

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB0911

Introduced 2/7/2007, by Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/15-65

Amends the Property Tax Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning exemptions for property used for charitable purposes.

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1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

- Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing Section 15-65 as follows:
- 6 (35 ILCS 200/15-65)

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- Sec. 15-65. Charitable purposes. All property of the the following is exempt when actually and exclusively used for charitable or beneficent purposes, and not leased or otherwise used with a view to profit:
 - (a) Institutions of public charity.
 - (b) Beneficent and charitable organizations incorporated in any state of the United States, including organizations whose owner, and no other person, uses the property exclusively for the distribution, sale, or resale of donated goods and related activities and uses all the income from those activities to support the charitable, religious or beneficent activities of the owner, whether or not such activities occur on the property.
 - (c) Old people's homes, facilities for persons with a developmental disability, and not-for-profit organizations providing services or facilities related to the goals of educational, social and physical development, if, upon

making application for the exemption, the applicant provides affirmative evidence that the home or facility or organization is an exempt organization under paragraph (3) of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code or its successor, and either: (i) the bylaws of the home or facility or not-for-profit organization provide for a waiver or reduction, based on an individual's ability to pay, of any entrance fee, assignment of assets, or fee for services, or (ii) the home or facility is qualified, built or financed under Section 202 of the National Housing Act of 1959, as amended.

An applicant that has been granted an exemption under this subsection on the basis that its bylaws provide for a waiver or reduction, based on an individual's ability to pay, of any entrance fee, assignment of assets, or fee for services may be periodically reviewed by the Department to determine if the waiver or reduction was a past policy or is a current policy. The Department may revoke the exemption if it finds that the policy for waiver or reduction is no longer current.

If a not-for-profit organization leases property that is otherwise exempt under this subsection to an organization that conducts an activity on the leased premises that would entitle the lessee to an exemption from real estate taxes if the lessee were the owner of the property, then the leased property is exempt.

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- (d) Not-for-profit health maintenance organizations certified by the Director of the Illinois Department of Insurance under the Health Maintenance Organization Act, including anv health maintenance organization provides services to members at prepaid rates approved by the Illinois Department of Insurance if the membership of the organization is sufficiently large or of indefinite so that the community is benefited by its classes operation. No exemption shall apply to any hospital or health maintenance organization which has been adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to have denied admission to any person because of race, color, creed, sex or national origin.
 - (e) All free public libraries.
 - (f) Historical societies.

Property otherwise qualifying for an exemption under this Section shall not lose its exemption because the legal title is held (i) by an entity that is organized solely to hold that title and that qualifies under paragraph (2) of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code or its successor, whether or not that entity receives rent from the charitable organization for the repair and maintenance of the property, (ii) by an entity that is organized as a partnership, in which the charitable organization, or an affiliate or subsidiary of the charitable organization, is a general partner, for the purposes of owning and operating a residential rental property that has received

an allocation of Low Income Housing Tax Credits for 100% of the 1 2 dwelling units under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or (iii) for any assessment year including and subsequent 3 to January 1, 1996 for which an application for exemption has 5 been filed and a decision on which has not become final and 6 nonappealable, by a limited liability company organized under the Limited Liability Company Act provided that (A) the limited 7 liability company receives a notification from the Internal 8 9 Revenue Service that it qualifies under paragraph (2) or (3) of 10 Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code; (B) the limited 11 liability company's sole members, as that term is used in 12 Section 1-5 of the Limited Liability Company Act, are the 13 institutions of public charity that actually and exclusively 14 use the property for charitable and beneficent purposes; and 15 (C) the limited liability company does not lease the property 16 or otherwise use it with a view to profit.

17 (Source: P.A. 91-416, eff. 8-6-99; 92-382, eff. 8-16-01.)