## S. B. No. 186 As Passed by the Senate

In line 1 of the title, after "319.20" insert ", 323.152"; after	1
"323.74" insert ", 4503.065"	2
In line 7 of the title, after "property" insert "and to increase the	3
homestead exemption"	4
In line 8, after "319.20" insert ", 323.152"; after "323.74" insert	5
", 4503.065"	6
After line 160, insert:	7
"Sec. 323.152. In addition to the reduction in taxes	8
required under section 319.302 of the Revised Code, taxes shall	9
be reduced as provided in divisions (A) and (B) of this section.	10
(A)(1)(a) Division(A)(1) of this section applies to any	11
(A)(1)(a) Division (A)(1) of this section applies to any of the following persons:	12
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person who was permanently and totally disabled or sixty-five years of age or older and who applied and qualified for a reduction in taxes under this division in the year of death, provided the surviving spouse is at least fifty-nine but not sixty-five or more years of age on the date the deceased spouse dies.

- (b) Real property taxes on a homestead owned and occupied, or a homestead in a housing cooperative occupied, by a person to whom division (A)(1) of this section applies shall be reduced for each year for which an application for the reduction has been approved. The reduction shall equal one of the following amounts, as applicable to the person:
- (i) If the person received a reduction under division (A)

  (1) of this section for tax year 2006, the greater of the reduction for that tax year or the amount computed under division (A)(1)(c) of this section;
- (ii) If the person received, for any homestead, a reduction under division (A)(1) of this section for tax year 2013 or under division (A) of section 4503.065 of the Revised Code for tax year 2014 or the person is the surviving spouse of such a person and the surviving spouse is at least fifty-nine years of age on the date the deceased spouse dies, the amount computed under division (A)(1)(c) of this section.
- (iii) If the person is not described in division (A) (1) (b)
  (i) or (ii) of this section and the person's total income does not exceed thirty thousand dollars, as adjusted under division
  (A) (1) (d) of this section, the amount computed under division
  (A) (1) (c) of this section.
  - (c) The amount of the reduction under division (A)(1)(c)

of this section equals the product of the following:	45
(i) Twenty-five Fifty thousand dollars of the true value	46
of the property in money, as adjusted under division (A)(1)(d)	47
of this section;	48
(ii) The assessment percentage established by the tax	49
commissioner under division (B) of section 5715.01 of the	50
Revised Code, not to exceed thirty-five per cent;	51
(iii) The effective tax rate used to calculate the taxes	52
charged against the property for the current year, where	53
"effective tax rate" is defined as in section 323.08 of the	54
Revised Code;	55
(iv) The quantity equal to one minus the sum of the	56
percentage reductions in taxes received by the property for the	57
current tax year under section 319.302 of the Revised Code and	58
division (B) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code.	59
(d) The tax commissioner shall adjust the total income	60
threshold described in division (A)(1)(b)(iii) and the reduction	61
amounts described in divisions (A)(1)(c)(i), (A)(2), and (A)(3)	62
of this section by completing the following calculations in	63
September of each year:	64
(i) Determine the percentage increase in the gross	65
domestic product deflator determined by the bureau of economic	66
analysis of the United States department of commerce from the	67
first day of January of the preceding calendar year to the last	68
day of December of the preceding calendar year;	69
(ii) Multiply that percentage increase by the total income	70
threshold or reduction amount for the current tax year, as	71
applicable;	72

(iii) Add the resulting product to the total income threshold or the reduction amount, as applicable, for the current tax year;

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(iv) Round the resulting sum to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars.

The commissioner shall certify the amount resulting from each adjustment to each county auditor not later than the first day of December each year. The certified total income threshold amount applies to the following tax year for persons described in division (A)(1)(b)(iii) of this section. The certified reduction amount applies to the following tax year. The commissioner shall not make the applicable adjustment in any calendar year in which the amount resulting from the adjustment would be less than the total income threshold or the reduction amount for the current tax year.

- (2) (a) Real property taxes on a homestead owned and occupied, or a homestead in a housing cooperative occupied, by a disabled veteran shall be reduced for each year for which an application for the reduction has been approved. The reduction shall equal the product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of the true value of the property in money, as adjusted under division (A) (1) (d) of this section, by the amounts described in divisions (A) (1) (c) (ii) to (iv) of this section. The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section 323.158 of the Revised Code or division (A) (1), (2) (b), or (3) of this section. The reduction applies to only one homestead owned and occupied by a disabled veteran.
- (b) Real property taxes on a homestead owned and occupied, or a homestead in a housing cooperative occupied, by the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran shall be reduced for each

year an application for exemption is approved. The reduction shall equal to the amount of the reduction authorized under division (A)(2)(a) of this section.

The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section 323.158 of the Revised Code or division (A)(1), (2)(a), or (3) of this section. The reduction applies to only one homestead owned and occupied by the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran. A homestead qualifies for a reduction in taxes under division (A)(2)(b) of this section beginning in one of the following tax years:

- (i) For a surviving spouse described in division (L)(1) of section 323.151 of the Revised Code, the year the disabled veteran dies;
- (ii) For a surviving spouse described in division (L)(2) of section 323.151 of the Revised Code, the first year on the first day of January of which the total disability rating described in division (F) of that section has been received for the deceased spouse.

In either case, the reduction shall continue through the tax year in which the surviving spouse dies or remarries.

(3) Real property taxes on a homestead owned and occupied, or a homestead in a housing cooperative occupied, by the surviving spouse of a public service officer killed in the line of duty shall be reduced for each year for which an application for the reduction has been approved. The reduction shall equal the product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of the true value of the property in money, as adjusted under division (A)(1)(d) of this section, by the amounts described in divisions (A)(1)(c)(ii) to (iv) of this section. The reduction 

is in lieu of any reduction under section 323.158 of the Revised 132 Code or division (A)(1) or (2) of this section. The reduction 133 applies to only one homestead owned and occupied by such a 134 surviving spouse. A homestead qualifies for a reduction in taxes 135 under division (A)(3) of this section for the tax year in which 136 the public service officer dies through the tax year in which 137 the surviving spouse dies or remarries.

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- (B) To provide a partial exemption, real property taxes on any homestead, and manufactured home taxes on any manufactured or mobile home on which a manufactured home tax is assessed pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code, shall be reduced for each year for which an application for the reduction has been approved. The amount of the reduction shall equal two and one-half per cent of the amount of taxes to be levied by qualifying levies on the homestead or the manufactured or mobile home after applying section 319.301 of the Revised Code. For the purposes of this division, "qualifying levy" has the same meaning as in section 319.302 of the Revised Code.
- (C) The reductions granted by this section do not apply to 151 special assessments or respread of assessments levied against 152 the homestead, and if there is a transfer of ownership 153 subsequent to the filing of an application for a reduction in 154 taxes, such reductions are not forfeited for such year by virtue 155 of such transfer. 156
- (D) The reductions in taxable value referred to in this 157 section shall be applied solely as a factor for the purpose of 158 computing the reduction of taxes under this section and shall 159 not affect the total value of property in any subdivision or 160 taxing district as listed and assessed for taxation on the tax 161

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indebtedness of a subdivision or taxing district. If after	163
application of sections 5705.31 and 5705.32 of the Revised Code,	164
including the allocation of all levies within the ten-mill	165
limitation to debt charges to the extent therein provided, there	166
would be insufficient funds for payment of debt charges not	167
provided for by levies in excess of the ten-mill limitation, the	168
reduction of taxes provided for in sections 323.151 to 323.159	169
of the Revised Code shall be proportionately adjusted to the	170
extent necessary to provide such funds from levies within the	171
ten-mill limitation.	172
(E) No reduction shall be made on the taxes due on the	173
homestead of any person convicted of violating division (D) or	174
(E) of section 323.153 of the Revised Code for a period of three	175
years following the conviction."	176
After line 380, insert:	177
"Sec. 4503.065. (A)(1) Division (A) of this section	178
applies to any of the following persons:	179
applies to any of the following persons.	1/9
(a) An individual who is permanently and totally disabled;	180
(b) An individual who is sixty-five years of age or older;	181
(c) An individual who is the surviving spouse of a	182
deceased person who was permanently and totally disabled or	183
sixty-five years of age or older and who applied and qualified	184
for a reduction in assessable value under this section in the	185
year of death, provided the surviving spouse is at least fifty-	186
nine but not sixty-five or more years of age on the date the	187
deceased spouse dies.	188

lists and duplicates, or any direct or indirect limitations on

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(2) The manufactured home tax on a manufactured or mobile

home that is paid pursuant to division (C) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code and that is owned and occupied as a home by an individual whose domicile is in this state and to whom this section applies, shall be reduced for any tax year for which an application for such reduction has been approved, provided the individual did not acquire ownership from a person, other than the individual's spouse, related by consanguinity or affinity for the purpose of qualifying for the reduction. An owner includes a settlor of a revocable or irrevocable inter vivos trust holding the title to a manufactured or mobile home occupied by the settlor as of right under the trust. 

- (a) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under division (D)(2) of that section, the reduction shall equal one of the following amounts, as applicable to the person:
- (i) If the person received a reduction under this section for tax year 2007, the greater of the reduction for that tax year or the amount computed under division (A)(2)(b) of this section;
- (ii) If the person received, for any homestead, a reduction under division (A) of this section for tax year 2014 or under division (A)(1) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code for tax year 2013 or the person is the surviving spouse of such a person and the surviving spouse is at least fifty-nine years of age on the date the deceased spouse dies, the amount computed under division (A)(2)(b) of this section.
- (iii) If the person is not described in division (A) (2) (a)(i) or (ii) of this section and the person's total income doesnot exceed thirty thousand dollars, as adjusted under division(A) (2) (e) of this section, the amount computed under division

(A)(2)(b) of this section.	220
(b) The amount of the reduction under division (A)(2)(b)	221
of this section equals the product of the following:	222
(i) Twenty-five Fifty thousand dollars of the true value	223
of the property in money, as adjusted under division (A)(2)(e)	224
of this section;	225
(ii) The assessment percentage established by the tax	226
commissioner under division (B) of section 5715.01 of the	227
Revised Code, not to exceed thirty-five per cent;	228
(iii) The effective tax rate used to calculate the taxes	229
charged against the property for the current year, where	230
"effective tax rate" is defined as in section 323.08 of the	231
Revised Code;	232
(iv) The quantity equal to one minus the sum of the	233
percentage reductions in taxes received by the property for the	234
current tax year under section 319.302 of the Revised Code and	235
division (B) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code.	236
(c) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax	237
imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under	238
division (D)(1) of that section, the reduction shall equal one	239
of the following amounts, as applicable to the person:	240
(i) If the person received a reduction under this section	241
for tax year 2007, the greater of the reduction for that tax	242
year or the amount computed under division (A)(2)(d) of this	243
section;	244
(ii) If the person received, for any homestead, a	245
reduction under division (A) of this section for tax year 2014	246
or under division (A)(1) of section 323 152 of the Revised Code	247

for tax year 2013 or the person is the surviving spouse of such	248
a person and the surviving spouse is at least fifty-nine years	249
of age on the date the deceased spouse dies, the amount computed	250
under division (A)(2)(d) of this section.	251
(iii) If the person is not described in division (A)(2)(c)	252
(i) or (ii) of this section and the person's total income does	253
not exceed thirty thousand dollars, as adjusted under division	254
(A)(2)(e) of this section, the amount computed under division	255
(A)(2)(d) of this section.	256
(d) The amount of the reduction under division (A)(2)(d)	257
of this section equals the product of the following:	258
(i) Twenty-five-Fifty thousand dollars of the cost to the	259
owner, or the market value at the time of purchase, whichever is	260
greater, as those terms are used in division (D)(1) of section	261
4503.06 of the Revised Code, and as adjusted under division (A)	262
(2) (e) of this section;	263
(ii) The percentage from the appropriate schedule in	264
division (D)(1)(b) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code;	265
(iii) The assessment percentage of forty per cent used in	266
division (D)(1)(b) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code;	267
(iv) The tax rate of the taxing district in which the home	268
has its situs.	269
(e) The tax commissioner shall adjust the income threshold	270
described in divisions (A)(2)(a)(iii) and (A)(2)(c)(iii) and the	271
reduction amounts described in divisions (A)(2)(b)(i), (A)(2)(d)	272
(i), (B)(1), (B)(2), (C)(1), and (C)(2) of this section by	273
completing the following calculations in September of each year:	274
(i) Determine the percentage increase in the gross	275

domestic product deflator determined by the bureau of economic	276
analysis of the United States department of commerce from the	277
first day of January of the preceding calendar year to the last	278
day of December of the preceding calendar year;	279

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- (ii) Multiply that percentage increase by the total income threshold or reduction amount for the ensuing tax year, as applicable;
- (iii) Add the resulting product to the total income threshold or reduction amount, as applicable for the ensuing tax year;
- (iv) Round the resulting sum to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars.

The commissioner shall certify the amount resulting from each adjustment to each county auditor not later than the first day of December each year. The certified amount applies to the second ensuing tax year. The commissioner shall not make the applicable adjustment in any calendar year in which the amount resulting from the adjustment would be less than the total income threshold or the reduction amount for the ensuing tax year.

(B) (1) The manufactured home tax levied pursuant to 296 division (C) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code on a 297 manufactured or mobile home that is owned and occupied by a 298 disabled veteran shall be reduced for any tax year for which an 299 application for such reduction has been approved, provided the 300 disabled veteran did not acquire ownership from a person, other 301 than the disabled veteran's spouse, related by consanguinity or 302 affinity for the purpose of qualifying for the reduction. An 303 owner includes an owner within the meaning of division (A)(2) of 304

this	section.	305
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(a) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax

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imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under

division (D)(2) of that section, the reduction shall equal the

product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of the

true value of the property in money, as adjusted under division

(A)(2)(e) of this section, by the amounts described in divisions

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(A)(2)(b)(ii) to (iv) of this section.

(b) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under division (D)(1) of that section, the reduction shall equal the product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of the cost to the owner, or the market value at the time of purchase, whichever is greater, as those terms are used in division (D)(1) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code, as adjusted under division (A)(2)(e) of this section, by the amounts described in divisions (A)(2)(d)(ii) to (iv) of this section.

The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section 4503.0610 of the Revised Code or division (A), (B)(2), or (C) of this section. The reduction applies to only one manufactured or mobile home owned and occupied by a disabled veteran.

(2) The manufactured home tax levied pursuant to division
(C) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code on a manufactured or
mobile home that is owned and occupied by the surviving spouse
of a disabled veteran shall be reduced for each tax year for
which an application for such reduction has been approved. The
reduction shall equal the amount of the reduction authorized
under division (B)(1)(a) or (b) of this section, as applicable.
An owner includes an owner within the meaning of division (A)(2)
of this section.

The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section 335 4503.0610 of the Revised Code or division (A), (B)(1), or (C) of 336 this section. The reduction applies to only one manufactured or 337 mobile home owned and occupied by the surviving spouse of a 338 disabled veteran. A manufactured or mobile home qualifies for a 339 reduction in taxes under division (B)(2) of this section 340 beginning in one of the following tax years: 341

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- (a) For a surviving spouse described in division (H)(1) of section 4503.064 of the Revised Code, the year the disabled veteran dies:
- (b) For a surviving spouse described in division (H)(2) of 345 section 4503.064 of the Revised Code, the first year on the 346 first day of January of which the total disability rating 347 described in division (F) of section 323.151 of the Revised Code 348 has been received for the deceased spouse. 349

In either case, the reduction shall continue through the tax year in which the surviving spouse dies or remarries.

- (C) The manufactured home tax levied pursuant to division (C) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code on a manufactured or mobile home that is owned and occupied by the surviving spouse of a public service officer killed in the line of duty shall be reduced for any tax year for which an application for such reduction has been approved, provided the surviving spouse did not acquire ownership from a person, other than the surviving spouse's deceased public service officer spouse, related by consanguinity or affinity for the purpose of qualifying for the reduction. An owner includes an owner within the meaning of division (A)(2) of this section.
  - (1) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax

imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under division (D)(2) of that section, the reduction shall equal the product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of the true value of the property in money, as adjusted under division (A)(2)(e) of this section, by the amounts described in divisions (A)(2)(b)(ii) to (iv) of this section.

(2) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under division (D)(1) of that section, the reduction shall equal the product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of the cost to the owner, or the market value at the time of purchase, whichever is greater, as those terms are used in division (D)(1) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code, as adjusted under division (A)(2)(e) of this section, by the amounts described in divisions (A)(2)(d)(ii) to (iv) of this section.

The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section 4503.0610 of the Revised Code or division (A) or (B) of this section. The reduction applies to only one manufactured or mobile home owned and occupied by such a surviving spouse. A manufactured or mobile home qualifies for a reduction in taxes under this division for the tax year in which the public service officer dies through the tax year in which the surviving spouse dies or remarries.

(D) If the owner or the spouse of the owner of a 387 manufactured or mobile home is eligible for a homestead 388 exemption on the land upon which the home is located, the 389 reduction to which the owner or spouse is entitled under this 390 section shall not exceed the difference between the reduction to 391 which the owner or spouse is entitled under division (A), (B), 392 or (C) of this section and the amount of the reduction under the 393

homestead exemption.	394
(E) No reduction shall be made with respect to the home of	395
any person convicted of violating division (C) or (D) of section	396
4503.066 of the Revised Code for a period of three years	397
following the conviction."	398
In line 916, after "319.20" insert ", 323.152"	399
In line 917, after "323.74" insert ", 4503.065"	400
After line 925, insert:	401
"Section 4. The amendment by this act of section 323.152	402
of the Revised Code applies to tax year 2025 and every tax year	403
thereafter. The amendment by this act of section 4503.065 of the	404
Revised Code applies to tax year 2026 and every tax year	405
thereafter.	406
Section 5. The General Assembly, applying the principle	407
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that	408
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of	409
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections,	410
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended	411
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the	412
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections	413
as presented in this act:	414
Section 323.152 of the Revised Code as amended by both	415
H.B. 33 and S.B. 43 of the 135th General Assembly.	416
Section 4503.065 of the Revised Code as amended by both	417
H.B. 33 and S.B. 43 of the 135th General Assembly."	418

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<u>SYNOPSIS</u>	419
Homestead exemption increase	420
R.C. 323.152 and 4503.065; Section 4	421
Increases the amount of the homestead exemption for	422
elderly or disabled homeowners and certain of their surviving	423
spouses from \$26,200 (as adjusted for inflation) to \$50,000,	424
subject to inflation adjustment under continuing law.	425