

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. -2022

A LOCAL LAW amending Chapters 470 and 472 of the Laws of Westchester County to Allow Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities to Reduce Their Income by the Amount of Unreimbursed Medical and Prescription Drug Expenses in Order to Qualify for Tax Exemptions and to Increase the Maximum Eligible Income.

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]: \$34,399.99 for the period expiring June 30, 2007; \$35,399.99 for the period commencing July 1, 2007 and expiring on June 30, 2008; \$36,399.99 for the period commencing July 1, 2008 and expiring on June 30, 2009; and \$37,399.99 for the period commencing July 1, 2009] \$50,000.00 for the period commencing July 1, 2022. Provided that for the purposes of this chapter, income shall not include 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 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. "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: Section 472.11(1) of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended to reads as follows:

1. The income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the property, from all sources, as set forth in New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 459-c, for the income tax year immediately preceding the date of making application for exemption must not exceed]: \$34,399.99 for the period expiring June 30, 2007 and expiring on June 30, 2008; July 1, 2007 and expiring on June 30, 2009; \$36,399.99 for the period commencing July 1, 2008 and expiring on June 30, 2009; and \$37,399.99 for the period commencing July 1, 2009] \$50,000.00 commencing July 1, 2022. Provided that for the purposes of this chapter, income shall not include medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid which were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance, as set forth in Section 459-c(5)(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 3: This Local Law shall take effect immediately.