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Higher limits approved for senior, disabled tax relief

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Legislators approved an increase in the asset limit for senior citizens and the disabled who seek relief from local real estate taxes. The maximum asset value an applicant can have and still qualify for relief now increases from \$340,000 to \$540,000 in all Northern Virginia localities.

The tax relief legislation was sponsored by a number of legislators, including dels. Kristen Amundson (D-Mount Vernon), Chuck Caputo (D-Centreville), Bob Marshall (R-Manassas) and Mark Sickles (D-Franconia).

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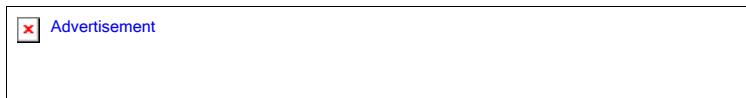
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Make sure of type of relief

There is two types of tax relief, one being true tax relief and the other is tax DEFERRAL. The latter can wipe an entire family out as the elderly pass away and any assets left, goes to pay the defer'd TAX. I assisted in a small way to get true tax relief in Prince William County working with Sen. Chuck Cogan.

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