

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. -2024

A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 470 of the Laws of Westchester County Relating to Calculating Income Eligibility to Qualify for a Senior Citizen Tax Exemption.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1: Section 470.11(2) of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended to read as follows:

2. The income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption from all sources, as set forth in § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, must not exceed \$50,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2022. Provided that for the purposes of this chapter, income shall not include: (a) veterans' disability compensation, as defined in Title 38 of the United States Code. ~~It is further provided that for the purposes of this chapter, income shall not include~~ (b) medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid which were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance, as set forth in Section 467(3)(a) of the Real Property Tax Law; or (c) any social security benefits that were not included in the applicant's adjusted gross income, as set forth in Section 467(3)(a) of the Real Property Tax Law. "Income tax year" shall mean the twelve-month period for which the owner or owners file a federal personal income tax return or, if no such return is filed, the calendar year.

Section 2: This Local Law shall take effect immediately and shall apply to all applications for exemptions on assessment rolls that are based on taxable status dates occurring on and after October 1, 2024.