

1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 18-180 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 200/18-180)

7 Sec. 18-180. Abatement; urban decay.

8 (a) Except as provided below, a home rule municipality  
9 upon adoption of an ordinance by majority vote of its  
10 governing authority, may order the county clerk to abate, for  
11 a period not to exceed 10 years, any percentage of the taxes  
12 levied by the municipality and any other taxing district on  
13 each parcel of property located in an area of urban decay  
14 within the corporate limits of the municipality and upon which  
15 a newly constructed or newly remodeled single-family or duplex  
16 residential dwelling unit is located, except that the total  
17 abatement for any levy year shall not be in an amount in excess  
18 of 2% of the taxes extended by all taxing districts on all  
19 parcels located within the township that contain residential  
20 dwelling units of 6 units or less. In the case of a newly  
21 remodeled single-family or duplex residential dwelling unit,  
22 the amount of the abatement may not exceed the amount of  
23 property taxes attributable to the improvements, and no

1 abatement shall be granted with respect to the value of the  
2 land. An abatement adopted under this Section shall be  
3 extended to all subsequent owners of an eligible property  
4 during the abatement period. The ordinance shall provide that  
5 the same percentage abatement of taxes shall apply to all  
6 eligible property subject to the abatement ordinance, except  
7 that any abatement granted for any parcel that is within a  
8 redevelopment area created under Division 74.4 of Article 11  
9 of the Illinois Municipal Code at the time the ordinance is  
10 adopted shall not exceed the amount of taxes allocable to  
11 taxing districts. No abatement adopted under this Section  
12 shall apply to a parcel of property if the owner does not live  
13 in the single-family or one of the duplex residential units.  
14 Before final adoption of an abatement ordinance under this  
15 Section, the governing authority of the home rule municipality  
16 shall notify by mail each affected taxing district of the  
17 pending ordinance. This Section does not apply to property  
18 annexed by a municipality after January 1, 1989. For the  
19 purposes of this Section, a zero lot line dwelling, such as a  
20 townhouse or development, is considered a single-family  
21 residence.

22 (b) The governing authority of each affected taxing  
23 district shall within 10 days appoint one member to serve on an  
24 Abatement Review Board to review the terms and conditions of  
25 the proposed abatement ordinance. The Board shall be convened  
26 by the mayor or village president of the municipality

1 considering the abatement ordinance. The ordinance shall not  
2 be adopted less than 45 days after the Board is convened.  
3 Failure to appoint a member to the Board does not affect work  
4 of the Board. The Board shall report the findings and  
5 conclusions to the governing authority of the municipality not  
6 later than 30 days after it is convened.

7 (c) Any abatement granted under this Section prior to the  
8 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General  
9 Assembly shall be reduced in 20% increments annually during  
10 the last 4 years of the abatement period for the property.

11 (d) For purposes of this Section:

12 (1) "Area of urban decay" means an area demonstrating  
13 conditions of a "blighted area" or "conservation area" as  
14 defined by Section 11-74.4-3 of the Illinois Municipal  
15 Code, notwithstanding the minimum acreage requirement  
16 contained in the definition of a "redevelopment project  
17 area" under that Section. Qualifying factors of blight or  
18 conservation shall be defined as those present within the  
19 year prior to adoption of the ordinance designating the  
20 area of urban decay.

21 (2) "Duplex" means a 2 family residence that is not  
22 more than 2 stories plus a basement in height and is  
23 located on a single parcel of property.

24 (3) "Newly constructed" means constructed and ready  
25 for occupancy not earlier than one year before the date  
26 the municipality first orders the abatement for the parcel

1 under this Section.

2 (4) "Newly remodeled" means that the property contains  
3 improvements that were completed not earlier than one year  
4 before the date the municipality first orders the  
5 abatement for the parcel under this Section.

6 (Source: P.A. 87-1189; 88-455.)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
8 becoming law.