

1 S.231

2 Introduced by Senator Nitka

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Taxation; property taxes; deferral for taxpayers over 65

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

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

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

11 Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 3802a is added to read:

12 § 3802a. ALTERNATIVE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR
13 PERSONS OVER AGE 65

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

1 annual rates established in section 3108 of this title shall be due and payable;
2 and any claim against an estate for these funds shall take priority over any
3 other claim against the estate.

4 (b) A claimant is qualified to elect deferral under this section if he or she is
5 at least 65 years of age as of December 31 prior to the tax year for which the
6 election is made, is not delinquent on any property taxes at the time of the
7 election, has household income of less than \$75,000, and has been domiciled in
8 Vermont for 10 consecutive years prior to the election.

9 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2013.