

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB3863

Introduced 2/25/2005, by Rep. Randall M. Hultgren - Aaron Schock - Roger Jenisch - Sidney H. Mathias

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 640/2-5.5 new

Amends the Electricity Excise Tax Law. Provides that, beginning with bills for electricity or electric service issued on or after January 1, 2006, the tax imposed under this Act does not apply to property used exclusively for religious purposes, used exclusively for school and religious purposes, or used exclusively for orphanages and not leased or otherwise used with a view to profit. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall establish by rule a procedure for obtaining the exemption. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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1 AN ACT concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Electricity Excise Tax Law is amended by adding Section 2-5.5 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 640/2-5.5 new)

Sec. 2-5.5. Exemption for religious purposes, orphanages, 7 8 or school and religious purposes. Beginning with bills for electricity or electric service issued on or after January 1, 9 2006, the tax imposed under this Act does not apply to property 10 used exclusively for religious purposes, used exclusively for 11 school and religious purposes, or used exclusively for 12 orphanages and not leased or otherwise used with a view to 13 profit. This exemption includes all such property owned by 14 15 churches or religious institutions or denominations and used in conjunction therewith as housing facilities provided for 16 ministers (including bishops, district superintendents, and 17 similar church officials whose ministerial duties are not 18 19 limited to a single congregation), their spouses, children, and domestic workers, performing the duties of their vocation as 20 21 ministers at such churches or religious institutions or for 22 such religious denominations, and including the convents and 23 monasteries where persons engaged in religious activities reside. A parsonage, convent, monastery, or other housing 24 facility shall be considered under this Section to be 25 26 exclusively used for religious purposes when the church, religious institution, or denomination requires that the above 27 28 listed persons who perform religious related activities shall, as a condition of their employment or association, reside in 29 30 the facility. 31

The Department shall establish by rule a procedure for obtaining the exemption under this Section.

- 1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 2 becoming law.