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HOUSE BILL 12-1253

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE REAL PROPERTY EXPENSE ASSISTANCE GRANTS FOR
102 LOW-INCOME SENIORS AND DISABLED INDIVIDUALS, AND, IN
103 CONNECTION THEREWITH, MODIFYING GRANT AMOUNTS AND
104 INCREASING MAXIMUM INCOME LIMITS FOR GRANT
105 QUALIFICATION.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

For grants claimed for 2013, the bill modifies the amounts of the

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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real property tax expense and heat or fuel expenses assistance grants for low-income seniors and disabled individuals and the maximum income limits for grant qualification in a manner that:

- ! Increases grant amounts for individuals who earn more than \$10,040 and married couples who earn more than \$13,932; and
- ! Increases the income limits for grant eligibility from \$12,313 to \$28,000 for individuals and from \$16,205 to \$32,000 for married couples; and
- ! Establishes flat minimum grant amounts for any eligible individual or married couple of the lesser of \$227 or the actual amount of property tax paid for the real property tax expense assistance grant and \$73 for the heat or fuel expenses assistance grant.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-31-101, **amend**
3 (2) as follows:

4 **39-31-101. Real property tax assistance - eligibility -**
5 **applicability - definitions.** (2) ~~Such A grant shall be~~ IS the amount of the
6 general property taxes actually paid on ~~the~~ A residence or the amount of
7 taxes actually paid on a mobile home, plus any tax-equivalent payments
8 computed pursuant to subsection (4) of this section, with respect to the
9 rent of a trailer space during the year for which ~~such~~ THE grant is claimed,
10 the amount of the specific ownership tax actually paid on a trailer coach,
11 or the amount of the tax-equivalent payments, computed pursuant to
12 subsection (4) of this section, actually made during the year for which
13 ~~such~~ THE grant is claimed, but in no event may it exceed:

- 14 (a) In the case of an individual:
- 15 (I) For grants claimed for years commencing prior to January 1,
16 1999, five hundred dollars reduced by twenty percent of the amount by
17 which the individual's income exceeds five thousand dollars;

1 (II) For grants claimed for years commencing on or after January
2 1, 1999, but prior to January 1, 2008, six hundred dollars reduced by ten
3 percent of the amount by which the individual's income exceeds five
4 thousand dollars; ~~and~~

5 (III) For grants claimed for years commencing on or after January
6 1, 2008, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2013, AND FOR YEARS COMMENCING ON
7 OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014, six hundred dollars reduced by ten percent
8 of the amount by which the individual's income exceeds six thousand
9 dollars in 2008, and, each year thereafter, the amount for the prior year
10 adjusted for inflation; EXCEPT THAT, FOR 2014, THE AMOUNT FOR 2012
11 ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION; AND

12 (IV) FOR GRANTS CLAIMED FOR 2013:

13 (A) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE INCOME IS LESS THAN OR EQUAL
14 TO TEN THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS, SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS REDUCED BY
15 TEN PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT BY WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL'S INCOME
16 EXCEEDS SIX THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS; OR

17 (B) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE INCOME IS MORE THAN TEN
18 THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO TWENTY-EIGHT
19 THOUSAND DOLLARS, TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS.

20 (b) In the case of a husband and wife:

21 (I) For grants claimed for years commencing prior to January 1,
22 1999, five hundred dollars reduced by twenty percent of their income
23 over eight thousand seven hundred dollars;

24 (II) For grants claimed for years commencing on or after January
25 1, 1999, but prior to January 1, 2008, six hundred dollars reduced by ten
26 percent of their income over eight thousand seven hundred dollars; ~~and~~

27 (III) For grants claimed for years commencing on or after January

1 1, 2008, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2013, AND FOR YEARS COMMENCING ON
2 OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014, six hundred dollars reduced by ten percent
3 of their income over nine thousand seven hundred dollars in 2008, and,
4 each year thereafter, the amount for the prior year adjusted for inflation;
5 EXCEPT THAT, FOR 2014, THE AMOUNT FOR 2012 ADJUSTED FOR
6 INFLATION; AND

7 (IV) FOR GRANTS CLAIMED FOR 2013:

8 (A) FOR A HUSBAND AND WIFE WHOSE INCOME IS LESS THAN OR
9 EQUAL TO THIRTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS, SIX
10 HUNDRED DOLLARS REDUCED BY TEN PERCENT OF THEIR INCOME OVER
11 TEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS; OR

12 (B) FOR A HUSBAND AND WIFE WHOSE INCOME IS MORE THAN
13 THIRTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS BUT LESS
14 THAN OR EQUAL TO THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS, TWO HUNDRED
15 TWENTY-SEVEN DOLLARS.

16 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-31-104, **amend**
17 (2) as follows:

18 **39-31-104. Heat or fuel expenses assistance - eligibility -**
19 **applicability - definitions.** (2) ~~Such~~ THE grant shall be as follows IS:

20 (a) In the case of an individual:

21 (I) For grants claimed for years commencing prior to January 1,
22 1999, one hundred sixty dollars reduced by six and four-tenths percent of
23 the amount by which the individual's income exceeds five thousand
24 dollars;

25 (II) For grants claimed for years commencing on or after January
26 1, 1999, but prior to January 1, 2008, one hundred ninety-two dollars
27 reduced by three and two-tenths percent of the amount by which the

1 individual's income exceeds five thousand dollars; ~~and~~

2 (III) For grants claimed for years commencing on or after January
3 1, 2008, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2013, AND FOR YEARS COMMENCING ON
4 OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014, one hundred ninety-two dollars reduced by
5 three and two-tenths percent of the amount by which the individual's
6 income exceeds six thousand dollars in 2008, and, each year thereafter,
7 the amount for the prior year adjusted for inflation; EXCEPT THAT, FOR
8 2014, THE AMOUNT FOR 2012 ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION; AND

9 (IV) FOR GRANTS CLAIMED FOR 2013:

10 (A) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE INCOME IS LESS THAN OR EQUAL
11 TO TEN THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS, ONE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS
12 REDUCED BY THREE AND TWO-TENTHS PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT BY
13 WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL'S INCOME EXCEEDS SIX THOUSAND THREE
14 HUNDRED THIRTEEN DOLLARS; OR

15 (B) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE INCOME IS MORE THAN TEN
16 THOUSAND FORTY DOLLARS BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO TWENTY-EIGHT
17 THOUSAND DOLLARS, SEVENTY-THREE DOLLARS.

18 (b) In the case of a husband and wife:

19 (I) For grants claimed for years commencing prior to January 1,
20 1999, one hundred sixty dollars reduced by six and four-tenths percent of
21 their income over eight thousand seven hundred dollars;

22 (II) For grants claimed for years commencing on or after January
23 1, 1999, but prior to January 1, 2008, one hundred ninety-two dollars
24 reduced by three and two-tenths percent of their income over eight
25 thousand seven hundred dollars; ~~and~~

26 (III) For grants claimed for years commencing on or after January
27 1, 2008, BUT BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2013, AND FOR YEARS COMMENCING ON

1 OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014, one hundred ninety-two dollars reduced by
2 three and two-tenths percent of their income over nine thousand seven
3 hundred dollars in 2008, and, each year thereafter, the amount for the
4 prior year adjusted for inflation; EXCEPT THAT, FOR 2014, THE AMOUNT
5 FOR 2012 ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION; AND

6 (IV) FOR GRANTS CLAIMED FOR 2013:

7 (A) FOR A HUSBAND AND WIFE WHOSE INCOME IS LESS THAN OR
8 EQUAL TO THIRTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS,
9 ONE HUNDRED NINETY-TWO DOLLARS REDUCED BY THREE AND
10 TWO-TENTHS PERCENT OF THEIR INCOME OVER TEN THOUSAND TWO
11 HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS; OR

12 (B) FOR A HUSBAND AND WIFE WHOSE INCOME IS MORE THAN
13 THIRTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS BUT LESS
14 THAN OR EQUAL TO THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS, SEVENTY-THREE
15 DOLLARS.

16 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
17 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
18 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
19 8, 2012, if adjournment sine die is on May 9, 2012); except that, if a
20 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
21 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
22 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
23 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
24 November 2012 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
25 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.