

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MAY 3, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 27, 2006 (1st Sp.Sess., P.L.1873,
2 No.1), entitled "An act providing for taxation by school
3 districts, for the State funds formula, for tax relief in
4 first class cities, for school district choice and voter
5 participation, for other school district options and for a
6 task force on school cost reduction; making an appropriation;
7 prohibiting prior authorized taxation; providing for
8 installment payment of taxes; restricting the power of
9 certain school districts to levy, assess and collect taxes;
10 and making related repeals," in tax relief in cities of the
11 first class, further providing for supplemental senior
12 citizen tax reduction; and, in senior citizens property tax
13 and rent rebate assistance, further providing for property
14 tax and rent rebate and for filing of claim.

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

17 Section 1. Section 704(a) of the act of June 27, 2006 (1st
18 Sp.Sess., P.L.1873, No.1), known as the Taxpayer Relief Act, is

1 amended by adding a paragraph to read:

2 Section 704. Supplemental senior citizen tax reduction.

3 (a) Eligibility.--Beginning in the first year in which a
4 payment under section 505(b) is made and each year thereafter,
5 the following apply:

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7 (3) The household income limit contained in paragraph
8 (1) shall be increased by a percentage equal to the
9 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
10 Consumers statistics published by the United States Bureau of
11 Labor Statistics. Any increase shall be rounded to the
12 nearest \$10. The percentage change shall be determined by
13 comparison of the figure for the previous July, with that of
14 the current July figure. If the Consumer Price Index declines
15 for a given period, the household income limit shall be
16 unchanged for that year. The Secretary of Revenue shall,
17 within 10 days following the determination, transmit notice
18 of the determination to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
19 publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania
20 Bulletin.

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22 Section 2. Section 1304(a) and 1305 heading, (c) and (e) of
23 the act are amended to read:

24 Section 1304. Property tax; and rent rebate.

25 (a) Schedule of rebates.--

26 (1) [The amount of any claim for property tax rebate or
27 rent rebate in lieu of property taxes for real property taxes
28 or rent due and payable during calendar years 1985 through
29 2005 shall be determined in accordance with the following
30 schedule:]

Percentage of Real Property Taxes or

Rent Rebate in Lieu of

Household Income

Property Taxes Allowed as Rebate

\$ 0 - \$ 4,999	100%
5,000 - 5,499	100
5,500 - 5,999	90
6,000 - 6,499	80
6,500 - 6,999	70
7,000 - 7,499	60
7,500 - 7,999	50
8,000 - 8,499	40
8,500 - 8,999	35
9,000 - 9,999	25
10,000 - 11,999	20
12,000 - 12,999	15
13,000 - 15,000	10]

(Reserved).

(2) The following apply:

(i) The base amount of any claim for property tax rebate for real property taxes due and payable during calendar year [2006] 2023 and thereafter shall be determined in accordance with the following schedule:

Amount of Real Property Taxes

Household Income

Allowed as Rebate

\$ 0 - \$ 8,000	[\$650] <u>\$1,000</u>
8,001 - 15,000	[500] <u>770</u>
15,001 - 18,000	[300] <u>460</u>
18,001 - [35,000]	[250] <u>380</u>
<u>45,000</u>	

(ii) The supplemental amount for a claimant with a

household income equal to or less than \$30,000 and an eligible claim for property tax rebate for real property taxes due and payable during the calendar year preceding the first year in which a payment under section 505(b) is made and each year thereafter and whose real property taxes exceed 15% of the claimant's household income shall be equal to 50% of the base amount determined under subparagraph (i). A claimant who is a resident of a city of the first class, a city of the second class A or a school district of the first class A shall be ineligible for the supplemental amount under this subparagraph.

(3) The amount of any claim for rent rebate in lieu of property taxes for rent due and payable during calendar year [2006] 2023 and thereafter shall be determined in accordance with the following:

Amount of Rent Rebate in Lieu of Property Taxes	
Household Income	Allowed as Rebate
\$ 0 - \$ 8,000	[\$650] \$1,000
8,001 - 15,000	[500] 770
<u>15,001 - 18,000</u>	<u>460</u>
<u>18,001 - 45,000</u>	<u>380</u>

(4) The household income limits contained in paragraphs (2)(i) and (ii) and (3) shall be increased by a percentage equal to the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers statistics published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. Any increase shall be rounded to the nearest \$10. The percentage change shall be determined by comparison of the figure for the previous July, with that of the current July figure. If the Consumer Price

1 Index declines for a given period, the household income limit
2 shall be unchanged for that year. The secretary shall, within
3 10 days following the determination, transmit notice of the
4 determination to the Legislative Reference Bureau for
5 publication in the next available issue of the Pennsylvania
6 Bulletin.

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8 Section 1305. Filing and payment of claim.

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10 (c) Payments from State Lottery Fund.--[Except as provided
11 under subsection (e) (3), no reimbursement on a claim shall be
12 made from the State Lottery Fund earlier than the day following
13 the 30th day of June provided in this chapter on which that
14 claim may be filed with the department.] Reimbursement on a
15 claim may be made at any time after a claim is filed and
16 approved.

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18 [(e) Claim for calendar year 2019.--

19 (1) Except as provided under subsection (b) and
20 paragraph (2), a claim for property tax or rent rebate for
21 calendar year 2019 may be filed with the department on or
22 before December 31, 2020.

23 (2) The secretary shall expedite a claim satisfying the
24 eligibility requirements under this chapter for calendar year
25 2019 which had a calendar year 2018 claim approved for
26 reimbursement.

27 (3) If funds are available, a reimbursement on a claim
28 for calendar year 2019 may be made from the State Lottery
29 Fund immediately.]

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.