



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 838

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 383

Senate, April 30, 2009

The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT EXEMPTING REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS FROM PAYMENT OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 12-81 of the general statutes is amended by adding
2 subdivision (77) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2009, and applicable to*
3 *assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2009*):

4 (NEW) (77) Real property belonging to, or held in trust for, a
5 regional council of elected officials established under sections 4-124c to
6 4-124f, inclusive, a regional council of governments established under
7 sections 4-124i to 4-124p, inclusive, or a regional planning agency
8 organized under sections 8-31a to 8-37b, inclusive, provided (A) such
9 property is used to advance the official duties of such council or
10 agency, and (B) the exemption for such property is approved by the
11 municipality in which such property is located.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2009</i>	12-81

FIN *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Various Municipalities	See Below	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill exempts certain property owned by regional council of elected officials, regional council of governments, and regional planning agencies from property taxation effective October 1, 2009. A municipality could increase its mill rate or modify spending to offset any decrease in property taxes as a result of the abatement.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 383*****AN ACT EXEMPTING REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS
FROM PAYMENT OF LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill exempts real property owned by or held in trust for a regional planning organization (RPO) from property tax, so long as (1) the property is used to advance the organization's official duties and (2) the municipality where the property is located approves the exemption. By law, the three types of RPOs are regional councils of governments, regional councils of elected officials, and regional planning agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2009, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2009.

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

The Senate referred the bill (file 299) to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, which added the requirement that the exemption be approved by the host municipality.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/11/2009)

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 53 Nay 1 (04/16/2009)