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BY COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 774)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act exempting the increase in assessed value of a farm
 2 structure due to improvements made to the structure to
 3 preserve it as a barn.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 2570

1 Section 1. Section 427.1, Code Supplement 1999, is amended
2 by adding the following new subsection:
3 NEW SUBSECTION. 31. BARN PRESERVATION. The increase in
4 assessed value added to a farm structure as a result of
5 improvements made to the farm structure for purposes of
6 preserving the integrity of the internal and external features
7 of the structure as a barn is exempt from taxation. To be
8 eligible for the exemption, the structure must have been first
9 placed in service as a barn more than fifty years prior to the
10 making of the improvements. The exemption shall apply to the
11 assessment year beginning after the completion of the
12 improvements to preserve the structure as a barn.

13 For purposes of this subsection, "barn" means an
14 agricultural structure, in whatever shape or design, which was
15 originally used for the storage of farm products or feed or
16 for the housing of farm animals, poultry, or farm equipment.

17 Application for this exemption shall be filed with the
18 assessing authority not later than February 1 of the first
19 year for which the exemption is requested, on forms provided
20 by the department of revenue and finance. The application
21 shall describe and locate the specific structure for which the
22 added value is requested to be exempt.

23 Once the exemption is granted, the exemption shall continue
24 to be granted for subsequent assessment years without further
25 filing of applications as long as the structure continues to
26 be used as a barn. The taxpayer shall notify the assessing
27 authority when the structure ceases to be used as a barn.

28 Sec. 2. Section 25B.7 does not apply to the exemption
29 granted pursuant to section 1 of this Act.

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EXPLANATION

31 The bill provides a property tax exemption for the increase
32 in value added to a farm structure resulting from improvements
33 made to the structure to preserve it as a barn. The structure
34 must have been first placed in service as a barn 50 years ago.
35 The exemption is equal to 100 percent of the assessed value

1 added and is ongoing until the farm structure ceases to be
2 used as a barn. A barn is any agricultural structure used for
3 storage of farm products or feed or for the housing of farm
4 animals, poultry, or farm equipment.

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HOUSE FILE 2570

H-8914

1 Amend House File 2570 as follows:

2 1. Page 1, line 7, by inserting after the word
3 "taxation." the following: "If as part of the
4 improvements to the farm structure the interior is
5 converted to a use other than for purposes of a barn
6 but which maintains, emphasizes, or does not detract
7 from the barn interior, any increase in valuation due
8 to such converted use is also exempt. However, the
9 exemption for such converted use shall not apply if
10 the barn is used for single or multifamily housing."

By FALLON of Polk

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