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**EXPLANATION OF CHANGES**

*SB 77: MUNI PROP TAX EXEMPTION/TAX BLIGHTED PROP*

**Vers. A to Vers. B; Senate Community & Regional Affairs, 3.29.2023:**

**Section 2**

*Page 2, line 17*

Additional language was inserted to prevent municipalities from adopting a blight tax that is more than 50% of the property's annual assessed property tax.

**Vers. B to Vers. C; Senate Floor, 4.11.2023**

**Section 2**

*Page 3, line 1*

Inserts language in (d) to clarify that the blight tax does not apply to the property owner's primary residence. It does apply to income producing properties.

*Page 2, line 31*

Insert language in (5) and (b) allowing the blight tax to be removed once remediation and redevelopment has started instead of when it is completed.

**NEW: Section 3**

*Page 3, line 3*

Insert a new section explicitly allowing cities inside boroughs to implement a blight tax in the same manner as cites outside boroughs.

**Vers. C to Vers. D; House Community & Regional Affairs, 4.18.2023**

**Section 2**

*Page 2, Line 13*

Inserted language providing guidance to local governments for defining blighted. The property must meet one or more of the following conditions to be designated as blighted:

- Endangers public health and safety;
- Been declared a public nuisance under a local housing, building, plumbing, fire or other related code or ordinance;
- Has been vacant for no less than a year;

- Been the subject of repeated illegal activity due to its unsecured, vacant, or deteriorated state; or
- Is open to the elements, unfit for occupancy, or a fire hazard.