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A BILL FOR

1 An Act authorizing a property tax exemption for certain
2 property used for shared services and business assistance
3 and including applicability provisions.

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

1 Section 1. Section 427.1, Code 2019, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 42. *Business incubator property.*

4 a. The property owned or leased and operated by a local or
5 regional economic development organization and used solely as a
6 business incubator.

7 b. For purposes of this subsection:

8 (1) "*Business incubator*" means a facility in which space is
9 leased to small businesses and that provides shared services
10 and business assistance to such businesses to improve their
11 chances of success. The services provided may include but are
12 not limited to receptionist, copying, computer, telephone,
13 secretarial, and meeting services. The assistance provided
14 may include but is not limited to advice concerning marketing
15 plans, business plans, accounting, and administration.

16 (2) "*Local or regional economic development organization*"
17 means a private, nonprofit organization, as recognized by the
18 internal revenue service, whose primary purposes are to develop
19 the economy of its area and to provide assistance to businesses
20 in that area.

21 (3) "*Small business*" means the same as defined in section
22 422.35, subsection 6, paragraph "c".

23 c. Claims for the exemption under this subsection must be
24 filed with the assessor not later than February 1 of the year
25 for which the exemption is requested on forms to be prescribed
26 by the director of revenue. Upon the filing and allowance
27 of the claim, the claim shall be allowed on the property for
28 successive years without further filing as long as the property
29 continues to qualify for the exemption. When the property is
30 sold or transferred, the county recorder shall provide notice
31 of the transfer to the assessor. The notice shall describe the
32 property transferred and the name of the person to whom title
33 to the property is transferred.

34 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.7 shall not
35 apply to the property tax exemption enacted in this Act.

