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A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend Section 47-863 of the District of Columbia Official Code to provide additional real
 property tax relief for lower income District seniors, and to eliminate the tax notch that

3 4 5	currently exists when a household's adjusted gross income reaches \$128,950 by phasing out the deduction up to \$180,000.
6	BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this
7	act may be cited as the "Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Relief Amendment Act of 2023".
8	Sec. 2. Section 47-863 of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended as follows:
9	(a) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase "\$125,000, increased annually,
10	beginning October 1, 2014, by the senior or disabled cost-of-living adjustment (if the adjustment
11	does not result in a multiple of \$50, rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$50)" and inserting
12	the number "\$180,000" in its place.
13	(b) Subsection (b) is amended to read as follows:
14	"(b)(1) In the case of a house or condominium, an eligible household whose household
15	adjusted gross income is \$130,000 shall be eligible for a 50% deduction in computing real
16	property tax liability. This deduction shall be phased out in even increments up to \$180,000, and
17	at that amount, the deduction equals zero. Conversely the deduction shall be increased in even
18	increments down to a household adjusted gross income of \$50,000, at which, the deduction
19	reaches its maximum amount at 90%. The deduction shall be computed by multiplying the tax
20	rate by the calculated percentage, rounded up to the nearest whole number, to an amount equal to
21	the current year's taxable assessment. The deduction shall be apportioned equally between each
22	installment during a tax year and shall not be carried forward or carried back.
23	"(2)(A) In the case of a cooperative housing association, the deduction shall be
24	computed by multiplying the tax rate by the same percentage calculation found in paragraph (1)
25	of the subsection to an amount equal to the current year's taxable assessment attributable to the

eligible household. The deduction shall be apportioned equally between each installment duringa tax year and shall not be carried forward or carried back.

"(B) The taxable assessment attributable to the eligible household shall be
determined in same manner as the cooperative housing association was assessed under § 47820.01, including any prorations thereunder.".

31 Sec. 3. Applicability.

32 (a) This act shall apply upon the date of inclusion of its fiscal effect in an approved33 budget and financial plan.

(b) The Chief Financial Officer shall certify the date of the inclusion of the fiscal effect in
an approved budget and financial plan, and provide notice to the Budget Director of the Council
of the certification.

37 (c)(1) The Budget Director shall cause the notice of the certification to be published in
38 the District of Columbia Register.

39 (2) The date of publication of the notice of the certification shall not affect the40 applicability of this act.

41 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

42 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal

43 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,

44 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

45 Sec. 5. Effective date.

46 The act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
47 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as

- 48 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December
- 49 24, 1973, (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of
- 50 Columbia Register.