

## SENATE BILL No. 473

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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9 AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to exemptions; hospitals  
10 and organizations providing humanitarian services; amending K.S.A.  
11 2003 Supp. 79-201 and 79-201b and repealing the existing sections.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 79-201 is hereby amended to read as  
15 follows: 79-201. The following described property, to the extent herein  
16 specified, shall be and is hereby exempt from all property or ad valorem  
17 taxes levied under the laws of the state of Kansas:

18 *First.* All buildings used exclusively as places of public worship and all  
19 buildings used exclusively by school districts and school district interlocal  
20 cooperatives organized under the laws of this state, with the furniture and  
21 books therein contained and used exclusively for the accommodation of  
22 religious meetings or for school district or school district interlocal co-  
23 operative purposes, whichever is applicable, together with the grounds  
24 owned thereby if not leased or otherwise used for the realization of profit,  
25 except that: (a) (1) Any school building, or portion thereof, together with  
26 the grounds upon which the building is located, shall be considered to be  
27 used exclusively by the school district for the purposes of this section  
28 when leased by the school district to any political or taxing subdivision of  
29 the state, including a school district interlocal cooperative, or to any as-  
30 sociation, organization or nonprofit corporation entitled to tax exemption  
31 with respect to such property; and (2) any school building, together with  
32 the grounds upon which the building is located, shall be considered to be  
33 used exclusively by a school district interlocal cooperative for the purposes  
34 of this section when being acquired pursuant to a lease-purchase agree-  
35 ment; and (b) any building, or portion thereof, used as a place of worship,  
36 together with the grounds upon which the building is located, shall be  
37 considered to be used exclusively for the religious purposes of this section  
38 when used as a not-for-profit day care center for children which is li-  
39 censed pursuant to K.S.A. 65-501 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, or  
40 when used to house an area where the congregation of a church society  
41 and others may purchase tracts, books and other items relating to the  
42 promulgation of the church society's religious doctrines.

43 *Second.* All real property, and all tangible personal property, actually

1 and regularly used exclusively for literary, educational, scientific, relig-  
2 ious, benevolent or charitable purposes, including property used exclu-  
3 sively for such purposes by more than one agency or organization for one  
4 or more of such exempt purposes. Except with regard to real property  
5 which is owned by a religious organization, is to be used exclusively for  
6 religious purposes and is not used for a nonexempt purpose prior to its  
7 exclusive use for religious purposes which property shall be deemed to  
8 be actually and regularly used exclusively for religious purposes for the  
9 purposes of this paragraph, this exemption shall not apply to such prop-  
10 erty, not actually used or occupied for the purposes set forth herein, nor  
11 to such property held or used as an investment even though the income  
12 or rentals received therefrom is used wholly for such literary, educational,  
13 scientific, religious, benevolent or charitable purposes. In the event any  
14 such property which has been exempted pursuant to the preceding sen-  
15 tence is not used for religious purposes prior to its conveyance which  
16 results in its use for nonreligious purposes, there shall be a recoupment  
17 of property taxes in an amount equal to the tax which would have been  
18 levied upon such property except for such exemption for all taxable years  
19 for which such exemption was in effect. Such recoupment tax shall be-  
20 come due and payable in such year as provided by K.S.A. 79-2004, and  
21 amendments thereto. A lien for such taxes shall attach to the real property  
22 subject to the same on November 1 in the year such taxes become due  
23 and all such taxes remaining due and unpaid after the date prescribed for  
24 the payment thereof shall be collected in the manner provided by law for  
25 the collection of delinquent taxes. Moneys collected from the recoupment  
26 tax hereunder shall be credited by the county treasurer to the several  
27 taxing subdivisions within which such real property is located in the pro-  
28 portion that the total tangible property tax levies made in the preceding  
29 year for each such taxing subdivision bear to the total of all such levies  
30 made in that year by all such taxing subdivisions. Such moneys shall be  
31 credited to the general fund of the taxing subdivision or if such taxing  
32 subdivision is making no property tax levy for the support of a general  
33 fund such moneys may be credited to any other tangible property tax  
34 fund of general application of such subdivision. This exemption shall not  
35 be deemed inapplicable to property which would otherwise be exempt  
36 pursuant to this paragraph because an agency or organization: (a) Is re-  
37 imbursement for the provision of services accomplishing the purposes enu-  
38 merated in this paragraph based upon the ability to pay by the recipient  
39 of such services; or (b) is reimbursed for the actual expense of using such  
40 property for purposes enumerated in this paragraph; or (c) uses such  
41 property for a nonexempt purpose which is minimal in scope and insub-  
42 stantial in nature if such use is incidental to the exempt purposes of this  
43 paragraph; or (d) charges a reasonable fee for admission to cultural or

1 educational activities or permits the use of its property for such activities  
2 by a related agency or organization, if any such activity is in furtherance  
3 of the purposes of this paragraph.

4 *Third.* All moneys and credits belonging exclusively to universities, col-  
5 leges, academies or other public schools of any kind, or to religious, lit-  
6 erary, scientific or benevolent and charitable institutions or associations,  
7 appropriated solely to sustain such institutions or associations, not ex-  
8 ceeding in amount or in income arising therefrom the limit prescribed  
9 by the charter of such institution or association.

10 *Fourth.* The reserve or emergency funds of fraternal benefit societies  
11 authorized to do business under the laws of the state of Kansas.

12 *Fifth.* All buildings of private nonprofit universities or colleges which  
13 are owned and operated by such universities and colleges as student union  
14 buildings, presidents' homes and student dormitories.

15 *Sixth.* All real and tangible personal property actually and regularly  
16 used exclusively by the alumni association associated by its articles of  
17 incorporation with any public or nonprofit Kansas college or university  
18 approved by the Kansas board of regents to confer academic degrees or  
19 with any community college approved by its board of trustees to grant  
20 certificates of completion of courses or curriculum, to provide accom-  
21 modations and services to such college or university or to the alumni, staff  
22 or faculty thereof.

23 *Seventh.* All parsonages owned by a church society and actually and  
24 regularly occupied and used predominantly as a residence by a minister  
25 or other clergyman of such church society who is actually and regularly  
26 engaged in conducting the services and religious ministrations of such  
27 society, and the land upon which such parsonage is located to the extent  
28 necessary for the accommodation of such parsonage.

29 *Eighth.* All real property, all buildings located on such property and all  
30 personal property contained therein, actually and regularly used exclu-  
31 sively by any individually chartered organization of honorably discharged  
32 military veterans of the United States armed forces or auxiliary of any  
33 such organization, which is exempt from federal income taxation pursuant  
34 to section 501(c)(19) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986, for  
35 clubhouse, place of meeting or memorial hall purposes, and real property  
36 to the extent of not more than two acres, and all buildings located on  
37 such property, actually and regularly used exclusively by any such veter-  
38 ans' organization or its auxiliary as a memorial park.

39 *Ninth.* All real property and tangible personal property actually and  
40 regularly used by a community service organization for the predominant  
41 purpose of providing humanitarian services, which is owned and operated  
42 by a corporation organized not for profit under the laws of the state of  
43 Kansas or by a corporation organized not for profit under the laws of

1 another state and duly admitted to engage in business in this state as a  
2 foreign not-for-profit corporation if: (a) The directors of such corporation  
3 serve without pay for such services; (b) the corporation is operated in a  
4 manner which does not result in the accrual of distributable profits, re-  
5 alization of private gain resulting from the payment of compensation in  
6 excess of a reasonable allowance for salary or other compensation for  
7 services rendered or the realization of any other form of private gain; (c)  
8 no officer, director or member of such corporation has any pecuniary  
9 interest in the property for which exemption is claimed; (d) the corpo-  
10 ration is organized for the purpose of providing humanitarian services;  
11 (e) the actual use of property for which an exemption is claimed must be  
12 substantially and predominantly related to the purpose of providing hu-  
13 manitarian services, except that, the use of such property for a nonexempt  
14 purpose which is minimal in scope and insubstantial in nature shall not  
15 result in the loss of exemption if such use is incidental to the purpose of  
16 providing humanitarian services by the corporation, *and except that any*  
17 *building, or portion of such building, together with the grounds upon*  
18 *which the building is located, shall be considered to be substantially and*  
19 *predominantly related to the purpose of providing humanitarian services*  
20 *for the purposes of this section, notwithstanding that any portion of such*  
21 *building or grounds is used for hospital purposes by a hospital as defined*  
22 *by K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto, or a psychiatric hospital as*  
23 *defined by K.S.A. 59-2902, and amendments thereto, and such use shall*  
24 *not result in the loss of the exemption;* (f) the corporation is exempt from  
25 federal income taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the internal rev-  
26 enue code of 1986 and; (g) contributions to the corporation are deductible  
27 under the Kansas income tax act. As used in this clause, “humanitarian  
28 services” means the conduct of activities which substantially and predom-  
29 inantly meet a demonstrated community need and which improve the  
30 physical, mental, social, cultural or spiritual welfare of others or the relief,  
31 comfort or assistance of persons in distress *or the promotion and provision*  
32 *of health care or psychiatric services* or any combination thereof, includ-  
33 ing, but not limited to, health and recreation services, *physician or psy-*  
34 *chiatric practices*, child care, individual and family counseling, employ-  
35 ment and training programs for handicapped persons and meals or  
36 feeding programs. Notwithstanding any other provision of this clause,  
37 motor vehicles shall not be exempt hereunder unless such vehicles are  
38 exclusively used for the purposes described therein, except that the use  
39 of any such vehicle for the purpose of participating in a coordinated transit  
40 district in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-5032 through 75-  
41 5037, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 75-5051 through 75-5058, and  
42 amendments thereto, shall be deemed as exclusive use.

43 *Tenth.* For all taxable years commencing after December 31, 1986, any

1 building, and the land upon which such building is located to the extent  
2 necessary for the accommodation of such building, owned by a church or  
3 nonprofit religious society or order which is exempt from federal income  
4 taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code  
5 of 1986, and actually and regularly occupied and used exclusively for  
6 residential and religious purposes by a community of persons who are  
7 bound by vows to a religious life and who conduct or assist in the conduct  
8 of religious services and actually and regularly engage in religious, be-  
9 nevolent, charitable or educational ministrations or the performance of  
10 health care services.

11 *Eleventh.* For all taxable years commencing after December 31, 1998,  
12 all property actually and regularly used predominantly to produce and  
13 generate electricity utilizing renewable energy resources or technologies.  
14 For purposes of this section, “renewable energy resources or technolo-  
15 gies” shall include wind, solar, thermal, photovoltaic, biomass, hydro-  
16 power, geothermal and landfill gas resources or technologies.

17 The provisions of this section, except as otherwise more specifically  
18 provided, shall apply to all taxable years commencing after December 31,  
19 1995.

20 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 79-201b is hereby amended to read as  
21 follows: 79-201b. The following described property, to the extent herein  
22 specified, shall be and is hereby exempt from all property or ad valorem  
23 taxes levied under the laws of the state of Kansas:

24 *First.* All real property, and tangible personal property, actually and  
25 regularly used exclusively for hospital purposes by a hospital as the same  
26 is defined by K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto, or a psychiatric  
27 hospital as the same was defined by K.S.A. 59-2902, and amendments  
28 thereto, as in effect on January 1, 1976, which hospital or psychiatric  
29 hospital is operated by a corporation organized not for profit under the  
30 laws of the state of Kansas or by a corporation organized not for profit  
31 under the laws of another state and duly admitted to engage in business  
32 in this state as a foreign, not-for-profit corporation, or a public hospital  
33 authority; and all intangible property including moneys, notes and other  
34 evidences of debt, and the income therefrom, belonging exclusively to  
35 such a corporation and used exclusively for hospital, psychiatric hospital  
36 or public hospital authority purposes. *Any hospital or psychiatric hospital*  
37 *building, or portion of such building, together with the grounds upon*  
38 *which the building is located, shall be considered to be actually and reg-*  
39 *ularly used exclusively by the hospital or psychiatric hospital for the pur-*  
40 *poses of this section, notwithstanding that any portion of such building*  
41 *or grounds is used for the purpose of providing humanitarian services as*  
42 *defined by paragraph Ninth of K.S.A. 79-201, and amendments thereto,*  
43 *and such use shall not result in the loss of the exemption.* This exemption

1 shall not be deemed inapplicable to property which would otherwise be  
2 exempt pursuant to this paragraph because any such hospital, psychiatric  
3 hospital or public hospital authority: (a) Uses such property for a nonex-  
4 empt purpose which is minimal in scope and insubstantial in nature if  
5 such use is incidental to the exempt purpose enumerated in this para-  
6 graph; or (b) is reimbursed for the actual expense of using such property  
7 for the exempt purposes enumerated in this paragraph or paragraph sec-  
8 ond of K.S.A. 79-201, and amendments thereto; or (c) permits the use of  
9 such property for the exempt purposes enumerated in this paragraph or  
10 paragraph second of K.S.A. 79-201, and amendments thereto, by more  
11 than one agency or organization for one or more of such purposes.

12 *Second.* All real property, and tangible personal property, actually and  
13 regularly used exclusively for adult care home purposes by an adult care  
14 home as the same is defined by K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments thereto,  
15 which is operated by a corporation organized not for profit under the laws  
16 of the state of Kansas or by a corporation organized not for profit under  
17 the laws of another state and duly admitted to engage in business in this  
18 state as a foreign, not-for-profit corporation, charges to residents for serv-  
19 ices of which produce an amount which in the aggregate is less than the  
20 actual cost of operation of the home or the services of which are provided  
21 to residents at the lowest feasible cost, taking into consideration such  
22 items as reasonable depreciation, interest on indebtedness, acquisition  
23 costs, interest and other expenses of financing acquisition costs, lease  
24 expenses and costs of services provided by a parent corporation at its costs  
25 and contributions to which are deductible under the Kansas income tax  
26 act; and all intangible property including moneys, notes and other evi-  
27 dences of debt, and the income therefrom, belonging exclusively to such  
28 corporation and used exclusively for adult care home purposes. For pur-  
29 poses of this paragraph and for all taxable years commencing after De-  
30 cember 31, 1976, an adult care home which uses its property in a manner  
31 which is consistent with the federal internal revenue service ruling 72-  
32 124 issued pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue  
33 code, shall be deemed to be operating at the lowest feasible cost. The  
34 fact that real property or real or tangible personal property may be leased  
35 from a not-for-profit corporation, which is exempt from federal income  
36 taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code of  
37 1986, and amendments thereto, and which is the parent corporation to  
38 the not-for-profit operator of an adult care home, shall not be grounds to  
39 deny exemption or deny that such property is actually and regularly used  
40 exclusively for adult care home purposes by an adult care home, nor shall  
41 the terms of any such lease be grounds for any such denial. For all taxable  
42 years commencing after December 31, 1995, such property shall be  
43 deemed to be used exclusively for adult care home purposes when used

1 as a not-for-profit day care center for children which is licensed pursuant  
2 to K.S.A. 65-501 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.

3 *Third.* All real property, and tangible personal property, actually and  
4 regularly used exclusively for private children's home purposes by a private  
5 children's home as the same is defined by K.S.A. 75-3329, and  
6 amendments thereto, which is operated by a corporation organized not  
7 for profit under the laws of the state of Kansas or by a corporation organized  
8 not for profit under the laws of another state and duly admitted  
9 to engage in business in this state as a foreign, not-for-profit corporation,  
10 charges to residents for services of which produce an amount which in  
11 the aggregate is less than the actual cost of operation of the home or the  
12 services of which are provided to residents at the lowest feasible cost,  
13 taking into consideration such items as reasonable depreciation and interest  
14 on indebtedness, and contributions to which are deductible under  
15 the Kansas income tax act; and all intangible property including moneys,  
16 notes and other evidences of debt, and the income therefrom, belonging  
17 exclusively to such a corporation and used exclusively for children's home  
18 purposes.

19 *Fourth.* All real property and tangible personal property, actually and  
20 regularly used exclusively for housing for elderly and handicapped persons  
21 having a limited or lower income, or used exclusively for cooperative  
22 housing for persons having a limited or low income, assistance for the  
23 financing of which was received under 12 U.S.C.A. 1701 *et seq.*, or under  
24 42 U.S.C.A. 1437 *et seq.*, which is operated by a corporation organized  
25 not for profit under the laws of the state of Kansas or by a corporation  
26 organized not for profit under the laws of another state and duly admitted  
27 to engage in business in this state as a foreign, not-for-profit corporation;  
28 and all intangible property including moneys, notes and other evidences  
29 of debt, and the income therefrom, belonging exclusively to such a corporation  
30 and used exclusively for the purposes of such housing. For the  
31 purposes of this subsection, cooperative housing shall mean those not-  
32 for-profit cooperative housing projects operating pursuant to sections 236  
33 or 221(d)(3), or both, of the national housing act and which have been  
34 approved as a cooperative housing project pursuant to applicable federal  
35 housing administration and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
36 statutes, and rules and regulations, during such time as the  
37 use of such properties are restricted pursuant to such act, statutes or rules  
38 and regulations.

39 *Fifth.* All real property and tangible personal property, actually and  
40 regularly used exclusively for housing for elderly persons, which is operated  
41 by a corporation organized not for profit under the laws of the state  
42 of Kansas or by a corporation organized not for profit under the laws of  
43 another state and duly admitted to engage in business in this state as a

1 foreign, not-for-profit corporation, in which charges to residents produce  
2 an amount which in the aggregate is less than the actual cost of operation  
3 of the housing facility or the services of which are provided to residents  
4 at the lowest feasible cost, taking into consideration such items as rea-  
5 sonable depreciation and interest on indebtedness and contributions to  
6 which are deductible under the Kansas income tax act; and all intangible  
7 property including moneys, notes and other evidences of debt, and the  
8 income therefrom, belonging exclusively to such corporation and used  
9 exclusively for the purpose of such housing. For purposes of this para-  
10 graph and for all taxable years commencing after December 31, 1976, an  
11 adult care home which uses its property in a manner which is consistent  
12 with the federal internal revenue service ruling 72-124 issued pursuant  
13 to section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code, shall be deemed  
14 to be operating at the lowest feasible cost. For all taxable years com-  
15 mencing after December 31, 1995, such property shall be deemed to be  
16 used exclusively for housing for elderly persons purposes when used as a  
17 not-for-profit day care center for children which is licensed pursuant to  
18 K.S.A. 65-501 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.

19 *Sixth.* All real property and tangible personal property actually and  
20 regularly used exclusively for the purpose of group housing of mentally  
21 ill or retarded and other handicapped persons which is operated by a  
22 corporation organized not for profit under the laws of the state of Kansas  
23 or by a corporation organized not for profit under the laws of another  
24 state and duly admitted to engage in business in this state as a foreign,  
25 not-for-profit corporation, in which charges to residents produce an  
26 amount which in the aggregate is less than the actual cost of operation of  
27 the housing facility or the services of which are provided to residents at  
28 the lowest feasible cost, taking into consideration such items as reasonable  
29 depreciation and interest on indebtedness and contributions to which are  
30 deductible under the Kansas income tax act, and which is licensed as a  
31 facility for the housing of mentally ill or retarded and other handicapped  
32 persons under the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3307b, and amendments  
33 thereto, or as a rooming or boarding house used as a facility for the  
34 housing of mentally retarded and other handicapped persons which is  
35 licensed as a lodging establishment under the provisions of K.S.A. 36-501  
36 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.

37 The provisions of this section, except as otherwise specifically provided,  
38 shall apply to all taxable years commencing after December 31, 1998.

39 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 79-201 and 79-201b are hereby repealed.

40 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
41 publication in the statute book.