

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0003

Property tax exemption for long-term homeowners.

Sponsored by: Joint Revenue Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to taxation; establishing a tax exemption
2 for long-term homeowners; providing a penalty for false
3 claims; providing a sunset date; and providing for an
4 effective date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 39-11-105(a) by creating a new
9 paragraph (xlili) is amended to read:

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11 **39-11-105. Exemptions.**

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13 (a) The following property is exempt from property
14 taxation:

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1 (xliii) A portion of property used as a primary
2 residence by long-term homeowners as provided in this
3 paragraph. The following shall apply to this exemption:

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5 (A) For residential real property used as a
6 primary residence, if the owner or their spouse is
7 sixty-five (65) years of age or older and the owner or
8 their spouse has paid residential property tax in Wyoming
9 for twenty-five (25) years or more on any residential
10 property, the amount of the exemption shall be fifty
11 percent (50%) of the assessed value of the residential real
12 property;

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14 (B) Not more than one (1) exemption under
15 this paragraph shall apply to the same property in any year
16 and no owner shall claim more than one (1) exemption under
17 this paragraph in any year including property that houses
18 more than one (1) family. To claim an exemption under this
19 paragraph the owner of the residential real property shall
20 submit a claim to the county assessor not later than the
21 fourth Monday in May each year on forms provided by the
22 department of revenue demonstrating that the person is the
23 owner of the property, that the person or the person's

1 spouse is sixty-five (65) years of age or older and has
2 paid residential property tax in Wyoming for twenty-five
3 (25) years or more on any residential property and that the
4 property is the person's primary residence. A surviving
5 spouse of a person who qualified under this paragraph and
6 who would not otherwise qualify under this paragraph shall
7 continue to qualify for the exemption under this paragraph.
8 False claims are punishable as provided by W.S. 6-5-303;

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10 (C) As used in this paragraph:

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12 (I) "Owner" means any of the following
13 provided that no other person who may qualify as a co-owner
14 shall apply for an exemption under this paragraph for the
15 same property in the same year:

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17 (1) A person who occupies and
18 owns a primary residence either solely or with other
19 owners;

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21 (2) A person who occupies a
22 primary residence as a vendee in possession under a
23 contract of sale;

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(3) A person who occupies a primary residence owned by a corporation, partnership or limited liability company if the owner of the property is a shareholder or owner of the corporation, partnership or limited liability company;

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(4) A person who occupies a primary residence that is held in a trust established by or for the benefit of the occupant; or

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(5) Military personnel who declare Wyoming as their domicile.

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(II) "Primary residence" means residential real property where the person claiming the exemption actually resides for not less than eight (8) months of the year;

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(III) "Residential real property" means real property improved by a dwelling designed to house not more than four (4) families and includes associated residential land up to thirty-five (35) acres

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1 where the dwelling is located if the land is owned by the
2 owner of the dwelling. The dwelling may include any type of
3 residence including a single family home, an individual
4 condominium unit, a mobile home or a trailer if the
5 dwelling is used as a primary residence.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is repealed effective July 1,
8 2027.

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10 **Section 3.** This act is effective January 1, 2025.

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