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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 79**

Introduced by Raybould, 28.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section
- 2 77-3507, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-3508,
- 3 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change the amount
- 4 of certain homestead exemptions as prescribed; and to repeal the
- 5 original sections.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 77-3507, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 77-3507 (1) All homesteads in this state shall be assessed for  
4 taxation the same as other property, except that there shall be exempt  
5 from taxation on homesteads of qualified claimants a percentage of the  
6 exempt amount as limited by section 77-3506.03. For exemption  
7 applications filed in calendar years prior to calendar year 2025, the The  
8 percentage of the exempt amount shall be determined based on the  
9 household income of a claimant pursuant to subsections (2) through (4) of  
10 this section. For exemption applications filed in calendar year 2025 and  
11 each calendar year thereafter, the percentage of the exempt amount shall  
12 be determined based on the household income of a claimant pursuant to  
13 subsections (2) through (4) of this section and the length of time that  
14 the claimant has occupied the homestead pursuant to subsection (5) of  
15 this section.

16 (2) For 2014, for a qualified married or closely related claimant,  
17 the percentage of the exempt amount for which the claimant shall be  
18 eligible shall be the percentage in Column B which corresponds with the  
19 claimant's household income in Column A in the table found in this  
20 subsection.

| 21 | Column A              | Column B   |
|----|-----------------------|------------|
| 22 | Household Income      | Percentage |
| 23 | In Dollars            | Of Relief  |
| 24 | 0 through 31,600      | 100        |
| 25 | 31,601 through 33,300 | 90         |
| 26 | 33,301 through 35,000 | 80         |
| 27 | 35,001 through 36,700 | 70         |
| 28 | 36,701 through 38,400 | 60         |
| 29 | 38,401 through 40,100 | 50         |
| 30 | 40,101 through 41,800 | 40         |
| 31 | 41,801 through 43,500 | 30         |

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| 1 | 43,501 through 45,200 | 20 |
| 2 | 45,201 through 46,900 | 10 |
| 3 | 46,901 and over       | 0  |

4 (3) For 2014, for a qualified single claimant, the percentage of the  
5 exempt amount for which the claimant shall be eligible shall be the  
6 percentage in Column B which corresponds with the claimant's household  
7 income in Column A in the table found in this subsection.

| 8  | Column A              | Column B   |
|----|-----------------------|------------|
| 9  | Household Income      | Percentage |
| 10 | In Dollars            | Of Relief  |
| 11 | 0 through 26,900      | 100        |
| 12 | 26,901 through 28,300 | 90         |
| 13 | 28,301 through 29,700 | 80         |
| 14 | 29,701 through 31,100 | 70         |
| 15 | 31,101 through 32,500 | 60         |
| 16 | 32,501 through 33,900 | 50         |
| 17 | 33,901 through 35,300 | 40         |
| 18 | 35,301 through 36,700 | 30         |
| 19 | 36,701 through 38,100 | 20         |
| 20 | 38,101 through 39,500 | 10         |
| 21 | 39,501 and over       | 0          |

22 (4) For exemption applications filed in calendar years 2015 through  
23 2017, the income eligibility amounts in subsections (2) and (3) of this  
24 section shall be adjusted by the percentage determined pursuant to the  
25 provisions of section 1(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it  
26 existed prior to December 22, 2017. For exemption applications filed in  
27 calendar year 2018 and each calendar year thereafter, the income  
28 eligibility amounts in subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall be  
29 adjusted by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All  
30 Urban Consumers published by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics from

1 the twelve months ending on August 31, 2016, to the twelve months ending  
2 on August 31 of the year preceding the applicable calendar year. The  
3 income eligibility amounts shall be adjusted for cumulative inflation  
4 since 2014. If any amount is not a multiple of one hundred dollars, the  
5 amount shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of one hundred  
6 dollars.

7 (5) For exemption applications filed in calendar year 2025 and each  
8 calendar year thereafter, the percentage of relief determined pursuant to  
9 subsections (2) through (4) of this section shall be adjusted as follows:

10 (a) If the claimant has occupied the homestead for at least twenty  
11 years, such percentage shall be increased by two and one-half percent,  
12 except that in no case shall the percentage exceed one hundred percent;  
13 and

14 (b) If the claimant has occupied the homestead for at least twenty-  
15 five years, such percentage shall be increased by five percent, except  
16 that in no case shall the percentage exceed one hundred percent.

17 Sec. 2. Section 77-3508, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
18 2022, is amended to read:

19 77-3508 (1)(a) All homesteads in this state shall be assessed for  
20 taxation the same as other property, except that there shall be exempt  
21 from taxation, on any homestead described in subdivision (b) of this  
22 subsection, a percentage of the exempt amount as limited by section  
23 77-3506.03. For exemption applications filed in calendar years prior to  
24 calendar year 2025, the ~~The~~ exemption shall be based on the household  
25 income of a claimant pursuant to subsections (2) through (4) of this  
26 section. For exemption applications filed in calendar year 2025 and each  
27 calendar year thereafter, the exemption shall be based on the household  
28 income of a claimant pursuant to subsections (2) through (4) of this  
29 section and the length of time that the claimant has occupied the  
30 homestead pursuant to subsection (5) of this section.

31 (b) The exemption described in subdivision (a) of this subsection

1 shall apply to homesteads of:

2 (i) Veterans as defined in section 80-401.01 who were discharged or  
3 otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general  
4 (under honorable conditions) and who are totally disabled by a non-  
5 service-connected accident or illness;

6 (ii) Individuals who have a permanent physical disability and have  
7 lost all mobility so as to preclude locomotion without the use of a  
8 mechanical aid or a prosthetic device as defined in section 77-2704.09;

9 (iii) Individuals who have undergone amputation of both arms above  
10 the elbow or who have a permanent partial disability of both arms in  
11 excess of seventy-five percent; and

12 (iv) Beginning January 1, 2015, individuals who have a developmental  
13 disability as defined in section 83-1205.

14 (c) Application for the exemption described in subdivision (a) of  
15 this subsection shall include certification from a qualified medical  
16 physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse for  
17 subdivisions (b)(i) through (b)(iii) of this subsection, certification  
18 from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs affirming that the  
19 homeowner is totally disabled due to non-service-connected accident or  
20 illness for subdivision (b)(i) of this subsection, or certification from  
21 the Department of Health and Human Services for subdivision (b)(iv) of  
22 this subsection. Such certification from a qualified medical physician,  
23 physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse or from the  
24 Department of Health and Human Services shall be made on forms prescribed  
25 by the Department of Revenue. If an individual described in subdivision  
26 (b)(i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of this subsection is granted a homestead  
27 exemption pursuant to this section for any year, such individual shall  
28 not be required to submit the certification required under this  
29 subdivision in succeeding years if no change in medical condition has  
30 occurred, except that the county assessor or the Tax Commissioner may  
31 request such certification to verify that no change in medical condition

1 has occurred.

2 (2) For 2014, for a married or closely related claimant as described  
3 in subsection (1) of this section, the percentage of the exempt amount  
4 for which the claimant shall be eligible shall be the percentage in  
5 Column B which corresponds with the claimant's household income in Column  
6 A in the table found in this subsection.

| 7  | Column A              | Column B   |
|----|-----------------------|------------|
| 8  | Household Income      | Percentage |
| 9  | In Dollars            | Of Relief  |
| 10 | 0 through 34,700      | 100        |
| 11 | 34,701 through 36,400 | 90         |
| 12 | 36,401 through 38,100 | 80         |
| 13 | 38,101 through 39,800 | 70         |
| 14 | 39,801 through 41,500 | 60         |
| 15 | 41,501 through 43,200 | 50         |
| 16 | 43,201 through 44,900 | 40         |
| 17 | 44,901 through 46,600 | 30         |
| 18 | 46,601 through 48,300 | 20         |
| 19 | 48,301 through 50,000 | 10         |
| 20 | 50,001 and over       | 0          |

21 (3) For 2014, for a single claimant as described in subsection (1)  
22 of this section, the percentage of the exempt amount for which the  
23 claimant shall be eligible shall be the percentage in Column B which  
24 corresponds with the claimant's household income in Column A in the table  
25 found in this subsection.

| 26 | Column A              | Column B   |
|----|-----------------------|------------|
| 27 | Household Income      | Percentage |
| 28 | In Dollars            | Of Relief  |
| 29 | 0 through 30,300      | 100        |
| 30 | 30,301 through 31,700 | 90         |

|   |                       |    |
|---|-----------------------|----|
| 1 | 31,701 through 33,100 | 80 |
| 2 | 33,101 through 34,500 | 70 |
| 3 | 34,501 through 35,900 | 60 |
| 4 | 35,901 through 37,300 | 50 |
| 5 | 37,301 through 38,700 | 40 |
| 6 | 38,701 through 40,100 | 30 |
| 7 | 40,101 through 41,500 | 20 |
| 8 | 41,501 through 42,900 | 10 |
| 9 | 42,901 and over       | 0  |

10 (4) For exemption applications filed in calendar years 2015 through  
11 2017, the income eligibility amounts in subsections (2) and (3) of this  
12 section shall be adjusted by the percentage determined pursuant to the  
13 provisions of section 1(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as it  
14 existed prior to December 22, 2017. For exemption applications filed in  
15 calendar year 2018 and each calendar year thereafter, the income  
16 eligibility amounts in subsections (2) and (3) of this section shall be  
17 adjusted by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All  
18 Urban Consumers published by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics from  
19 the twelve months ending on August 31, 2016, to the twelve months ending  
20 on August 31 of the year preceding the applicable calendar year. The  
21 income eligibility amounts shall be adjusted for cumulative inflation  
22 since 2014. If any amount is not a multiple of one hundred dollars, the  
23 amount shall be rounded to the next lower multiple of one hundred  
24 dollars.

25 (5) For exemption applications filed in calendar year 2025 and each  
26 calendar year thereafter, the percentage of relief determined pursuant to  
27 subsections (2) through (4) of this section shall be adjusted as follows:

28 (a) If the claimant has occupied the homestead for at least twenty  
29 years, such percentage shall be increased by two and one-half percent,  
30 except that in no case shall the percentage exceed one hundred percent;  
31 and

1           (b) If the claimant has occupied the homestead for at least twenty-  
2 five years, such percentage shall be increased by five percent, except  
3 that in no case shall the percentage exceed one hundred percent.

4           Sec. 3.   Original section 77-3507, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
5 Nebraska, and section 77-3508, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
6 2022, are repealed.