

INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR CARING FOR A PARENT

House Bill 4512

Sponsor: Rep. Rick Shaffer Committee: Tax Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4512 AS INTRODUCED 4-2-03

The bill would amend the Income Tax Act to allow a taxpayer to claim an additional exemption of \$1,500, if the taxpayer provides primary care for a parent who is at least 65 years of age, and if the Family Independence Agency determines that the provision of such care prevents the institutionalization (e.g. a nursing home or assisted living services) of that parent. [An exemption reduces the amount of income subject to tax.]

The terms "primary care" refers to acts meeting the physical or mental requirements of a person who cannot meet those requirements without assistance or supervision. Such acts include those relating to health, safety, nutrition, hygiene, homemaking, or other activities or daily living.

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