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An Act respecting Ronald McDonald House (London)

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Preamble

The board of directors of Southwestern Ontario Childrens Care Inc. has applied for special legislation to exempt certain land from taxation for municipal purposes, other than local improvement rates, while the land is used for a specified purpose. The applicant represents that Southwestern Ontario Childrens Care Inc. was incorporated under the *Corporations Act* on September 19, 1983 and is a registered charity within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada). The applicant also represents that Southwestern Ontario Childrens Care Inc. operates the Ronald McDonald House in London on land it leases from the London Health Science Centre to provide temporary lodging for families of seriously ill children receiving medical treatment from London and southwestern Ontario area hospitals including, in particular, the London Health Science Centre.

It is appropriate to grant the application.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Definition

1. In this Act,

“specified property” means the land, as defined in the *Assessment Act*, municipally known as 741 Baseline Road East, in the City of London.

Tax exemption

2. The council of the City of London may pass by-laws exempting the specified property from taxes for municipal purposes, other than local improvement rates,

- (a) if the specified property is occupied and used solely for the purposes of the Ronald McDonald House operated by Southwestern Ontario Childrens Care Inc. or a corporation controlled by it; and
- (b) if Southwestern Ontario Childrens Care Inc. is a registered charity within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

Assessment Act exemption

3. An exemption from taxes granted under section 2 is deemed to have the same effect as an exemption from taxation under section 3 of the *Assessment Act*.

Commencement

4. **This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.**

Short title

5. **The short title of this Act is the *Ronald McDonald House (London) Act, 2005*.**