

1 S.251

2 Introduced by Senator Nitka

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Taxation; property taxes; deferral for taxpayers 65 years of age and
6 over

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow
8 taxpayers 65 years of age and over to defer their property taxes until death.

9 An act relating to the deferral of property taxes for taxpayers 65 years of
10 age and over

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 3802b is added to read:

13 § 3802b. ALTERNATIVE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR
14 PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER

15 (a) A claimant who qualifies under this section may elect to defer property
16 taxes on a homestead. The qualified claimant shall receive a deferral
17 certificate for presentation to the town clerk, and the town shall accept the
18 certificate as payment of any municipal or education property taxes on the
19 homestead in full. Deferral shall constitute a lien on the property. At the date
20 of death of the claimant or his or her surviving spouse, whichever occurs later,

1 or upon transfer of the property, all deferred taxes plus accrued interest at the
2 annual rates established in section 3108 of this title shall be due and payable;
3 and any claim against an estate for these funds shall take priority over any
4 other claim against the estate.

5 (b) A claimant is qualified to elect deferral under this section if he or she is
6 at least 65 years of age as of December 31 prior to the tax year for which the
7 election is made, is not delinquent on any property taxes at the time of the
8 election, has household income of less than \$75,000.00, and has been
9 domiciled in Vermont for 10 consecutive years prior to the election.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2015.