

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 926
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM ELDERLY HOMEOWNER AND
5 RENTER INCOME TAX CREDIT; AMENDING SECTION 15-30-2340, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7, 8,
6 AND 9, CHAPTER 476, LAWS OF 2021; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN
7 APPLICABILITY DATE."

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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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11 **Section 1.** Section 15-30-2340, MCA, is amended to read:

12 **"15-30-2340. Residential property tax credit for elderly -- computation of relief.** The amount of
13 the tax credit granted under the provisions of 15-30-2337 through 15-30-2341 is computed as follows:

14 (1) In the case of a claimant who owns the homestead for which a claim is made, the credit is the
15 amount of property tax billed less the deduction specified in subsection (4).

16 (2) In the case of a claimant who rents the homestead for which a claim is made, the credit is the
17 amount of rent-equivalent tax paid less the deduction specified in subsection (4).

18 (3) In the case of a claimant who both owns and rents the homestead for which a claim is made,
19 the credit is:

20 (a) the amount of property tax billed on the owned portion of the homestead less the deduction
21 specified in subsection (4); plus

22 (b) the amount of rent-equivalent tax paid on the rented portion of the homestead less the
23 deduction specified in subsection (4).

24 (4) Property tax billed and rent-equivalent tax paid are reduced according to the following
25 schedule:

Household income	Amount of reduction
\$0 - \$999	\$0

\$1,000 - \$1,999	\$0
\$2,000 - \$2,999	the product of .006 times the household income
\$3,000 - \$3,999	the product of .016 times the household income
\$4,000 - \$4,999	the product of .024 times the household income
\$5,000 - \$5,999	the product of .028 times the household income
\$6,000 - \$6,999	the product of .032 times the household income
\$7,000 - \$7,999	the product of .035 times the household income
\$8,000 - \$8,999	the product of .039 times the household income
\$9,000 - \$9,999	the product of .042 times the household income
\$10,000 - \$10,999	the product of .045 times the household income
\$11,000 - \$11,999	the product of .048 times the household income
\$12,000 & over	the product of .050 times the household income

1 (5) For a claimant whose household income is \$35,000 or more but less than \$45,000, the amount
2 of the credit is equal to the credit calculated under this section multiplied by the decimal equivalent of a
3 percentage figure according to the following table:

Gross household income	Percentage of credit allowed
\$35,000 - \$37,500	40%
\$37,501 - \$40,000	30%
\$40,001 - \$42,500	20%
\$42,501 - \$44,999	10%
\$45,000 or more	0%

4 (6) The credit granted may not exceed ~~[\$1,150]~~ \$1,700.

5 (7) Relief under 15-30-2337 through 15-30-2341 is a credit against the claimant's Montana
6 individual income tax liability for the claim period. If the amount of the credit exceeds the claimant's liability
7 under this chapter, the amount of the excess must be refunded to the claimant. The credit may be claimed even
8 though the claimant has no income taxable under this chapter. ~~(Bracketed language in subsection (6) is~~
9 ~~temporarily amended to "\$1,000" on occurrence of contingency for income tax years 2022, 2023, 2024, and~~
10 ~~2025 until December 31, 2025-- sec. 13, Ch. 476, L. 2021.)"~~

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2 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Repealer.** Sections 7, 8, and 9, Chapter 476, Laws of 2021, are
3 repealed.

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5 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective January 1, 2024.

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7 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Applicability.** [This act] applies to income tax years beginning after
8 December 31, 2023.

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