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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Introduced By: Senator Erin Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: February 27, 2019

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 44-33-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-33 entitled "Property
2 Tax Relief" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **44-33-9. Computation of credit.**

4 The amount of any claim made pursuant to this chapter shall be determined as follows:

5 (1) For any taxable year, a claimant is entitled to a credit against his or her tax liability
6 equal to the amount by which the property taxes accrued or rent constituting property taxes
7 accrued upon the claimant's homestead for the taxable year exceeds a certain percentage of the
8 claimant's total household income for that taxable year, which percentage is based upon income
9 level and household size. The credit shall be computed in accordance with the following table:

10 Income Range	1 Person	2 or More Persons
11 less than \$6000	3%	3%
12 \$6001-9000	4%	4%
13 \$9001-12000	5%	5%
14 \$12001-15000	6%	5%
15 \$15001- 30000 <u>35000</u>	6%	6%

16 (2) The maximum amount of the credit granted under this chapter will be as follows:

17 Year	Credit Maximum
18 Commencing July 1977	\$55.00
19 Commencing July 1978	\$150.00

1	Commencing July 1979	\$175.00
2	Commencing July 1980	\$200.00
3	Commencing on July 1997 and subsequent years	\$250.00
4	Commencing on July 2006	\$300.00

5 Commencing July 2007 ~~and subsequent years~~, until June 30, 2020 the credit shall be
6 increased, at a minimum, to the maximum amount to the nearest five dollars (\$5.00) increment
7 within the allocation of five one-hundredths of one percent (0.05%) of net terminal income
8 derived from video lottery games up to a maximum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) until a
9 maximum credit of five hundred dollars (\$500) is obtained pursuant to the provisions of § 42-61-
10 15. In no event shall the exemption in any fiscal year be less than the prior fiscal year.

11 Commencing on July 2020 \$750.00

12 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would amend the law on property tax relief extended to elderly and/or disabled
2 persons by eliminating the lowest income range of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), increasing the
3 income range from thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) and
4 increasing the maximum credit amount for property tax relief to seven hundred fifty dollars
5 (\$750). In addition, it would eliminate the credit derived from video lottery terminals.

6 This act would take effect upon passage.

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