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A BILL

То	amend sections 323.151, 323.152, 323.153,	1
	4503.064, 4503.065, and 4503.066 of the Revised	2
	Code to authorize a full homestead exemption for	3
	surviving spouses of members of the uniformed	4
	services killed in the line of duty.	-

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 323.151, 323.152, 323.153,	6
4503.064, 4503.065, and 4503.066 of the Revised Code be amended	7
to read as follows:	8
Sec. 323.151. As used in sections 323.151 to 323.159 of the Revised Code:	9 10
(A)(1) "Homestead" means either of the following:	11
(a) A dwelling, including a unit in a multiple-unit	12
dwelling and a manufactured home or mobile home taxed as real	13
property pursuant to division (B) of section 4503.06 of the	14
Revised Code, owned and occupied as a home by an individual	15
whose domicile is in this state and who has not acquired	16
ownership from a person, other than the individual's spouse,	17
related by consanguinity or affinity for the purpose of	18

qualifying for the real property tax reduction provided in	19
section 323.152 of the Revised Code.	20
(b) A unit in a housing cooperative that is occupied as a	21
home, but not owned, by an individual whose domicile is in this	22
state.	23
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(2) The homestead shall include so much of the land	24
surrounding it, not exceeding one acre, as is reasonably	25
necessary for the use of the dwelling or unit as a home. An	26
owner includes a holder of one of the several estates in fee, a	27
vendee in possession under a purchase agreement or a land	28
contract, a mortgagor, a life tenant, one or more tenants with a	29
right of survivorship, tenants in common, and a settlor of a	30
revocable or irrevocable inter vivos trust holding the title to	31
a homestead occupied by the settlor as of right under the trust.	32
The tax commissioner shall adopt rules for the uniform	33
classification and valuation of real property or portions of	34
real property as homesteads.	35
(B) "Sixty-five years of age or older" means a person who	36
has attained age sixty-four prior to the first day of January of	37
the year of application for reduction in real estate taxes.	38
(C) "Total income" means modified adjusted gross income,	39
as that term is defined in section 5747.01 of the Revised Code,	40
of the owner and the owner's spouse for the year preceding the	41
year in which application for a reduction in taxes is made.	42
(D) "Permanently and totally disabled" means that a person	43
other than a disabled veteran has, on the first day of January	44
of the year of application for reduction in real estate taxes,	45
some impairment in body or mind that makes the person unable to	46

work at any substantially remunerative employment that the

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person is reasonably able to perform and that will, with	48
reasonable probability, continue for an indefinite period of at	49
least twelve months without any present indication of recovery	50
therefrom or has been certified as permanently and totally	51
disabled by a state or federal agency having the function of so	52
classifying persons.	53
(E) "Housing cooperative" means a housing complex of at	54
least two units that is owned and operated by a nonprofit	55
corporation that issues a share of the corporation's stock to an	56
individual, entitling the individual to live in a unit of the	57
complex, and collects a monthly maintenance fee from the	58
individual to maintain, operate, and pay the taxes of the	59
complex.	60
(F) "Disabled veteran" means a person who is a veteran of	61
the armed forces of the United States, including reserve	62
components thereof, or of the national guard, who has been	63
discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces	64
under honorable conditions, and who has received a total	65
disability rating or a total disability rating for compensation	66
based on individual unemployability for a service-connected	67
disability or combination of service-connected disabilities as	68
prescribed in Title 38, Part 4 of the Code of Federal	69
Regulations, as amended.	70
(G) "Public service officer" means a peace officer,	71
firefighter, first responder, EMT-basic, EMT-I, or paramedic, or	72
an individual holding any equivalent position in another state.	73
(H) "Killed in the line of duty" means either of the	74
following:	75

(1) Death in the line of duty;

(2) Death from injury sustained in the line of duty,	77
including heart attack or other fatal injury or illness caused	78
while in the line of duty.	79
(I) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as in section	80
2935.01 of the Revised Code.	81
(J) "Firefighter" means a firefighter, whether paid or	82
volunteer, of a lawfully constituted fire department.	83
(K) "First responder," "EMT-basic," "EMT-I," and	84
"paramedic" have the same meanings as in section 4765.01 of the	85
Revised Code.	86
(L) "Surviving spouse of a disabled veteran" means either	87
of the following:	88
(1) The spouse of a disabled veteran who occupied the	89
homestead when the disabled veteran died and who acquires	90
ownership of the homestead or, in the case of a homestead that	91
is a unit in a housing cooperative, continues to occupy the	92
homestead;	93
(2) The surviving spouse of an individual to which all of	94
the following apply, provided the surviving spouse occupies the	95
homestead when that individual dies and who, following that	96
individual's death, acquires ownership of the homestead or, in	97
the case of a homestead that is a unit in a housing cooperative,	98
continues to occupy the homestead:	99
(a) The individual dies before receiving a total	100
disability rating described in division (F) of this section.	101
(b) The individual otherwise qualifies as a disabled	102
veteran.	103
(c) The individual owns and occupies a homestead or, in	104
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the case of a homestead that is a unit in a housing cooperative,	105
occupies the homestead.	106
(M) "Qualifying service member" means a current or former	107
member of the uniformed services of the United States, including	108
reserve components thereof, or of the national guard, excluding	109
any former member that was discharged or released from such	110
service under dishonorable conditions.	111
(N) "Uniformed services" has the same meaning as in 10	112
<u>U.S.C. 101.</u>	113
Sec. 323.152. In addition to the reduction in taxes	114
required under section 319.302 of the Revised Code, taxes shall	115
be reduced as provided in divisions (A) and (B) of this section.	116
(A)(1)(a) Division (A)(1) of this section applies to any	117
of the following persons:	118
(i) A person who is permanently and totally disabled;	119
(ii) A person who is sixty-five years of age or older;	120
(iii) A person who is the surviving spouse of a deceased	121
person who was permanently and totally disabled or sixty-five	122
years of age or older and who applied and qualified for a	123
reduction in taxes under this division in the year of death,	124
provided the surviving spouse is at least fifty-nine but not	125
sixty-five or more years of age on the date the deceased spouse	126
dies.	127
(b) Real property taxes on a homestead owned and occupied,	128
or a homestead in a housing cooperative occupied, by a person to	129
whom division (A)(1) of this section applies shall be reduced	130
for each year for which an application for the reduction has	131
been approved. The reduction shall equal one of the following	132

amounts, as applicable to the person:	133
(i) If the person received a reduction under division (A)	134
(1) of this section for tax year 2006, the greater of the	135
reduction for that tax year or the amount computed under	136
division (A)(1)(c) of this section;	137
(ii) If the person received, for any homestead, a	138
reduction under division (A)(1) of this section for tax year	139
2013 or under division (A) of section 4503.065 of the Revised	140
Code for tax year 2014 or the person is the surviving spouse of	141
such a person and the surviving spouse is at least fifty-nine	142
years of age on the date the deceased spouse dies, the amount	143
computed under division (A)(1)(c) of this section.	144
(iii) If the person is not described in division (A)(1)(b)	145
(i) or (ii) of this section and the person's total income does	146
not exceed thirty thousand dollars, as adjusted under division	147
(A)(1)(d) of this section, the amount computed under division	148
(A)(1)(c) of this section.	149
(c) The amount of the reduction under division (A)(1)(c)	150
of this section equals the product of the following:	151
(i) Twenty-five thousand dollars of the true value of the	152
property in money, as adjusted under division (A)(1)(d) of this	153
section;	154
(ii) The assessment percentage established by the tax	155
commissioner under division (B) of section 5715.01 of the	156
Revised Code, not to exceed thirty-five per cent;	157
(iii) The effective tax rate used to calculate the taxes	158
charged against the property for the current year, where	159
"effective tax rate" is defined as in section 323.08 of the	160
Revised Code:	161

(iv) The quantity equal to one minus the sum of the	162
percentage reductions in taxes received by the property for the	163
current tax year under section 319.302 of the Revised Code and	164
division (B) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code.	165
(d) The tax commissioner shall adjust the total income	166
threshold described in division (A)(1)(b)(iii) and the reduction	167
amounts described in divisions (A)(1)(c)(i), (A)(2), and (A)(3)	168
of this section by completing the following calculations in	169
September of each year:	170
(i) Determine the percentage increase in the gross	171
domestic product deflator determined by the bureau of economic	172
analysis of the United States department of commerce from the	173
first day of January of the preceding calendar year to the last	174
day of December of the preceding calendar year;	175
(ii) Multiply that percentage increase by the total income	176
threshold or reduction amount for the current tax year, as	177
applicable;	178
(iii) Add the resulting product to the total income	179
threshold or the reduction amount, as applicable, for the	180
current tax year;	181
(iv) Round the resulting sum to the nearest multiple of	182
one hundred dollars.	183
The commissioner shall certify the amount resulting from	184
each adjustment to each county auditor not later than the first	185
day of December each year. The certified total income threshold	186
amount applies to the following tax year for persons described	187
in division (A)(1)(b)(iii) of this section. The certified	188
reduction amount applies to the following tax year. The	189
commissioner shall not make the applicable adjustment in any	190

calendar year in which the amount resulting from the adjustment	191
would be less than the total income threshold or the reduction	192
amount for the current tax year.	193
(2)(a) Real property taxes on a homestead owned and	194
occupied, or a homestead in a housing cooperative occupied, by a	195
disabled veteran shall be reduced for each year for which an	196
application for the reduction has been approved. The reduction	197
shall equal the product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand	198
dollars of the true value of the property in money, as adjusted	199
under division (A)(1)(d) of this section, by the amounts	200
described in divisions (A)(1)(c)(ii) to (iv) of this section.	201
The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section 323.158	202
of the Revised Code or division (A)(1), (2)(b), $\frac{\text{or}}{\text{or}}$ (3), $\frac{\text{or}}{\text{or}}$ (4)	203
of this section. The reduction applies to only one homestead	204
owned and occupied by a disabled veteran.	205
(b) Real property taxes on a homestead owned and occupied,	206
or a homestead in a housing cooperative occupied, by the	207
surviving spouse of a disabled veteran shall be reduced for each	208
year an application for exemption is approved. The reduction	209
shall equal to the amount of the reduction authorized under	210
division (A)(2)(a) of this section.	211
The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section	212
323.158 of the Revised Code or division (A)(1), (2)(a), or (3),	213
or (4) of this section. The reduction applies to only one	214
homestead owned and occupied by the surviving spouse of a	215
disabled veteran. A homestead qualifies for a reduction in taxes	216
under division (A)(2)(b) of this section beginning in one of the	217
following tax years:	218

(i) For a surviving spouse described in division (L)(1) of

section 323.151 of the Revised Code, the year the disabled

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veteran dies;	221
(ii) For a surviving spouse described in division (L)(2)	222
of section 323.151 of the Revised Code, the first year on the	223
first day of January of which the total disability rating	224
described in division (F) of that section has been received for	225
the deceased spouse.	226
In either case, the reduction shall continue through the	227
tax year in which the surviving spouse dies or remarries.	228
(3) Real property taxes on a homestead owned and occupied,	229
or a homestead in a housing cooperative occupied, by the	230
surviving spouse of a public service officer killed in the line	231
of duty shall be reduced for each year for which an application	232
for the reduction has been approved. The reduction shall equal	233
the product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of	234
the true value of the property in money, as adjusted under	235
division (A)(1)(d) of this section, by the amounts described in	236
divisions (A)(1)(c)(ii) to (iv) of this section. The reduction	237
is in lieu of any reduction under section 323.158 of the Revised	238
Code or division (A)(1) $\frac{\text{or}}{\text{or}}$ (2) $\frac{\text{or}}{\text{or}}$ (4) of this section. The	239
reduction applies to only one homestead owned and occupied by	240
such a surviving spouse. A homestead qualifies for a reduction	241
in taxes under division (A)(3) of this section for the tax year	242
in which the public service officer dies through the tax year in	243
which the surviving spouse dies or remarries.	244
(4) Real property taxes on a homestead owned and occupied,	245
or a homestead in a housing cooperative occupied, by a surviving	246
spouse of a qualifying service member killed in the line of duty	247
while serving in the uniformed services of the United States	248
shall be reduced for each year for which an application for the	249
reduction has been approved. The reduction shall equal all	250

current taxes charged and payable against the homestead for the	251
tax year. The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under	252
section 323.158 of the Revised Code or division (A)(1), (2), or	253
(3) of this section. The reduction applies to only one homestead	254
owned and occupied by such a surviving spouse. A homestead	255
qualifies for a reduction in taxes under division (A)(4) of this	256
section for the tax year in which the qualifying service member	257
dies through the tax year in which the surviving spouse dies.	258
(B) To provide a partial exemption, real property taxes on	259
any homestead, and manufactured home taxes on any manufactured	260
or mobile home on which a manufactured home tax is assessed	261
pursuant to division (D)(2) of section 4503.06 of the Revised	262
Code, shall be reduced for each year for which an application	263
for the reduction has been approved. The amount of the reduction	264
shall equal two and one-half per cent of the amount of taxes to	265
be levied by qualifying levies on the homestead or the	266
manufactured or mobile home after applying section 319.301 of	267
the Revised Code. For the purposes of this division, "qualifying	268
levy" has the same meaning as in section 319.302 of the Revised	269
Code.	270
(C) The reductions granted by this section do not apply to	271
special assessments or respread of assessments levied against	272
the homestead, and if there is a transfer of ownership	273
subsequent to the filing of an application for a reduction in	274
taxes, such reductions are not forfeited for such year by virtue	275
of such transfer.	276
(D) The reductions in taxable value referred to in this	277
section shall be applied solely as a factor for the purpose of	278
computing the reduction of taxes under this section and shall	279
not affect the total value of property in any subdivision or	280

taxing district as listed and assessed for taxation on the tax	281
lists and duplicates, or any direct or indirect limitations on	282
indebtedness of a subdivision or taxing district. If after	283
application of sections 5705.31 and 5705.32 of the Revised Code,	284
including the allocation of all levies within the ten-mill	285
limitation to debt charges to the extent therein provided, there	286
would be insufficient funds for payment of debt charges not	287
provided for by levies in excess of the ten-mill limitation, the	288
reduction of taxes provided for in sections 323.151 to 323.159	289
of the Revised Code shall be proportionately adjusted to the	290
extent necessary to provide such funds from levies within the	291
ten-mill limitation.	292

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- (E) No reduction shall be made on the taxes due on the homestead of any person convicted of violating division (D) or (E) of section 323.153 of the Revised Code for a period of three years following the conviction.
- Sec. 323.153. (A) To obtain a reduction in real property

 taxes under division (A) or (B) of section 323.152 of the

 Revised Code or in manufactured home taxes under division (B) of

 section 323.152 of the Revised Code, the owner shall file an

 application with the county auditor of the county in which the

 owner's homestead is located.

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To obtain a reduction in real property taxes under 303 division (A) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code, the 304 occupant of a homestead in a housing cooperative shall file an 305 application with the nonprofit corporation that owns and 306 operates the housing cooperative, in accordance with this 307 paragraph. Not later than the first day of March each year, the 308 corporation shall obtain applications from the county auditor's 309 office and provide one to each new occupant. Not later than the 310

first day of May, any occupant who may be eligible for a	311
reduction in taxes under division (A) of section 323.152 of the	312
Revised Code shall submit the completed application to the	313
corporation. Not later than the fifteenth day of May, the	314
corporation shall file all completed applications, and the	315
information required by division (B) of section 323.159 of the	316
Revised Code, with the county auditor of the county in which the	317
occupants' homesteads are located. Continuing applications shall	318
oe furnished to an occupant in the manner provided in division	319
(C)(4) of this section.	320

(1) An application for reduction based upon a physical 321 disability shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by a 322 physician, and an application for reduction based upon a mental 323 disability shall be accompanied by a certificate signed by a 324 physician or psychologist licensed to practice in this state, 325 attesting to the fact that the applicant is permanently and 326 totally disabled. The certificate shall be in a form that the 327 tax commissioner requires and shall include the definition of 328 permanently and totally disabled as set forth in section 323.151 329 of the Revised Code. An application for reduction based upon a 330 disability certified as permanent and total by a state or 331 federal agency having the function of so classifying persons 332 shall be accompanied by a certificate from that agency. 333

An application by a disabled veteran or the surviving

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spouse of a disabled veteran for the reduction under division

(A) (2) (a) or (b) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code shall be

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accompanied by a letter or other written confirmation from the

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United States department of veterans affairs, or its predecessor

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or successor agency, showing that the veteran qualifies as a

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disabled veteran.

An application by the surviving spouse of a public service	341
officer killed in the line of duty for the reduction under	342
division (A)(3) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code shall be	343
accompanied by a letter or other written confirmation from an	344
employee or officer of the board of trustees of a retirement or	345
pension fund in this state or another state or from the chief or	346
other chief executive of the department, agency, or other	347
employer for which the public service officer served when killed	348
in the line of duty affirming that the public service officer	349
was killed in the line of duty.	350
An application for the reduction under division (A)(4) of	351
section 323.152 of the Revised Code by the surviving spouse of a	352
qualifying service member killed in the line of duty shall be	353
accompanied by a copy of United States department of defense	354

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affirming or verifying that the qualifying service member died under such circumstances.

An application for a reduction under division (A) of

section 323.152 of the Revised Code constitutes a continuing application for a reduction in taxes for each year in which the dwelling is the applicant's homestead.

form DD-1300 report of casualty or other documentation from a

branch of the armed forces of the United States or the United

States department of veterans affairs or another federal agency

(2) An application for a reduction in taxes under division 364
(B) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code shall be filed only 365
if the homestead or manufactured or mobile home was transferred 366
in the preceding year or did not qualify for and receive the 367
reduction in taxes under that division for the preceding tax 368
year. The application for homesteads transferred in the 369
preceding year shall be incorporated into any form used by the 370

county auditor to administer the tax law in respect to the	371
conveyance of real property pursuant to section 319.20 of the	372
Revised Code or of used manufactured homes or used mobile homes	373
as defined in section 5739.0210 of the Revised Code. The owner	374
of a manufactured or mobile home who has elected under division	375
(D)(4) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code to be taxed under	376
division (D)(2) of that section for the ensuing year may file	377
the application at the time of making that election. The	378
application shall contain a statement that failure by the	379
applicant to affirm on the application that the dwelling on the	380
property conveyed is the applicant's homestead prohibits the	381
owner from receiving the reduction in taxes until a proper	382
application is filed within the period prescribed by division	383
(A)(3) of this section. Such an application constitutes a	384
continuing application for a reduction in taxes for each year in	385
which the dwelling is the applicant's homestead.	386

(3) Failure to receive a new application filed under 387 division (A)(1) or (2) or notification under division (C) of 388 this section after an application for reduction has been 389 approved is prima-facie evidence that the original applicant is 390 entitled to the reduction in taxes calculated on the basis of 391 the information contained in the original application. The 392 original application and any subsequent application, including 393 any late application, shall be in the form of a signed statement 394 and shall be filed on or before the thirty-first day of December 395 of the year for which the reduction is sought. The original 396 application and any subsequent application for a reduction in 397 manufactured home taxes shall be filed in the year preceding the 398 year for which the reduction is sought. The statement shall be 399 on a form, devised and supplied by the tax commissioner, which 400 shall require no more information than is necessary to establish 401

the applicant's eligibility for the reduction in taxes and the	402
amount of the reduction, and, except for homesteads that are	403
units in a housing cooperative, shall include an affirmation by	404
the applicant that ownership of the homestead was not acquired	405
from a person, other than the applicant's spouse, related to the	406
owner by consanguinity or affinity for the purpose of qualifying	407
for the real property or manufactured home tax reduction	408
provided for in division (A) or (B) of section 323.152 of the	409
Revised Code. The form shall contain a statement that conviction	410
of willfully falsifying information to obtain a reduction in	411
taxes or failing to comply with division (C) of this section	412
results in the revocation of the right to the reduction for a	413
period of three years. In the case of an application for a	414
reduction in taxes for persons described in division (A)(1)(b)	415
(iii) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code, the form shall	416
contain a statement that signing the application constitutes a	417
delegation of authority by the applicant to the tax commissioner	418
or the county auditor, individually or in consultation with each	419
other, to examine any tax or financial records relating to the	420
income of the applicant as stated on the application for the	421
purpose of determining eligibility for the exemption or a	422
possible violation of division (D) or (E) of this section.	423

(B) A late application for a tax reduction for the year 424 preceding the year in which an original application is filed, or 425 for a reduction in manufactured home taxes for the year in which 426 an original application is filed, may be filed with the original 427 application. If the county auditor determines the information 428 contained in the late application is correct, the auditor shall 429 determine the amount of the reduction in taxes to which the 430 applicant would have been entitled for the preceding tax year 431 had the applicant's application been timely filed and approved 432

in that year.	433
The amount of such reduction shall be treated by the	434
auditor as an overpayment of taxes by the applicant and shall be	435
refunded in the manner prescribed in section 5715.22 of the	436
Revised Code for making refunds of overpayments. The county	437
auditor shall certify the total amount of the reductions in	438
taxes made in the current year under this division to the tax	439
commissioner, who shall treat the full amount thereof as a	440
reduction in taxes for the preceding tax year and shall make	441
reimbursement to the county therefor in the manner prescribed by	442
section 323.156 of the Revised Code, from money appropriated for	443
that purpose.	444
(C)(1) If, in any year after an application has been filed	445
under division (A)(1) or (2) of this section, the owner does not	446
qualify for a reduction in taxes on the homestead or on the	447
manufactured or mobile home set forth on such application, the	448
owner shall notify the county auditor that the owner is not	449
qualified for a reduction in taxes.	450
(2) If, in any year after an application has been filed	451
under division (A)(1) of this section, the occupant of a	452
homestead in a housing cooperative does not qualify for a	453
reduction in taxes on the homestead, the occupant shall notify	454
the county auditor that the occupant is not qualified for a	455
reduction in taxes or file a new application under division (A)	456
(1) of this section.	457
(3) If the county auditor or county treasurer discovers	458
that an owner of property or occupant of a homestead in a	459
housing cooperative not entitled to the reduction in taxes under	460
division (A) or (B) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code	461
failed to notify the county auditor as required by division (C)	462

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(1) or (2) of this section, a charge shall be imposed against	463
the property in the amount by which taxes were reduced under	464
that division for each tax year the county auditor ascertains	465
that the property was not entitled to the reduction and was	466
owned by the current owner or, in the case of a homestead in a	467
housing cooperative, occupied by the current occupant. Interest	468
shall accrue in the manner prescribed by division (B) of section	469
323.121 or division (G)(2) of section 4503.06 of the Revised	470
Code on the amount by which taxes were reduced for each such tax	471
year as if the reduction became delinquent taxes at the close of	472
the last day the second installment of taxes for that tax year	473
could be paid without penalty. The county auditor shall notify	474
the owner or occupant, by ordinary mail, of the charge, of the	475
owner's or occupant's right to appeal the charge, and of the	476
manner in which the owner or occupant may appeal. The owner or	477
occupant may appeal the imposition of the charge and interest by	478
filing an appeal with the county board of revision not later	479
than the last day prescribed for payment of real and public	480
utility property taxes under section 323.12 of the Revised Code	481
following receipt of the notice and occurring at least ninety	482
days after receipt of the notice. The appeal shall be treated in	483
the same manner as a complaint relating to the valuation or	484
assessment of real property under Chapter 5715. of the Revised	485
Code. The charge and any interest shall be collected as other	486
delinquent taxes.	487

(4) Each year during January, the county auditor shall
furnish by ordinary mail a continuing application to each person
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receiving a reduction under division (A) of section 323.152 of
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the Revised Code. The continuing application shall be used to
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report changes in total income, ownership, occupancy,
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disability, and other information earlier furnished the auditor
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relative to the reduction in taxes on the property. The 494 continuing application shall be returned to the auditor not 495 later than the thirty-first day of December; provided, that if 496 such changes do not affect the status of the homestead exemption 497 or the amount of the reduction to which the owner is entitled 498 under division (A) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code or to 499 which the occupant is entitled under section 323.159 of the 500 Revised Code, the application does not need to be returned. 501

(5) Each year during February, the county auditor, except 502 503 as otherwise provided in this paragraph, shall furnish by ordinary mail an original application to the owner, as of the 504 first day of January of that year, of a homestead or a 505 manufactured or mobile home that transferred during the 506 preceding calendar year and that qualified for and received a 507 reduction in taxes under division (B) of section 323.152 of the 508 Revised Code for the preceding tax year. In order to receive the 509 reduction under that division, the owner shall file the 510 application with the county auditor not later than the thirty-511 first day of December. If the application is not timely filed, 512 the auditor shall not grant a reduction in taxes for the 513 homestead for the current year, and shall notify the owner that 514 the reduction in taxes has not been granted, in the same manner 515 prescribed under section 323.154 of the Revised Code for 516 notification of denial of an application. Failure of an owner to 517 receive an application does not excuse the failure of the owner 518 to file an original application. The county auditor is not 519 required to furnish an application under this paragraph for any 520 homestead for which application has previously been made on a 521 form incorporated into any form used by the county auditor to 522 administer the tax law in respect to the conveyance of real 523 property or of used manufactured homes or used mobile homes, and 524

an owner who previously has applied on such a form is not	525
required to return an application furnished under this	526
paragraph.	527
(D) No person shall knowingly make a false statement for	528
the purpose of obtaining a reduction in the person's real	529
property or manufactured home taxes under section 323.152 of the	530
Revised Code.	531
(E) No person shall knowingly fail to notify the county	532
auditor of changes required by division (C) of this section that	533
have the effect of maintaining or securing a reduction in taxes	534
under section 323.152 of the Revised Code.	535
(F) No person shall knowingly make a false statement or	536
certification attesting to any person's physical or mental	537
condition for purposes of qualifying such person for tax relief	538
pursuant to sections 323.151 to 323.159 of the Revised Code.	539
Sec. 4503.064. As used in sections 4503.064 to 4503.069 of	540
the Revised Code:	541
(A) "Sixty-five years of age or older" means a person who	542
will be age sixty-five or older in the calendar year following	543
the year of application for reduction in the assessable value of	544
the person's manufactured or mobile home.	545
(B) "Permanently and totally disabled" means that a person	546
other than a disabled veteran has, on the first day of January	547
of the year of application, including late application, for	548
reduction in the assessable value of a manufactured or mobile	549
home, some impairment in body or mind that makes the person	550
unable to work at any substantially remunerative employment	551
which the person is reasonably able to perform and which will,	552
with reasonable probability, continue for an indefinite period	553

of at least twelve months without any present indication of	554
recovery therefrom or has been certified as permanently and	555
totally disabled by a state or federal agency having the	556
function of so classifying persons.	557
(C) "Homestead exemption" means the reduction in taxes	558
allowed under division (A) of section 323.152 of the Revised	559
Code for the year in which an application is filed under section	560
4503.066 of the Revised Code.	561
(D) "Manufactured home" has the meaning given in division	562
(C)(4) of section 3781.06 of the Revised Code, and includes a	563
structure consisting of two manufactured homes that were	564
purchased either together or separately and are combined to form	565
a single dwelling, but does not include a manufactured home that	566
is taxed as real property pursuant to division (B) of section	567
4503.06 of the Revised Code.	568
(E) "Mobile home" has the meaning given in division (O) of	569
section 4501.01 of the Revised Code and includes a structure	570
consisting of two mobile homes that were purchased together or	571
separately and combined to form a single dwelling, but does not	572
include a mobile home that is taxed as real property pursuant to	573
division (B) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code.	574
(F) "Late application" means an application filed with an	575
original application under division (A)(3) of section 4503.066	576
of the Revised Code.	577
(G) "Total income," "disabled veteran," "public service	578
officer," "qualifying service member," "uniformed services," and	579
"killed in the line of duty" have the same meanings as in	580
section 323.151 of the Revised Code.	581

(H) "Surviving spouse of a disabled veteran" means either

of the following:	583
(1) The spouse of a disabled veteran who occupied the	584
manufactured or mobile home when the disabled veteran died and	585
who acquires ownership of the manufactured or mobile home;	586
(2) The surviving spouse of an individual to which all of	587
the following apply, provided the surviving spouse occupies the	588
manufactured or mobile home when that individual dies and who,	589
following that individual's death, acquires ownership of the	590
manufactured or mobile home:	591
(a) The individual dies before receiving a total	592
disability rating described in division (F) of section 323.151	593
of the Revised Code.	594
(b) The individual otherwise qualifies as a disabled	595
veteran.	596
(c) The individual owns and occupies a manufactured or	597
mobile home.	598
Sec. 4503.065. (A)(1) Division (A) of this section applies	599
to any of the following persons:	600
(a) An individual who is permanently and totally disabled;	601
(b) An individual who is sixty-five years of age or older;	602
(c) An individual who is the surviving spouse of a	603
deceased person who was permanently and totally disabled or	604
sixty-five years of age or older and who applied and qualified	605
for a reduction in assessable value under this section in the	606
year of death, provided the surviving spouse is at least fifty-	607
nine but not sixty-five or more years of age on the date the	608
deceased spouse dies.	609

(2) The manufactured home tax on a manufactured or mobile	610
home that is paid pursuant to division (C) of section 4503.06 of	611
the Revised Code and that is owned and occupied as a home by an	612
individual whose domicile is in this state and to whom this	613
section applies, shall be reduced for any tax year for which an	614
application for such reduction has been approved, provided the	615
individual did not acquire ownership from a person, other than	616
the individual's spouse, related by consanguinity or affinity	617
for the purpose of qualifying for the reduction. An owner	618
includes a settlor of a revocable or irrevocable inter vivos	619
trust holding the title to a manufactured or mobile home	620
occupied by the settlor as of right under the trust.	621
(a) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax	622
imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under	623
division (D)(2) of that section, the reduction shall equal one	624
of the following amounts, as applicable to the person:	625
(i) If the person received a reduction under this section	626
for tax year 2007, the greater of the reduction for that tax	627
year or the amount computed under division (A)(2)(b) of this	628
section;	629
(ii) If the person received, for any homestead, a	630
reduction under division (A) of this section for tax year 2014	631
or under division (A)(1) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code	632
for tax year 2013 or the person is the surviving spouse of such	633
a person and the surviving spouse is at least fifty-nine years	634
of age on the date the deceased spouse dies, the amount computed	635
under division (A)(2)(b) of this section.	636
(iii) If the person is not described in division (A)(2)(a)	637
(i) or (ii) of this section and the person's total income does	638

not exceed thirty thousand dollars, as adjusted under division

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(A)(2)(e) of this section, the amount computed under division	640
(A)(2)(b) of this section.	641
(b) The amount of the reduction under division (A)(2)(b)	642
of this section equals the product of the following:	643
(i) Twenty-five thousand dollars of the true value of the	644
property in money, as adjusted under division (A)(2)(e) of this	645
section;	646
(ii) The assessment percentage established by the tax	647
commissioner under division (B) of section 5715.01 of the	648
Revised Code, not to exceed thirty-five per cent;	649
(iii) The effective tax rate used to calculate the taxes	650
charged against the property for the current year, where	651
"effective tax rate" is defined as in section 323.08 of the	652
Revised Code;	653
(iv) The quantity equal to one minus the sum of the	654
percentage reductions in taxes received by the property for the	655
current tax year under section 319.302 of the Revised Code and	656
division (B) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code.	657
(c) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax	658
imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under	659
division (D)(1) of that section, the reduction shall equal one	660
of the following amounts, as applicable to the person:	661
(i) If the person received a reduction under this section	662
for tax year 2007, the greater of the reduction for that tax	663
year or the amount computed under division (A)(2)(d) of this	664
section;	665
(ii) If the person received, for any homestead, a	666
reduction under division (A) of this section for tax year 2014	667

or under division (A)(1) of section 323.152 of the Revised Code	668
for tax year 2013 or the person is the surviving spouse of such	669
a person and the surviving spouse is at least fifty-nine years	670
of age on the date the deceased spouse dies, the amount computed	671
under division (A)(2)(d) of this section.	672
(iii) If the person is not described in division (A)(2)(c)	673
(i) or (ii) of this section and the person's total income does	674
not exceed thirty thousand dollars, as adjusted under division	675
(A)(2)(e) of this section, the amount computed under division	676
(A)(2)(d) of this section.	677
(d) The amount of the reduction under division (A)(2)(d)	678
of this section equals the product of the following:	679
(i) Twenty-five thousand dollars of the cost to the owner,	680
or the market value at the time of purchase, whichever is	681
greater, as those terms are used in division (D)(1) of section	682
4503.06 of the Revised Code, and as adjusted under division (A)	683
(2) (e) of this section;	684
(ii) The percentage from the appropriate schedule in	685
division (D)(1)(b) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code;	686
(iii) The assessment percentage of forty per cent used in	687
division (D)(1)(b) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code;	688
(iv) The tax rate of the taxing district in which the home	689
has its situs.	690
(e) The tax commissioner shall adjust the income threshold	691
described in divisions (A)(2)(a)(iii) and (A)(2)(c)(iii) and the	692
reduction amounts described in divisions (A)(2)(b)(i), (A)(2)(d)	693
(i), (B)(1), (B)(2), (C)(1), and (C)(2) of this section by	694
completing the following calculations in September of each year:	695

(i) Determine the percentage increase in the gross	696
domestic product deflator determined by the bureau of economic	697
analysis of the United States department of commerce from the	698
first day of January of the preceding calendar year to the last	699
day of December of the preceding calendar year;	700
(ii) Multiply that percentage increase by the total income	701
threshold or reduction amount for the ensuing tax year, as	702
applicable;	703
(iii) Add the resulting product to the total income	704
threshold or reduction amount, as applicable for the ensuing tax	705
year;	706
(iv) Round the resulting sum to the nearest multiple of	707
one hundred dollars.	708
The commissioner shall certify the amount resulting from	709
each adjustment to each county auditor not later than the first	710
day of December each year. The certified amount applies to the	711
second ensuing tax year. The commissioner shall not make the	712
applicable adjustment in any calendar year in which the amount	713
resulting from the adjustment would be less than the total	714
income threshold or the reduction amount for the ensuing tax	715
year.	716
(B) (1) The manufactured home tax levied pursuant to	717
division (C) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code on a	718
manufactured or mobile home that is owned and occupied by a	719
disabled veteran shall be reduced for any tax year for which an	720
application for such reduction has been approved, provided the	721
disabled veteran did not acquire ownership from a person, other	722
than the disabled veteran's spouse, related by consanguinity or	723
affinity for the purpose of qualifying for the reduction. An	724

owner	includes	an	owner	within	the	meaning	of	division	(A)(2)	of	725
this	section.										726

(a) For manufactured and mobile homes for which the tax 727 imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under 728 division (D)(2) of that section, the reduction shall equal the 729 product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of the 730 true value of the property in money, as adjusted under division 731 (A)(2)(e) of this section, by the amounts described in divisions 732 (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), or (D) 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 748

(C) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code on a manufactured or 749

mobile home that is owned and occupied by the surviving spouse 750

of a disabled veteran shall be reduced for each tax year for 751

which an application for such reduction has been approved. The 752

reduction shall equal the amount of the reduction authorized 753

under division (B) (1) (a) or (b) of this section, as applicable. 754

An owner includes an owner within the meaning of division (A) (2)	755
of this section.	756
The reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section	757
4503.0610 of the Revised Code or division (A), (B)(1), $\frac{\text{or}}{\text{c}}$ (C),	758
or (D) of this section. The reduction applies to only one	759
manufactured or mobile home owned and occupied by the surviving	760
spouse of a disabled veteran. A manufactured or mobile home	761
qualifies for a reduction in taxes under division (B)(2) of this	762
section beginning in one of the following tax years:	763
(a) For a surviving spouse described in division (H)(1) of	764
section 4503.064 of the Revised Code, the year the disabled	765
veteran dies;	766
(b) For a surviving spouse described in division (H)(2) of	767
section 4503.064 of the Revised Code, the first year on the	768
first day of January of which the total disability rating	769
described in division (F) of section 323.151 of the Revised Code	770
has been received for the deceased spouse.	771
In either case, the reduction shall continue through the	772
tax year in which the surviving spouse dies or remarries.	773
(C) The manufactured home tax levied pursuant to division	774
(C) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code on a manufactured or	775
mobile home that is owned and occupied by the surviving spouse	776
of a public service officer killed in the line of duty shall be	777
reduced for any tax year for which an application for such	778
reduction has been approved, provided the surviving spouse did	779
not acquire ownership from a person, other than the surviving	780
spouse's deceased public service officer spouse, related by	781
consanguinity or affinity for the purpose of qualifying for the	782

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 785 imposed by section 4503.06 of the Revised Code is computed under 786 division (D)(2) of that section, the reduction shall equal the 787 product obtained by multiplying fifty thousand dollars of the 788 true value of the property in money, as adjusted under division 789 (A)(2)(e) of this section, by the amounts described in divisions 790 (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), or (D) 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.

(C) of section 4503.06 of the Revised Code on a manufactured or mobile home that is owned and occupied by a surviving spouse of a qualifying service member killed in the line of duty while serving in the uniformed services of the United States shall be

reduced for any tax year for which an application for the	814
reduction has been approved, provided the surviving spouse did	815
not acquire ownership from a person, other than the surviving	816
spouse's deceased spouse, related by consanguinity or affinity	817
for the purpose of qualifying for the reduction. An owner	818
includes an owner within the meaning of division (A)(2) of this	819
section.	820
The reduction shall equal the current taxes, as that term	821
is defined in section 4503.06 of the Revised Code, charged	822
against the manufactured or mobile home for the tax year. The	823
reduction is in lieu of any reduction under section 4503.0610 of	824
the Revised Code or division (A), (B), or (C) of this section.	825
The reduction applies to only one manufactured or mobile home	826
owned and occupied by such a surviving spouse. A manufactured or	827
mobile home qualifies for a reduction in taxes under division	828
(D) of this section for the tax year in which the qualifying	829
service member dies through the tax year in which the surviving	830
spouse dies.	831
(E) If the owner or the spouse of the owner of a	832
manufactured or mobile home is eligible for a homestead	833
exemption on the land upon which the home is located, the	834
reduction to which the owner or spouse is entitled under this	835
section shall not exceed the difference between the reduction to	836
which the owner or spouse is entitled under division (A), (B),	837
$\frac{\text{or}}{\text{(C)}}$ or $\frac{\text{(D)}}{\text{or}}$ of this section and the amount of the reduction	838
under the homestead exemption.	839
$\frac{(E)-(F)}{(E)}$ No reduction shall be made with respect to the	840
home of any person convicted of violating division (C) or (D) of	841
section 4503.066 of the Revised Code for a period of three years	842
following the conviction.	843

Sec. 4503.066. (A) (1) To obtain a tax reduction under	844
section 4503.065 of the Revised Code, the owner of the home	845
shall file an application with the county auditor of the county	846
in which the home is located. An application for reduction in	847
taxes based upon a physical disability shall be accompanied by a	848
certificate signed by a physician, and an application for	849
reduction in taxes based upon a mental disability shall be	850
accompanied by a certificate signed by a physician or	851
psychologist licensed to practice in this state. The certificate	852
shall attest to the fact that the applicant is permanently and	853
totally disabled, shall be in a form that the department of	854
taxation requires, and shall include the definition of totally	855
and permanently disabled as set forth in section 4503.064 of the	856
Revised Code. An application for reduction in taxes based upon a	857
disability certified as permanent and total by a state or	858
federal agency having the function of so classifying persons	859
shall be accompanied by a certificate from that agency.	860

An application by a disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a disabled veteran for the reduction under division (B)(1) or (2) of section 4503.065 of the Revised Code shall be accompanied by a letter or other written confirmation from the United States department of veterans affairs, or its predecessor or successor agency, showing that the veteran qualifies as a disabled veteran.

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An application by the surviving spouse of a public service 868 officer killed in the line of duty for the reduction under 869 division (C) of section 4503.065 of the Revised Code shall be 870 accompanied by a letter or other written confirmation from an 871 officer or employee of the board of trustees of a retirement or 872 pension fund in this state or another state or from the chief or 873 other chief executive of the department, agency, or other 874

employer for which the public service officer served when killed 875 in the line of duty affirming that the public service officer 876 was killed in the line of duty. 877

An application for the reduction under division (D) of 878 section 4503.065 of the Revised Code by the surviving spouse of 879 a qualifying service member killed in the line of duty shall be 880 accompanied by a copy of United States department of defense 881 form DD-1300 report of casualty or other documentation from a 882 branch of the armed forces of the United States or the United 883 States department of veterans affairs or another federal agency 884 affirming or verifying that the qualifying service member died 885 under such circumstances. 886

(2) Each application shall constitute a continuing 887 application for a reduction in taxes for each year in which the 888 manufactured or mobile home is occupied by the applicant. 889 Failure to receive a new application or notification under 890 division (B) of this section after an application for reduction 891 has been approved is prima-facie evidence that the original 892 applicant is entitled to the reduction calculated on the basis 893 of the information contained in the original application. The 894 original application and any subsequent application shall be in 895 the form of a signed statement and shall be filed on or before 896 the thirty-first day of December of the year preceding the year 897 for which the reduction is sought. The statement shall be on a 898 form, devised and supplied by the tax commissioner, that shall 899 require no more information than is necessary to establish the 900 applicant's eligibility for the reduction in taxes and the 901 amount of the reduction to which the applicant is entitled. The 902 form shall contain a statement that signing such application 903 constitutes a delegation of authority by the applicant to the 904 tax commissioner or the county auditor, individually or in 905

consultation with each other, to examine any tax or financial	906
records that relate to the income of the applicant as stated on	907
the application for the purpose of determining eligibility	908
under, or possible violation of, division (C) or (D) of this	909
section. The form also shall contain a statement that conviction	910
of willfully falsifying information to obtain a reduction in	911
taxes or failing to comply with division (B) of this section	912
shall result in the revocation of the right to the reduction for	913
a period of three years.	914

(3) A late application for a reduction in taxes for the 915 year preceding the year for which an original application is 916 filed may be filed with an original application. If the auditor 917 determines that the information contained in the late 918 application is correct, the auditor shall determine both the 919 amount of the reduction in taxes to which the applicant would 920 have been entitled for the current tax year had the application 921 been timely filed and approved in the preceding year, and the 922 amount the taxes levied under section 4503.06 of the Revised 923 Code for the current year would have been reduced as a result of 924 the reduction. When an applicant is permanently and totally 925 disabled on the first day of January of the year in which the 926 applicant files a late application, the auditor, in making the 927 determination of the amounts of the reduction in taxes under 928 division (A)(3) of this section, is not required to determine 929 that the applicant was permanently and totally disabled on the 930 first day of January of the preceding year. 931

The amount of the reduction in taxes pursuant to a late 932 application shall be treated as an overpayment of taxes by the 933 applicant. The auditor shall credit the amount of the 934 overpayment against the amount of the taxes or penalties then 935 due from the applicant, and, at the next succeeding settlement, 936

the amount of the credit shall be deducted from the amount of	937
any taxes or penalties distributable to the county or any taxing	938
unit in the county that has received the benefit of the taxes or	939
penalties previously overpaid, in proportion to the benefits	940
previously received. If, after the credit has been made, there	941
remains a balance of the overpayment, or if there are no taxes	942
or penalties due from the applicant, the auditor shall refund	943
that balance to the applicant by a warrant drawn on the county	944
treasurer in favor of the applicant. The treasurer shall pay the	945
warrant from the general fund of the county. If there is	946
insufficient money in the general fund to make the payment, the	947
treasurer shall pay the warrant out of any undivided	948
manufactured or mobile home taxes subsequently received by the	949
treasurer for distribution to the county or taxing district in	950
the county that received the benefit of the overpaid taxes, in	951
proportion to the benefits previously received, and the amount	952
paid from the undivided funds shall be deducted from the money	953
otherwise distributable to the county or taxing district in the	954
county at the next or any succeeding distribution. At the next	955
or any succeeding distribution after making the refund, the	956
treasurer shall reimburse the general fund for any payment made	957
from that fund by deducting the amount of that payment from the	958
money distributable to the county or other taxing unit in the	959
county that has received the benefit of the taxes, in proportion	960
to the benefits previously received. On the second Monday in	961
September of each year, the county auditor shall certify the	962
total amount of the reductions in taxes made in the current year	963
under division (A)(3) of this section to the tax commissioner	964
who shall treat that amount as a reduction in taxes for the	965
current tax year and shall make reimbursement to the county of	966
that amount in the manner prescribed in section 4503.068 of the	967
Revised Code, from moneys appropriated for that purpose.	968

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(B) (1) If in any year for which an application for 969 reduction in taxes has been approved the owner no longer 970 qualifies for the reduction, the owner shall notify the county 971 auditor that the owner is not qualified for a reduction in 972 taxes.

(2) If the county auditor or county treasurer discovers 974 that an owner not entitled to the reduction in manufactured home 975 taxes under section 4503.065 of the Revised Code failed to 976 notify the county auditor as required by division (B)(1) of this 977 section, a charge shall be imposed against the manufactured or 978 mobile home in the amount by which taxes were reduced under that 979 section for each tax year the county auditor ascertains that the 980 manufactured or mobile home was not entitled to the reduction 981 and was owned by the current owner. Interest shall accrue in the 982 manner prescribed by division (G)(2) of section 4503.06 of the 983 Revised Code on the amount by which taxes were reduced for each 984 such tax year as if the reduction became delinquent taxes at the 985 close of the last day the second installment of taxes for that 986 tax year could be paid without penalty. The county auditor shall 987 notify the owner, by ordinary mail, of the charge, of the 988 owner's right to appeal the charge, and of the manner in which 989 the owner may appeal. The owner may appeal the imposition of the 990 charge and interest by filing an appeal with the county board of 991 revision not later than the last day prescribed for payment of 992 manufactured home taxes under section 4503.06 of the Revised 993 Code following receipt of the notice and occurring at least 994 ninety days after receipt of the notice. The appeal shall be 995 treated in the same manner as a complaint relating to the 996 valuation or assessment of manufactured or mobile homes under 997 section 5715.19 of the Revised Code. The charge and any interest 998 shall be collected as other delinquent taxes. 999

(3) During January of each year, the county auditor shall	1000
furnish each person whose application for reduction has been	1001
approved, by ordinary mail, a form on which to report any	1002
changes in total income, ownership, occupancy, disability, and	1003
other information earlier furnished the auditor relative to the	1004
application. The form shall be completed and returned to the	1005
auditor not later than the thirty-first day of December if the	1006
changes would affect the person's eligibility for the reduction.	1007
(C) No person shall knowingly make a false statement for	1008
the purpose of obtaining a reduction in taxes under section	1009
4503.065 of the Revised Code.	1010
(D) No person shall knowingly fail to notify the county	1011
auditor of any change required by division (B) of this section	1012
that has the effect of maintaining or securing a reduction in	1013
taxes under section 4503.065 of the Revised Code.	1014
(E) No person shall knowingly make a false statement or	1015
certification attesting to any person's physical or mental	1016
condition for purposes of qualifying such person for tax relief	1017
pursuant to sections 4503.064 to 4503.069 of the Revised Code.	1018
(F) Whoever violates division (C), (D), or (E) of this	1019
section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.	1020
Section 2. That existing sections 323.151, 323.152,	1021
323.153, 4503.064, 4503.065, and 4503.066 of the Revised Code	1022
are hereby repealed.	1023
Section 3. The amendment by this act of sections 323.151,	1024
323.152, and 323.153 of the Revised Code applies to tax years	1025
ending on or after the effective date of this section. The	1026
amendment by this act of sections 4503.064, 4503.065, and	1027
4503.066 of the Revised Code applies to tax years beginning on	1028

or after the effective date of this section.	1029
Section 4. The General Assembly, applying the principle	1030
stated in division (B) of section 1.52 of the Revised Code that	1031
amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of	1032
simultaneous operation, finds that the following sections,	1033
presented in this act as composites of the sections as amended	1034
by the acts indicated, are the resulting versions of the	1035
sections in effect prior to the effective date of the sections	1036
as presented in this act:	1037
Section 323.152 of the Revised Code as amended by both	1038
H.B. 33 and S.B. 43 of the 135th General Assembly.	1039
Section 4503.065 of the Revised Code as amended by both	1040
H B 33 and S B 43 of the 135th General Assembly	1041