" and "net profits" shall have the same meanings as those~~
6 ~~terms are given in Division I of section 13.~~

7 ~~Section 2. The amendment of section 2 of the act shall not~~
8 ~~apply to municipalities imposing a tax on leases or lease~~
9 ~~transactions prior to July 1, 2007.~~

10 ~~Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

11 SECTION 1. SECTION 2(F)(1) OF THE ACT OF DECEMBER 31, 1965 <—
12 (P.L.1257, NO.511), KNOWN AS THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT, AMENDED
13 JUNE 21, 2007 (P.L.13, NO.7), IS AMENDED TO READ:

14 SECTION 2. DELEGATION OF TAXING POWERS AND RESTRICTIONS
15 THEREON.--* * *

16 (F) SUCH LOCAL AUTHORITIES SHALL NOT HAVE AUTHORITY BY
17 VIRTUE OF THIS ACT:

18 (1) TO LEVY, ASSESS AND COLLECT OR PROVIDE FOR THE LEVYING,
19 ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF ANY TAX ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL
20 PROPERTY WHEN THE TRANSFER IS BY WILL OR MORTGAGE OR THE
21 INTESTATE LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH OR ON A TRANSFER BY THE
22 OWNER OF PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PREMISES TO A BUILDER
23 OF NEW RESIDENTIAL PREMISES WHEN SUCH PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED
24 RESIDENTIAL PREMISES IS TAKEN IN TRADE BY SUCH BUILDER AS PART
25 OF THE CONSIDERATION FROM THE PURCHASER OF A NEW PREVIOUSLY
26 UNOCCUPIED SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PREMISES OR ON A TRANSFER
27 BETWEEN CORPORATIONS OPERATING HOUSING PROJECTS PURSUANT TO THE
28 HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE LAW AND THE SHAREHOLDERS
29 THEREOF, OR ON A TRANSFER BETWEEN NONPROFIT INDUSTRIAL
30 DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATIONS PURCHASING FROM

1 THEM, OR ON TRANSFER TO OR FROM NONPROFIT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
2 AGENCIES, OR ON A TRANSFER BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE, OR ON A
3 TRANSFER BETWEEN PERSONS WHO WERE PREVIOUSLY HUSBAND AND WIFE
4 BUT WHO HAVE SINCE BEEN DIVORCED; PROVIDED SUCH TRANSFER IS MADE
5 WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF THE DATE OF THE GRANTING OF THE FINAL
6 DECREE IN DIVORCE, OR THE DECREE OF EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF
7 MARITAL PROPERTY, WHICHEVER IS LATER, AND THE PROPERTY OR
8 INTEREST THEREIN, SUBJECT TO SUCH TRANSFER, WAS ACQUIRED BY THE
9 HUSBAND AND WIFE, OR HUSBAND OR WIFE, PRIOR TO THE GRANTING OF
10 THE FINAL DECREE IN DIVORCE, OR ON A TRANSFER BETWEEN PARENT AND
11 CHILD OR THE SPOUSE OF SUCH A CHILD, OR BETWEEN PARENT AND
12 TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF A CHILD OR THE SPOUSE OF SUCH CHILD,
13 OR ON A TRANSFER BETWEEN A GRANDPARENT AND GRANDCHILD OR THE
14 SPOUSE OF SUCH GRANDCHILD, OR ON A TRANSFER BETWEEN BROTHER AND
15 SISTER OR BROTHER AND BROTHER OR SISTER AND SISTER OR THE SPOUSE
16 OF SUCH BROTHER OR SISTER, OR ON A TRANSFER TO A CONSERVANCY
17 WHICH POSSESSES A TAX-EXEMPT STATUS PURSUANT TO SECTION
18 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE, AND WHICH HAS AS ITS
19 PRIMARY PURPOSE THE PRESERVATION OF LAND FOR HISTORIC,
20 RECREATIONAL, SCENIC, AGRICULTURAL OR OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITIES,
21 BY AND BETWEEN A PRINCIPAL AND STRAW PARTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF
22 PLACING A MORTGAGE OR GROUND RENT UPON THE PREMISES, OR ON A
23 CORRECTIONAL DEED WITHOUT CONSIDERATION, OR ON A TRANSFER TO THE
24 UNITED STATES, THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, OR TO ANY OF
25 THEIR INSTRUMENTALITIES, AGENCIES OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, BY
26 GIFT, DEDICATION OR DEED IN LIEU OF CONDEMNATION, OR DEED OF
27 CONFIRMATION IN CONNECTION WITH CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS, OR
28 RECONVEYANCE BY THE CONDEMNING BODY OF THE PROPERTY CONDEMNED TO
29 THE OWNER OF RECORD AT THE TIME OF CONDEMNATION WHICH
30 RECONVEYANCE MAY INCLUDE PROPERTY LINE ADJUSTMENTS PROVIDED SAID

1 RECONVEYANCE IS MADE WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF
2 CONDEMNATION[, LEASES ,] ; OR LEASES OR LEASE TRANSACTIONS ; OR ON
3 A CONVEYANCE TO A TRUSTEE UNDER A RECORDED TRUST AGREEMENT FOR
4 THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF HOLDING TITLE IN TRUST AS SECURITY FOR A
5 DEBT CONTRACTED AT THE TIME OF THE CONVEYANCE UNDER WHICH THE
6 TRUSTEE IS NOT THE LENDER AND REQUIRING THE TRUSTEE TO MAKE
7 RECONVEYANCE TO THE GRANTOR-BORROWER UPON THE REPAYMENT OF THE
8 DEBT, OR A TRANSFER WITHIN A FAMILY FROM A SOLE PROPRIETOR
9 FAMILY MEMBER TO A FAMILY FARM CORPORATION, OR IN ANY SHERIFF
10 SALE INSTITUTED BY A MORTGAGEE IN WHICH THE PURCHASER OF SAID
11 SHERIFF SALE IS THE MORTGAGEE WHO INSTITUTED SAID SALE, OR ON A
12 PRIVILEGE, TRANSACTION, SUBJECT, OCCUPATION OR PERSONAL PROPERTY
13 WHICH IS NOW OR DOES HEREAFTER BECOME SUBJECT TO A STATE TAX OR
14 LICENSE FEE ;

15 * * *

16 SECTION 2. THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2 OF THE ACT SHALL NOT
17 APPLY TO MUNICIPALITIES IMPOSING A TAX ON LEASES OR LEASE
18 TRANSACTIONS PRIOR TO JULY 1, 2007.

19 SECTION 3. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.