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S 967. PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXCLUSION. TO PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF TO LOW-INCOME ELDERLY AND DISABLED HOMEOWNERS. Amends GS 105-277.1 to provide that exclusion amount is \$25,000 or one-third of median appraised value of owner-occupied single-family homes in county, whichever is greater (now, \$20,000), and to provide that income limit for qualifying low-income elderly or disabled homeowners is 80% of median income for county (now, \$15,000 per year). Amends GS 105-277.1A to require Sec'y of Revenue to reimburse cities and counties for lost property tax revenue with respect to all low-income or disabled homeowners receiving the homestead property tax exclusion each year according to the following formula: (1) the first \$25,000 of exempted value for each taxpayer times the applicable tax rate, plus (2) 50% of the product of the exempted value in excess of \$25,000 times the applicable tax rate. Makes additional conforming changes. Effective for taxes imposed for tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2000.

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