



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 481

SENATE BILL NO. 1336

By McNally, Crowe, Gresham

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1197

By Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 7, relative to tax relief.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Save the Tax Relief Act."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-702, is amended by deleting the language "twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-703, is amended by deleting the language "twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-704(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision (2) and by redesignating the remaining subdivisions accordingly:

(2)(A) For tax year 2015 and tax years thereafter, the taxpayer's annual income from all sources shall not exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000), or such other amount as set forth in the general appropriations act. This annual income limit shall be adjusted each tax year to reflect the cost of living adjustment for social security recipients as determined by the social security administration and shall be rounded to the nearest ten dollars (\$10.00). The annual income attributable to the applicant for tax relief shall be the income of all owners of the property, the income of the applicant's spouse and the income of any owner of a remainder or reversion in the property if the property constituted the person's legal residence at any time during the year for which tax relief is claimed. Any portion of social security income, social security equivalent railroad retirement benefits, and veterans entitlements required to be paid to a nursing home for nursing home care by federal regulations shall not be considered income to an owner who relocates to a nursing home.

(B) This subdivision (a)(2) shall apply to taxpayers who have not received a reimbursement pursuant to this section for tax year 2014 and who apply to receive a reimbursement for tax year 2015 or a tax year thereafter. This subdivision (a)(2) shall not apply to taxpayers who have received a reimbursement pursuant to this section for tax year 2014 and who reapply to receive a reimbursement for tax year 2015 and in subsequent tax years without interruption.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-704(a), is further amended by deleting the language "one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$175,000)" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-5-704, is further amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

( ) Taxpayers who have not received a reimbursement pursuant to this section for tax year 2014 and who apply to receive a reimbursement for tax year 2015 or a tax year

thereafter, shall submit proof and documentation of the taxpayer's annual income as defined in subdivision (a)(2)(A) in order to qualify for the reimbursement provided by this section.

SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end, the provisions of this act shall be severable.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 22, 2015

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of MAY 2015

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR