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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Shallcross Smith, Carson, Hull, Handy, Fogarty, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Batista, and Caldwell

Date Introduced: January 20, 2022

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

44-33-9. Computation of credit.

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

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

Income Range	<del>1-Person</del>	<del>2-or-More-Persons</del>
less than \$6000	<del>3%</del>	<del>3%</del>
\$6001-9000	<del>4%</del>	<del>4%</del>
\$9001-12000	<del>5%</del> <u>6%</u>	<del>5%</del>
\$12001-15000	6%	<del>5%</del>
\$15001-30000	6%	<del>6%</del>
<u>31001-50000</u>	<u>6%</u>	

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

Year	Credit Maximum
Commencing July 1977	\$55.00

1	Commencing July 1978	\$150.00
2	Commencing July 1979	\$175.00
3	Commencing July 1980	\$200.00
4	Commencing on July 1997 and subsequent years	\$250.00
5	Commencing on July <del>2006</del> <u>2022</u>	<del>\$300.00</del> <u>850.00</u>

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

12 (3) The income ranges and credits set forth in this section shall be adjusted annually for  
13 inflation by the total percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers  
14 (CPI-U), published by the United States Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics for the  
15 Northeast Region for the previous fiscal year, but in any event not to exceed twelve percent (12%).

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

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would increase the total amount of income to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) per  
2 household to claim the state-funded property tax relief credit as well as the maximum credit amount  
3 to eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850) and mandate that the income ranges and credits be adjusted  
4 annually for inflation.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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