**South Dakota Exemption from Transfer Fee**

43-4-22.   Exemptions from real estate transfer fee. The fee imposed by § 43-4-21 does not apply to any transfer of title:

             (1)      Recorded before July 1, 1968;

             (2)      By or to the United States of America, this state, or any instrumentality, agency, or political subdivision of either;

             (3)      Solely in order to provide for or to release security for a debt or obligation;

             (4)      Which confirms or corrects a deed previously executed and recorded;

             (5)      Between husband and wife, or parent and child with only nominal actual consideration therefor;

             (6)      On sale for delinquent taxes or assessments, sheriffs' deeds, other deeds issued in foreclosure actions or proceedings or deeds issued in lieu of foreclosure actions or proceedings;

             (7)      On partition;

             (8)      Pursuant to any mergers or consolidations of corporations or limited liability companies or plans of reorganization by which substantially all of the assets of corporations or limited liability companies are transferred;

             (9)      By a subsidiary corporation to its parent corporation for no consideration, nominal consideration, or in sole consideration of the cancellation or surrender of the subsidiary's stock;

             (10)      Pursuant to decrees of distribution entered in any decedent's estate;

             (11)      Between an individual grantor, or grantors, and a corporation, where the grantor or grantors and the owner of the majority of the capital stock of the corporation are the same person;

             (12)      Between any corporation and its stockholders or creditors, or between any limited liability company and its members or creditors, if to effectuate a dissolution of the corporation or limited liability company it is necessary to transfer the title of real property from the corporate entity to the stockholders or creditors;

             (13)      On cemetery lots and grave sites;

             (14)      Between an individual grantor, or grantors, and a limited or general partnership if the grantor or grantors and the owner of the majority interest in the limited or general partnership are the same person;

             (15)      Between a fiduciary and a beneficiary of the fiduciary or between a fiduciary and a third party, if the transfer or conveyance is to accommodate the fiduciary relationship;

             (16)      Between individuals, regardless of the relationship, if the conveyance is an absolute gift without consideration of any kind in return for the conveyance;

             (17)      Pursuant to a decree of divorce, annulment, or separate maintenance or pursuant to a settlement agreement approved or adopted by a decree of divorce, annulment, or separate maintenance;

             (18)      For which no consideration was given;

             (19)      Between any limited liability company and its members.

**Source:** SL 1968, ch 27, § 6; SL 1969, ch 26, §§ 2, 3; SL 1972, ch 232, § 1; SL 1978, ch 304; SL 1980, ch 292; SL 1985, ch 335; SL 1989, ch 376; SL 1990, ch 346; SL 1994, ch 351, § 168.

43-4-21.   **Imposition and amount of real estate transfer fee**. A fee is hereby imposed at the rate of fifty cents for each five hundred dollars of value or fraction thereof upon the privilege of transferring title to real property in the State of South Dakota, which fee shall be paid by the grantor.

**Source:** SL 1968, ch 27, § 2.