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An act relating to ad valorem tax exemption for nonprofit homes for the aged; amending s. 196.1975, F.S.; exempting from ad valorem taxation certain entities wholly owned by a nonprofit corporation; revising the criteria that must be met by certain units or apartments in homes for aged to be exempt from ad valorem taxation; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

- Section 1. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 196.1975, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

 196.1975 Exemption for property used by nonprofit homes for the aged.—Nonprofit homes for the aged are exempt to the extent that they meet the following criteria:
- (1) The applicant must be a corporation not for profit pursuant to chapter 617 or a Florida limited partnership, the sole general partner of which is a corporation not for profit under pursuant to chapter 617 or an entity wholly owned by a corporation not for profit under chapter 617, and the corporation not for profit must have been exempt as of January 1 of the year for which exemption from ad valorem property taxes is requested from federal income taxation by having qualified as an exempt charitable organization under the provisions of s.

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501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or of the corresponding section of a subsequently enacted federal revenue act.

- (4) (a) After removing the assessed value exempted in subsection (3), units or apartments in homes for the aged shall be exempt only to the extent that residency in the existing unit or apartment of the applicant home is reserved for or restricted to or the unit or apartment is occupied by persons who have resided in the applicant home and in good faith made this state their permanent residence as of January 1 of the year in which exemption is claimed and who also meet the requirements set forth in one of the following subparagraphs:
- 1. Persons who have gross incomes of not more than \$7,200 per year and who are 62 years of age or older.
- 2. Couples, one of whom must be 55 62 years of age or older, having a combined gross income of not more than \$8,000 per year, or the surviving spouse thereof, who lived with the deceased at the time of the deceased's death in a home for the aged.
- 3. Persons who are totally and permanently disabled and who have gross incomes of not more than \$7,200 per year.
- 4. Couples, one or both of whom are totally and permanently disabled, having a combined gross income of not more than \$8,000 per year, or the surviving spouse thereof, who lived with the deceased at the time of the deceased's death in a home

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However, the income limitations do not apply to totally and permanently disabled veterans, provided they meet the requirements of s. 196.081.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022.

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