
SENATE BILL 6221

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1 AN ACT Relating to an exemption of real property used in farming
2 operations from the state property tax and preventing a shift of
3 property taxes; adding a new section to chapter 84.36 RCW; adding a new
4 section to chapter 84.55 RCW; creating a new section; providing
5 expiration dates; and declaring an emergency.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 84.36 RCW
8 to read as follows:

9 (1) All real property owned by a farmer is exempt from property
10 taxes levied for any state purpose if it is used exclusively in growing
11 and producing agricultural products during the calendar year for which
12 the claim for exemption is made.

13 (2) "Farmer" has the same meaning as defined in RCW 82.04.213.

14 (3) A claim for exemption under this section shall be filed with
15 the county assessor together with the verified statement required under
16 RCW 84.40.190, for exemption from taxes payable the following year.
17 The claim shall be made solely upon forms as prescribed and furnished
18 by the department of revenue.

19 (4) This section expires December 31, 2008.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 84.55 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 The levy for the state in any year shall be reduced as necessary to
4 prevent exemptions under section 1 of this act from resulting in a
5 higher tax rate than would have occurred in the absence of the
6 exemptions under section 1 of this act.

7 This section expires December 31, 2008.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act applies to taxes levied for
9 collection in 2003 through 2008.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** This act is necessary for the immediate
11 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
12 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
13 immediately.

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