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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing funding for the low-income additional property  
2 tax credit and rent reimbursement claims and including an  
3 applicability date provision.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 425.23, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code  
2 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. The tentative credit or reimbursement for a claimant  
4 described in section 425.17, subsection 2, paragraph "a" and  
5 paragraph "b", ~~if no appropriation is made to the fund created~~  
6 ~~in section 425.40~~ shall be determined in accordance with the  
7 following schedule:

8		Percent of property taxes
9		due or rent constituting
10		property taxes paid
11	If the household	allowed as a credit or
12	income is:	reimbursement:
13	\$ 0 -- 8,499.99 .....	100%
14	8,500 -- 9,499.99 .....	85
15	9,500 -- 10,499.99 .....	70
16	10,500 -- 12,499.99 .....	50
17	12,500 -- 14,499.99 .....	35
18	14,500 -- 16,499.99 .....	25

19 Sec. 2. Section 425.23, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code  
20 1999, is amended by striking the paragraph.

21 Sec. 3. Section 425.23, subsection 3, paragraph a, Code  
22 1999, is amended to read as follows:

23 a. A person who is eligible to file a claim for credit for  
24 property taxes due and who has a household income of eight  
25 thousand five hundred dollars or less and who has an unpaid  
26 special assessment levied against the homestead may file a  
27 claim for a special assessment credit with the county  
28 treasurer. The department shall provide to the respective  
29 treasurers the forms necessary for the administration of this  
30 subsection. The claim shall be filed not later than September  
31 30 of each year. Upon the filing of the claim, interest for  
32 late payment shall not accrue against the amount of the unpaid  
33 special assessment due and payable. The claim filed by the  
34 claimant constitutes a claim for credit of an amount equal to  
35 the actual amount due upon the unpaid special assessment, plus

1 interest, payable during the fiscal year for which the claim  
2 is filed against the homestead of the claimant. However,  
3 ~~where the claimant is an individual described in section~~  
4 ~~425.17, subsection 2, paragraph "b", and the tentative credit~~  
5 ~~is determined according to the schedule in subsection 1,~~  
6 ~~paragraph "b", subparagraph (2), of this section, the claim~~  
7 ~~filed constitutes a claim for credit of an amount equal to~~  
8 ~~one-half of the actual amount due and payable during the~~  
9 ~~fiscal year.~~ The treasurer shall certify to the director of  
10 revenue and finance not later than October 15 of each year the  
11 total amount of dollars due for claims allowed. The amount of  
12 reimbursement due each county shall be paid by the director of  
13 revenue and finance by November 15 of each year, drawn upon  
14 warrants payable to the respective treasurer. There is  
15 appropriated annually from the general fund of the state to  
16 the department of revenue and finance an amount sufficient to  
17 carry out the provisions of this subsection. The treasurer  
18 shall credit any moneys received from the department against  
19 the amount of the unpaid special assessment due and payable on  
20 the homestead of the claimant.

21 Sec. 4. Section 425.40, subsection 1, Code 1999, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 | ~~1.~~ A low-income tax credit and reimbursement fund is  
24 created. There is appropriated annually from the general fund  
25 of the state to the department of revenue and finance to be  
26 credited to the low-income tax credit and reimbursement fund,  
27 from funds not otherwise appropriated, an amount sufficient to  
28 implement this division for claimants described in section  
29 425.17, subsection 2, paragraph "b".

30 Sec. 5. Section 425.40, subsection 2, Code 1999, is  
31 amended by striking the subsection.

32 Sec. 6. APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to claims for  
33 credit for property taxes due and claims for reimbursement for  
34 rent constituting property taxes paid filed on or after  
35 January 1, 2000.

## EXPLANATION

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2 The bill provides funding from the state general fund for  
3 the additional property tax credit and rent reimbursement for  
4 low-income persons who are not elderly or disabled. Present  
5 law provides the mechanism and calculations for these low-  
6 income people to receive property tax credit or rent  
7 reimbursement, but because no funding was provided, none were  
8 receiving benefits.

9 The bill applies to claims for property taxes due and rent  
10 reimbursement filed on or after January 1, 2000.

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