94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB3773

Introduced 2/25/2005, by Rep. Jim Sacia

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 200/18-178 new

Amends the Property Tax Code. Requires the county clerk to abate the amount of \$400 from property taxes levied on each parcel of qualified residential property that is owned by a volunteer firefighter. Provides that the Department of Revenue must adopt rules concerning the abatement and prepare application forms. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IMPACT NOTE ACT MAY APPLY 1

AN ACT concerning revenue.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by adding
Section 18-178 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/18-178 new)

7 <u>Sec. 18-178. Abatement for volunteer firefighters.</u>

8 <u>(a) The county clerk shall abate the amount of \$400 from</u> 9 property taxes levied on each parcel of qualified residential 10 property that is owned by a volunteer firefighter. This 11 abatement must be applied proportionally to the property tax 12 levies of each taxing district that levies a property tax on 13 the property.

14 <u>(b) As used in this Section, "qualified residential</u> 15 property" means a property that is occupied as a principle 16 residence by a volunteer firefighter who is liable for paying 17 real estate taxes on the property and who:

18 (1) is an owner of record of the property; or
19 (2) has a legal or equitable interest therein, except

20 <u>for a leasehold interest other than a leasehold interest of</u>
21 <u>land:</u>

22 (A) on which a single family residence is located;
23 (B) that is occupied as a residence by a volunteer
24 firefighter who has an ownership interest therein,
25 legal, equitable, or as a lessee; and

26(C) on which he or she is liable for the payment of27property taxes.

28 (c) The Department of Revenue must adopt rules concerning 29 abatements under this Section and must prepare an application 30 form for volunteer firefighters to present to the county clerk 31 when seeking an abatement under this Section.

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Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

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1 becoming law.