

1 H.362

2 Introduced by Representatives Smith of New Haven, Fiske of Enosburgh,
3 Graham of Williamstown, Hebert of Vernon, Shaw of Derby,
4 and Viens of Newport City

5 Referred to Committee on

6 Date:

7 Subject: Taxation; property taxes; appraisal value

8 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to freeze the
9 appraisal value of property owned by taxpayers 65 years of age or older until
10 subsequent transfer.

11 An act relating to freezing appraisal values for taxpayers 65 years of age or
12 older until subsequent transfer

13 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 5404 is amended to read:

14 § 5404. DETERMINATION OF EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX GRAND
15 LIST

16 (a) Municipalities shall determine the education property tax grand list by
17 calculating one percent of the listed value of nonresidential and homestead real
18 property as provided in this section. The listed value of all nonresidential and
19 homestead real property in a municipality shall be its fair market value, its
20 value established under a stabilization agreement described in section 5404a of

1 this title, or the use value of property enrolled in a Use Value Program under
2 chapter 124 of this title. If a homestead is located on a parcel of greater than
3 two acres, the entire parcel shall be appraised at fair market value; the
4 housesite shall then be appraised as if it were situated on a separate parcel and
5 the value of the housesite shall be subtracted from the value of the total parcel
6 to determine the value of the remainder of the parcel. If a homestead is wholly
7 owned by one or more individuals who have reached 65 years of age by
8 April 1 of a given year and whose income does not exceed 200 percent of the
9 applicable federal poverty guidelines as updated in the Federal Register by the
10 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of
11 42 U.S.C. § 9902(2), the listed value of the housesite, as that term is defined by
12 subdivision 6061(11) of this title, shall remain the same as it is on April 1 of
13 that year until the property is transferred to owners who are not 65 years of age
14 or older or until the taxpayer has income that exceeds 200 percent of the
15 federal poverty guidelines for three consecutive years.

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17 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2016, and apply to property taxes
19 assessed after that date.