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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES McNEIL (Sponsor), DUSENBERG, SUTHERLAND, ATKINS, PACE, WALSH, JONES (63), BRINGER, WITTE, HARRIS, HUMMEL, CALLOWAY, ENGLUND, KIRKTON, FISCHER (107), SCHOELLER, WALTON GRAY, BROWN (149), CHAPPELLE-NADAL, SCHOEMEHL, KRATKY, HUGHES, WEBB, MORRIS, NORR, CARTER, STILL, TALBOY, CORCORAN, McGHEE AND STORCH (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 135.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to senior citizens property tax relief.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 135.030, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 135.030, to read as follows:

135.030. 1. As used in this section:

- (1) The term "maximum upper limit" shall, for each calendar year after December 31, 1997, but before calendar year 2008, be the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars. For all calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, the maximum upper limit shall be the sum of twenty-seven thousand five hundred dollars. In the case of a homestead owned and occupied for the entire year by the claimant, the maximum upper limit shall be the sum of thirty thousand dollars;
- (2) The term "minimum base" shall, for each calendar year after December 31, 1997, but before calendar year 2008, be the sum of thirteen thousand dollars. For all calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, **but ending on or before December 31, 2009**, the minimum base shall be the sum of fourteen thousand three hundred dollars. **For all calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, the minimum base shall be the sum of eighteen thousand dollars.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

14 2. If the income on a return is equal to or less than the maximum upper limit for the
15 calendar year for which the return is filed, the property tax credit shall be determined from a table
16 of credits based upon the amount by which the total property tax described in section 135.025
17 exceeds the percent of income in the following list:

18 If the income on the return is:	The percent is:
19 Not over the minimum base	0 percent with credit not
20	to exceed \$1,100 in actual
21	property tax or rent
22	equivalent paid up to \$750
23 Over the minimum base but	1/16 percent accumulative
24 not over the maximum upper	per \$300 from 0 percent limit
25	to 4 percent.
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27 The director of revenue shall prescribe a table based upon the preceding sentences. The property
28 tax shall be in increments of twenty-five dollars and the income in increments of three hundred
29 dollars. The credit shall be the amount rounded to the nearest whole dollar computed on the
30 basis of the property tax and income at the midpoints of each increment. As used in this
31 subsection, the term "accumulative" means an increase by continuous or repeated application of
32 the percent to the income increment at each three hundred dollar level.

33 3. Notwithstanding subsection 4 of section 32.057, RSMo, the department of revenue
34 or any duly authorized employee or agent shall determine whether any taxpayer filing a report
35 or return with the department of revenue who has not applied for the credit allowed pursuant to
36 section 135.020 may qualify for the credit, and shall notify any qualified claimant of the
37 claimant's potential eligibility, where the department determines such potential eligibility exists.

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