

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1647 Session of 2019

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MAY 28, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), entitled
2 "An act relating to the collection of taxes levied by
3 counties, county institution districts, cities of the third
4 class, boroughs, towns, townships, certain school districts
5 and vocational school districts; conferring powers and
6 imposing duties on tax collectors, courts and various
7 officers of said political subdivisions; and prescribing
8 penalties," further providing for effect of failure to
9 receive tax notice.

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

12 Section 1. Section 7 of the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050,
13 No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, is amended to
14 read:

15 Section 7. Effect of Failure to Receive Tax Notice.--(a)
16 Failure to receive notice shall not relieve any taxpayer from
17 the payment of any taxes imposed by any taxing district, and
18 such taxpayer shall be charged with his taxes as though he had
19 received notice.

20 (b) A taxing district shall BY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION

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1 REQUIRE THE TAX COLLECTOR TO waive a penalty charged under
2 section 10 for real estate taxes if the taxpayer requests a
3 waiver of penalty within a year from the date of transfer of
4 ownership to the taxpayer and the taxpayer attests that a notice
5 was not received. The WHEN APPLYING FOR A WAIVER, THE taxpayer <--
6 must provide the taxing district with a copy of the deed showing
7 the date of real property transfer, and the taxpayer is <--
8 responsible for the remaining tax due MUST PAY THE REMAINING <--
9 REAL ESTATE TAX DUE WITH THE APPLICATION. The Department of
10 Community and Economic Development shall develop and make
11 available to each taxing district a form by which a taxpayer may
12 request a waiver of penalty under this section.

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