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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the property tax assessment limitation for
2 commercial and industrial property and providing a retroactive
3 applicability date.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 441.21, subsection 5, Code 2007, is
1 2 amended to read as follows:
1 3 5. For valuations established as of January 1, 1979,
1 4 commercial property and industrial property, excluding
1 5 properties referred to in section 427A.1, subsection 8, shall
1 6 be assessed as a percentage of the actual value of each class
1 7 of property. The percentage shall be determined for each
1 8 class of property by the director of revenue for the state in
1 9 accordance with the provisions of this section. For
1 10 valuations established as of January 1, 1979, the percentage
1 11 shall be the quotient of the dividend and divisor as defined
1 12 in this section. The dividend for each class of property
1 13 shall be the total actual valuation for each class of property
1 14 established for 1978, plus six percent of the amount so
1 15 determined. The divisor for each class of property shall be
1 16 the valuation for each class of property established for 1978,
1 17 as reported by the assessors on the abstracts of assessment
1 18 for 1978, plus the amount of value added to the total actual
1 19 value by the revaluation of existing properties in 1979 as
1 20 equalized by the director of revenue pursuant to section
1 21 441.49. For valuations established as of January 1, 1979,
1 22 property valued by the department of revenue pursuant to
1 23 chapters 428, 433, 437, and 438 shall be considered as one
1 24 class of property and shall be assessed as a percentage of its
1 25 actual value. The percentage shall be determined by the
1 26 director of revenue in accordance with the provisions of this
1 27 section. For valuations established as of January 1, 1979,
1 28 the percentage shall be the quotient of the dividend and
1 29 divisor as defined in this section. The dividend shall be the
1 30 total actual valuation established for 1978 by the department
1 31 of revenue, plus ten percent of the amount so determined. The
1 32 divisor for property valued by the department of revenue
1 33 pursuant to chapters 428, 433, 437, and 438 shall be the
1 34 valuation established for 1978, plus the amount of value added
1 35 to the total actual value by the revaluation of the property
2 1 by the department of revenue as of January 1, 1979. For
2 2 valuations established as of January 1, 1980, commercial
2 3 property and industrial property, excluding properties
2 4 referred to in section 427A.1, subsection 8, shall be assessed
2 5 at a percentage of the actual value of each class of property.
2 6 The percentage shall be determined for each class of property
2 7 by the director of revenue for the state in accordance with
2 8 the provisions of this section. For valuations established as
2 9 of January 1, 1980, the percentage shall be the quotient of
2 10 the dividend and divisor as defined in this section. The
2 11 dividend for each class of property shall be the dividend as
2 12 determined for each class of property for valuations
2 13 established as of January 1, 1979, adjusted by the product
2 14 obtained by multiplying the percentage determined for that
2 15 year by the amount of any additions or deletions to actual
2 16 value, excluding those resulting from the revaluation of
2 17 existing properties, as reported by the assessors on the
2 18 abstracts of assessment for 1979, plus four percent of the
2 19 amount so determined. The divisor for each class of property

2 20 shall be the total actual value of all such property in 1979,
2 21 as equalized by the director of revenue pursuant to section
2 22 441.49, plus the amount of value added to the total actual
2 23 value by the revaluation of existing properties in 1980. The
2 24 director shall utilize information reported on the abstracts
2 25 of assessment submitted pursuant to section 441.45 in
2 26 determining such percentage. For valuations established as of
2 27 January 1, 1980, property valued by the department of revenue
2 28 pursuant to chapters 428, 433, 437, and 438 shall be assessed
2 29 at a percentage of its actual value. The percentage shall be
2 30 determined by the director of revenue in accordance with the
2 31 provisions of this section. For valuations established as of
2 32 January 1, 1980, the percentage shall be the quotient of the
2 33 dividend and divisor as defined in this section. The dividend
2 34 shall be the total actual valuation established for 1979 by
2 35 the department of revenue, plus eight percent of the amount so
3 1 determined. The divisor for property valued by the department
3 2 of revenue pursuant to chapters 428, 433, 437, and 438 shall
3 3 be the valuation established for 1979, plus the amount of
3 4 value added to the total actual value by the revaluation of
3 5 the property by the department of revenue as of January 1,
3 6 1980. For valuations established as of January 1, 1981, and
3 7 each year thereafter, the percentage of actual value as
3 8 equalized by the director of revenue as provided in section
3 9 441.49 at which commercial property and industrial property,
3 10 excluding properties referred to in section 427A.1, subsection
3 11 8, shall be assessed shall be calculated in accordance with
3 12 the methods provided herein, except that any references to six
3 13 percent in this subsection shall be four percent. For
3 14 valuations established as of January 1, 2007, and each year
3 15 thereafter, the percentage of actual value as equalized by the
3 16 director of revenue as provided in section 441.49 at which
3 17 commercial property and industrial property, excluding
3 18 properties referred to in section 427A.1, subsection 8, shall
3 19 be assessed shall be calculated in accordance with the methods
3 20 provided herein, except that any references to six percent in
3 21 this subsection shall be zero percent. For valuations
3 22 established as of January 1, 1981, and each year thereafter,
3 23 the percentage of actual value at which property valued by the
3 24 department of revenue pursuant to chapters 428, 433, 437, and
3 25 438 shall be assessed shall be calculated in accordance with
3 26 the methods provided herein, except that any references to ten
3 27 percent in this subsection shall be eight percent. Beginning
3 28 with valuations established as of January 1, 1979, and each
3 29 year thereafter, property valued by the department of revenue
3 30 pursuant to chapter 434 shall also be assessed at a percentage
3 31 of its actual value which percentage shall be equal to the
3 32 percentage determined by the director of revenue for
3 33 commercial property, industrial property, or property valued
3 34 by the department of revenue pursuant to chapters 428, 433,
3 35 437, and 438, whichever is lowest.

4 1 Sec. 2. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE. This Act applies
4 2 retroactively to assessment years beginning on or after
4 3 January 1, 2007.

4 4 EXPLANATION

4 5 This bill changes the property tax assessment limitation
4 6 percentage for commercial and industrial property from 4
4 7 percent to 0 percent.

4 8 The bill applies retroactively to assessment years
4 9 beginning on or after January 1, 2007.

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