

## General Assembly

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## AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR PROPERTY TAXATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 14-33 of the 2024
- 2 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
- 3 substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2024, and applicable to
- 4 assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024):
- 5 (2) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, if
- 6 any property tax, or any installment thereof, laid by any city, town,
- 7 borough or other taxing district upon a motor vehicle remains unpaid,
- 8 [regardless of whether such motor vehicle is classified on the grand list
- 9 as a registered motor vehicle or personal property pursuant to section
- 10 12-41,] the tax collector of such city, town, borough or other taxing
- 11 district shall notify the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of such
- 12 delinquency in accordance with subsection (e) of this section and
- 13 guidelines and procedures established by the commissioner. The
- 14 commissioner shall not issue registration for such motor vehicle for the
- 15 next registration period if, according to the commissioner's records, it is
- 16 then owned by the person against whom such tax has been assessed or
- by any person to whom such vehicle has not been transferred by bona
- 18 fide sale. Unless notice has been received by the commissioner under

the provisions of section 14-33a, no such registration shall be issued 19 20 until the commissioner receives notification that the tax obligation has 21 been legally discharged; nor shall the commissioner register any other 22 motor vehicle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or vessel in the name of 23 such person, except that the commissioner may continue to register 24 other vehicles owned by a leasing or rental firm licensed pursuant to 25 section 14-15, and may issue such registration to any private owner of 26 three or more paratransit vehicles in direct proportion to the percentage 27 of total tax due on such vehicles which has been paid and notice of 28 payment on which has been received. The Commissioner of Motor 29 Vehicles may immediately suspend or cancel all motor vehicle, 30 snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or vessel registrations issued in the 31 name of any person (A) who has been reported as delinquent and whose 32 registration was renewed through an error or through the production of 33 false evidence that the delinquent tax on any motor vehicle had been 34 paid, or (B) who has been reported by a tax collector as having paid a 35 property tax on a motor vehicle with a check which was dishonored by 36 a bank and such tax remains unpaid.

Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 12-71d of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024*):

(b) Not later than October 1, 2024, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall, in consultation with the [Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers, recommend a schedule of motor vehicle plate classes] Department of Motor Vehicles, establish guidelines for the valuation of motor vehicles, which shall be used by assessors in each municipality in determining the [classification] use of motor vehicles for purposes of property taxation. The value for each motor vehicle shall be determined by the schedule of depreciation described in subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of section 12-63, as amended by this act. The determination of the assessed value of any vehicle for which a manufacturer's suggested retail price cannot be

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- obtained for purposes of the property tax assessment list in any municipality shall be the responsibility of the assessor in such municipality, in consultation with the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers, and shall be based upon the original selling price of such vehicle minus depreciation. Any appeal from the findings of assessors concerning motor vehicle values shall be made in accordance with provisions related to such appeals under this chapter.
  - Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 12-63 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024*):
  - (b) (1) For the purposes of this subsection, (A) "electronic data processing equipment" means computers, printers, peripheral computer equipment, bundled software and any computer-based equipment acting as a computer, as defined in Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended; (B) "leased personal property" means tangible personal property which is the subject of a written or oral lease or loan on the assessment date, or any such property which has been so leased or loaned by the then current owner of such property for three or more of the twelve months preceding such assessment date; and (C) "original selling price" means the price at which tangible personal property is most frequently sold in the year that it was manufactured.
  - (2) Any municipality may, by ordinance, adopt the provisions of this subsection to be applicable for the assessment year commencing October first of the assessment year in which a revaluation of all real property required pursuant to section 12-62 is performed in such municipality, and for each assessment year thereafter. If so adopted, the present true and actual value of tangible personal property, other than motor vehicles, shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this subsection. If such property is purchased, its true and actual value shall be established in relation to the cost of its acquisition,

including transportation and installation, and shall reflect depreciation in accordance with the schedules set forth in subdivisions (3) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection. If such property is developed and produced by the owner of such property for a purpose other than wholesale or retail sale or lease, its true and actual value shall be established in relation to its cost of development, production and installation and shall reflect depreciation in accordance with the schedules provided in subdivisions (3) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to property owned by a public service company, as defined in section 16-1.

- (3) The following schedule of depreciation shall be applicable with respect to electronic data processing equipment:
- (A) Group I: Computer and peripheral hardware, including, but not limited to, personal computers, workstations, terminals, storage devices, printers, scanners, computer peripherals and networking equipment:

T1		Depreciated Value
T2		As Percentage
T3	Assessment Year	Of Acquisition
T4	Following Acquisition	Cost Basis
T5	First year	Seventy per cent
T6	Second year	Forty per cent
T7	Third year	Twenty per cent
T8	Fourth year and thereafter	Ten per cent

(B) Group II: Other hardware, including, but not limited to, miniframe and main-frame systems with an acquisition cost of more than twenty-five thousand dollars:

T9		Depreciated Value
T10		As Percentage
T11	Assessment Year	Of Acquisition

T12	Following Acquisition	Cost Basis
T13	First year	Ninety per cent
T14	Second year	Sixty per cent
T15	Third year	Forty per cent
T16	Fourth year	Twenty per cent
T17	Fifth year and thereafter	Ten per cent
104		preciation shall be applicable with
105	respect to copiers, facsimile machin	9
106	any similar type of equipment the	_
107	electronic data processing equipmen	nt, but is considered by the assessor
108	to be technologically advanced:	
T18		Depreciated Value
T19		As Percentage
T20	Assessment Year	Of Acquisition
T21	Following Acquisition	Cost Basis
T22	First year	Ninety-five per cent
T23	Second year	Eighty per cent
T24	Third year	Sixty per cent
T25	Fourth year	Forty per cent
T26	Fifth year and thereafter	Twenty per cent
109	(5) The following schedule of de	epreciation shall be applicable with
110	respect to machinery and equipment	
110	respect to macrimery and equipment	t used in the manufacturing process.
T27		Depreciated Value
T28		As Percentage
T29	Assessment Year	Of Acquisition
T30	Following Acquisition	Cost Basis
T31	First year	Ninety per cent
T32	Second year	Eighty per cent
T33	Third year	Seventy per cent
T34	Fourth year	Sixty per cent
T35	Fifth year	Fifty per cent

T36	Sixth year	Forty per cent	
T37	Seventh year	Thirty per cent	
T38	Eighth year and thereafter	Twenty per cent	
111	(6) The following schedule of depr	reciation shall be applicable with	
112	respect to all tangible personal prope	erty other than that described in	
113	subdivisions (3) to (5), inclusive, and s	ubdivision (7) of this subsection:	
T39	Depreciated Value		
T40		As Percentage	
T41	Assessment Year	Of Acquisition	
T42	Following Acquisition	Cost Basis	
T43	First year	Ninety-five per cent	
T44	Second year	Ninety per cent	
T45	Third year	Eighty per cent	
T46	Fourth year	Seventy per cent	
T47	Fifth year	Sixty per cent	
T48	Sixth year	Fifty per cent	
T49	Seventh year	Forty per cent	
T50	Eighth year and thereafter	Thirty per cent	
114	(7) For assessment years commencing	ng on or after October 1, 2024, the	
115	following schedule of depreciation sh	nall be applicable with respect to	
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117	such motor vehicles, provided no i	motor vehicle shall be [valued]	
118	assessed at an amount less than five h	undred dollars:	
T51		Percentage of	
T52		Manufacturer's Suggested	
T53	Age of Vehicle	Retail Price	
T54	Up to year one	Eighty per cent	
T55	Year two	Seventy-five per cent	
T56	Year three	Seventy per cent	
T57	Year four	Sixty-five per cent	
T58	Year five	Sixty per cent	

T59	Year six	Fifty-five per cent
T60	Year seven	Fifty per cent
T61	Year eight	Forty-five per cent
T62	Year nine	Forty per cent
T63	Year ten	Thirty-five per cent
T64	Year eleven	Thirty per cent
T65	Year twelve	Twenty-five per cent
T66	Year thirteen	Twenty per cent
T67	Year fourteen	Fifteen per cent
T68	Years fifteen to nineteen	Ten per cent
T69	Years twenty and beyond	Not less than
T70		five hundred dollars

- (8) The present true and actual value of leased personal property other than motor vehicles shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. Such value for any assessment year shall be established in relation to the original selling price for self-manufactured property or acquisition cost for acquired property and shall reflect depreciation in accordance with the schedules provided in subdivisions (3) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection. If the assessor is unable to determine the original selling price of leased personal property other than a motor vehicle, the present true and actual value thereof shall be its current selling price.
- (9) With respect to any personal property which is prohibited by law from being sold, the present true and actual value of such property shall be established with respect to such property's original manufactured cost increased by a ratio the numerator of which is the total proceeds from the manufacturer's salable equipment sold and the denominator of which is the total cost of the manufacturer's salable equipment sold. Such value shall then be depreciated in accordance with the appropriate schedule in this subsection.
- (10) The schedules of depreciation set forth in subdivisions (3) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection shall not be used with respect to motor

- vehicles, videotapes, horses or other taxable livestock or electric cogenerating equipment.
- (11) If the assessor determines that the value of any item of personal property, other than a motor vehicle <u>valued pursuant to subdivision (7)</u>
  of this subsection, produced by the application of the schedules set forth in this subsection does not accurately reflect the present true and actual value of such item, the assessor shall adjust such value to reflect the present true and actual value of such item.
  - (12) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, for any commercial motor vehicle (A) that is modified, or (B) to which is affixed an attachment designed, manufactured or modified to be affixed to such motor vehicle, the assessor shall determine whether to value such motor vehicle and any such modifications or attachments to such motor vehicle pursuant to subdivision (7) of this subsection or section 12-41, as amended by this act. The assessor shall determine valuation of any modifications or attachments to such motor vehicle based on whether such modifications or attachments are intended to be permanently affixed to such motor vehicle.
    - [(12)] (13) Nothing in this subsection shall prevent any taxpayer from appealing any (A) assessment made pursuant to this subsection if such assessment does not accurately reflect the present true and actual value of any item of such taxpayer's personal property, or (B) determination of the manufacturer's suggested retail price used to value a motor vehicle pursuant to this subsection.
  - Sec. 4. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 12-41 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024*):
  - (b) **[**(1) For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2024, no] <u>No</u> person required by law to file an annual declaration of personal property shall include in such declaration motor vehicles that are

- registered [in the office of the state Commissioner] with the Department of Motor Vehicles. With respect to any vehicle subject to taxation in a town other than the town in which such vehicle is registered, pursuant to section 12-71, as amended by this act, information concerning such vehicle may be included in a declaration filed pursuant to this section or section 12-43, or on a report filed pursuant to section 12-57a.
  - [(2) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, any person required to file an annual declaration of tangible personal property shall include in such declaration the motor vehicle listing, pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 12-71, of any motor vehicle owned by such person. If, after the annual deadline for filing a declaration, a motor vehicle is deemed personal property by the assessor, such motor vehicle shall be added to the declaration of the owner of such vehicle or included on a new declaration if no declaration was submitted in the prior year. The value of the motor vehicle shall be determined pursuant to section 12-63. If applicable, the value of the motor vehicle for the current assessment year shall be prorated pursuant to section 12-71b, and shall not be considered omitted property, as defined in section 12-53, or subject to a penalty pursuant to subsection (f) of this section.]
  - (c) The annual declaration of the tangible personal property owned by such person on the assessment date, shall include, but is not limited to, the following property: Machinery used in mills and factories, cables, wires, poles, underground mains, conduits, pipes and other fixtures of water, gas, electric and heating companies, leasehold improvements classified as other than real property and furniture and fixtures of stores, offices, hotels, restaurants, taverns, halls, factories and manufacturers. Tangible personal property does not include a sign placed on a property indicating that the property is for sale or lease. On and after October 1, 2024, tangible personal property shall include nonpermanent modifications and attachments to commercial motor vehicles. [listed on the schedule of motor vehicle plate classes recommended pursuant to section 12-71d.] Commercial or financial information in any declaration

- filed under this section [, except for commercial or financial information which concerns motor vehicles,] shall not be open for public inspection but may be disclosed to municipal officers for tax collection purposes.
- Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 12-53 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024*):
- 210 (a) For purposes of this section:

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- (1) "Omitted property" means property for which complete information is not included in the declaration required to be filed by law with respect to (A) the total number and type of all items subject to taxation, or (B) the true original cost and year acquired of all such items; [, or (C) on or after October 1, 2024, the manufacturer's suggested retail price of a motor vehicle plus any applicable after-market alterations to such motor vehicle,]
  - (2) ["books"] "Books", "papers", "documents" and "other records" includes, but is not limited to, federal tax forms relating to the acquisition and cost of fixed assets, general ledgers, balance sheets, disbursement ledgers, fixed asset and depreciation schedules, financial statements, invoices, operating expense reports, capital and operating leases, conditional sales agreements and building or leasehold ledgers; [,] and
- (3) ["designee of an assessor"] "Designee of an assessor" means a Connecticut municipal assessor certified in accordance with subsection (b) of section 12-40a, a certified public accountant, a revaluation company certified in accordance with section 12-2c for the valuation of personal property, or an individual certified as a revaluation company employee in accordance with section 12-2b for the valuation of personal property.
- Sec. 6. Subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-71 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is

- substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024*):
- 236 (2) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, 237 goods, chattels and effects or any interest therein, including any interest 238 in a leasehold improvement classified as other than real property, 239 belonging to any person who is a resident in this state, shall be listed for 240 purposes of property tax in the town where such person resides, subject 241 to the provisions of sections 12-41, as amended by this act, 12-43 and 12-242 59. Any such property belonging to any nonresident shall be listed for 243 purposes of property tax as provided in section 12-43. Motor vehicles 244 shall be listed for purposes of the property tax as provided in subsection 245 (f) of this section.
- Sec. 7. Subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section 12-71 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024*):
  - [(2) (A) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, each municipality shall list motor vehicles registered and classified in accordance with section 12-71d, and such motor vehicles shall be valued in the same manner as motor vehicles valued pursuant to section 12-63.]
  - [(B)] (2) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, any unregistered motor vehicle or motor vehicle that is not used or capable of being used that is located in a municipality in this state, shall be listed and valued in the [manner described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision] same manner as motor vehicles valued pursuant to section 12-63, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 8. Section 12-71b of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2024, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024):
- 264 (a) (1) For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2024, any

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person who owns a motor vehicle which is not registered with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on the first day of October in any assessment year and which is registered subsequent to said first day of October but prior to the first day of August in such assessment year shall be liable for the payment of property tax with respect to such motor vehicle in the town where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax, in an amount as hereinafter provided, on the first day of January immediately subsequent to the end of such assessment year. The property tax payable with respect to such motor vehicle on said first day of January shall be in the amount which would be payable if such motor vehicle had been entered in the taxable list of the town where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax on the first day of October in such assessment year if such registration occurs prior to the first day of November. If such registration occurs on or after the first day of November but prior to the first day of August in such assessment year, such tax shall be a pro rata portion of the amount of tax payable if such motor vehicle had been entered in the taxable list of such town on October first in such assessment year to be determined (A) by a ratio, the numerator of which shall be the number of months from the date of such registration, including the month in which registration occurs, to the first day of October next succeeding and the denominator of which shall be twelve, or (B) upon the affirmative vote of the legislative body of the municipality, by a ratio the numerator of which shall be the number of days from the date of such registration, including the day on which the registration occurs, to the first day of October next succeeding and the denominator of which shall be three hundred sixty-five. For purposes of this section the term "assessment year" means the period of twelve full months commencing with October first each year.

(2) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, any [person who owns a] motor vehicle [which] that is not registered with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on the first day of October in any assessment year and which is registered subsequent to said first day of October but prior to the [first day of April] last day of September in such assessment year shall be added to the grand list by the assessor, and the

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owner of such motor vehicle shall be liable for the payment of property tax with respect to such motor vehicle in the town where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax, in an amount as hereinafter provided. [, on the first day of July in such assessment year. Any person who owns a motor vehicle which is registered with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles on or after the first day of April in any assessment year but prior to the first day of October next succeeding shall be liable for the payment of property tax with respect to such motor vehicle in the town where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax, in an amount hereinafter provided, on the first day of January immediately subsequent to the end of such assessment year.] The property tax payable with respect to a motor vehicle described in this subdivision shall be in the amount which would be payable if such motor vehicle had been entered into the taxable list of the town where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax on the first day of October in such assessment year if such registration occurs prior to the first day of November. If such registration occurs on or after the first day of November but prior to the first day of October next succeeding, such tax shall be a pro rata portion of the amount of tax payable if such motor vehicle had been entered in the taxable list of such town on October first in such assessment year to be determined (A) by a ratio, the numerator of which shall be the number of months from the date of such registration, including the month in which registration occurs, to the first day of October next succeeding and the denominator of which shall be twelve, or (B) upon the affirmative vote of the legislative body of the municipality, by a ratio the numerator of which shall be the number of days from the date of such registration, including the day on which the registration occurs, to the first day of October next succeeding and the denominator of which shall be three hundred sixty-five.

(b) (1) For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2024, whenever any person who owns a motor vehicle which has been entered in the taxable list of the town where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax in any assessment year and who, subsequent to the first day of October in such assessment year but prior to the first day of

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August in such assessment year, replaces such motor vehicle with another motor vehicle, hereinafter referred to as the replacement vehicle, which vehicle may be in a different classification for purposes of registration than the motor vehicle replaced, and provided one of the following conditions is applicable with respect to the motor vehicle replaced: (A) The unexpired registration of the motor vehicle replaced is transferred to the replacement vehicle, (B) the motor vehicle replaced was stolen or totally damaged and proof concerning such theft or total damage is submitted to the assessor in such town, or (C) the motor vehicle replaced is sold by such person within forty-five days immediately prior to or following the date on which such person acquires the replacement vehicle, such person shall be liable for the payment of property tax with respect to the replacement vehicle in the town in which the motor vehicle replaced is subject to property tax, in an amount as hereinafter provided, on the first day of January immediately subsequent to the end of such assessment year. If the replacement vehicle is replaced by such person with another motor vehicle prior to the first day of August in such assessment year, the replacement vehicle shall be subject to property tax as provided in this subsection and such other motor vehicle replacing the replacement vehicle, or any motor vehicle replacing such other motor vehicle in such assessment year, shall be deemed to be the replacement vehicle for purposes of this subsection and shall be subject to property tax as provided herein. The property tax payable with respect to the replacement vehicle on said first day of January shall be the amount by which (i) is in excess of (ii) as follows: (i) The property tax which would be payable if the replacement vehicle had been entered in the taxable list of the town in which the motor vehicle replaced is subject to property tax on the first day of October in such assessment year if such registration occurs prior to the first day of November, however if such registration occurs on or after the first day of November but prior to the first day of August in such assessment year, such tax shall be a pro rata portion of the amount of tax payable if such motor vehicle had been entered in the taxable list of such town on October first in such assessment year to be determined by a ratio, the numerator of which

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(2) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, whenever any person who owns a motor vehicle which has been entered in the taxable list of the town where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax in any assessment year and who, subsequent to the first day of October in such assessment year but prior to the [first day of April] <u>last day of September</u> in such assessment year, replaces such motor vehicle with another motor vehicle, hereinafter referred to as the replacement vehicle, which vehicle may be in a different classification for purposes of registration than the motor vehicle replaced, and provided one of the following conditions is applicable with respect to the motor vehicle replaced: (A) The unexpired registration of the motor vehicle replaced is transferred to the replacement vehicle, (B) the motor vehicle replaced was stolen or totally damaged and proof concerning such theft or total damage is submitted to the assessor in such town, or (C) the motor vehicle replaced is sold by such person within forty-five days immediately prior to or following the date on which such person acquires the replacement vehicle, such motor vehicle shall be added by the assessor to the taxable grand list and such person shall be liable for

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the payment of property tax with respect to the replacement vehicle in the town in which the motor vehicle replaced is subject to property tax pursuant to subdivision [(4)] (3) of this subsection. [, on the first day of July in such assessment year.] If a replacement vehicle is replaced by the owner of such replacement vehicle prior to the first day of October next succeeding such assessment year, the replacement vehicle shall be added by the assessor to the taxable grand list and subject to property tax as provided in this subdivision. [and such other] Any motor vehicle replacing [the] a replacement vehicle, or any motor vehicle replacing such other motor vehicle in such assessment year, shall be deemed to be the replacement vehicle for purposes of this subdivision.

[(3) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, whenever any person who owns a motor vehicle which has been entered into the taxable list of the town where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax in any assessment year and who, on or after the first day of April of such assessment year but prior to the first day of October next succeeding, replaces such motor vehicle with another motor vehicle, hereinafter referred to as the replacement vehicle, which vehicle may be in a different classification for purposes of registration than the motor vehicle replaced, and provided one of the following conditions is applicable with respect to the motor vehicle replaced: (A) The unexpired registration of the motor vehicle replaced is transferred to the replacement vehicle, (B) the motor vehicle replaced was stolen or totally damaged and proof concerning such theft or total damage is submitted to the assessor in such town, or (C) the motor vehicle replaced is sold by such person within forty-five days immediately prior to or following the date on which such person acquires the replacement vehicle, such person shall be liable for the payment of property tax with respect to the replacement vehicle in the town in which the motor vehicle replaced is subject to property tax pursuant to subdivision (4) of this subsection, on the first day of January immediately succeeding such assessment year. If a replacement vehicle is replaced by the owner of such replacement vehicle prior to the first day of October next succeeding such assessment year, the replacement vehicle shall be subject to property tax as

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provided in this subdivision and such other motor vehicle replacing the replacement vehicle, or any motor vehicle replacing such other motor vehicle in such assessment year, shall be deemed to be the replacement vehicle for purposes of this subdivision.]

[(4)] (3) The property tax payable with respect to a replacement vehicle described in subdivision (2) [or (3)] of this subsection shall be the amount by which (A) is in excess of (B) as follows: (A) The property tax which would be payable if the replacement vehicle had been entered in the taxable list of the town in which the motor vehicle replaced is subject to property tax on the first day of October in such assessment year if such registration occurs prior to the first day of November, however, if such registration occurs on or after the first day of November but prior to the first day of October next succeeding, such tax shall be a pro rata portion of the amount of tax payable if such motor vehicle had been entered in the taxable list of such town on October first in such assessment year to be determined by ratio, the numerator of which shall be the number of months from the date of such registration, including the month in which registration occurs, to the first day of October next succeeding and the denominator of which shall be twelve, provided if such person, on said first day of October, was entitled to any exemption under section 12-81, as amended by this act, which was allowed in the assessment of the motor vehicle replaced, such exemption shall be allowed for purposes of determining the property tax payable with respect to the replacement vehicle as provided herein; (B) the property tax payable by such person with respect to the motor vehicle replaced, provided if the replacement vehicle is registered subsequent to the thirty-first day of October but prior to the first day of October next succeeding such property tax payable with respect to the motor vehicle replaced shall, for purposes of the computation herein, be deemed to be a pro rata portion of such property tax to be prorated in the same manner as the amount of tax determined under subparagraph (A) [above] of this subdivision.

(c) (1) For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2024, any

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person who owns a commercial motor vehicle which has been temporarily registered at any time during any assessment year and which has not during such period been entered in the taxable list of any town in the state for purposes of the property tax and with respect to which no permanent registration has been issued during such period, shall be liable for the payment of property tax with respect to such motor vehicle in the town where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax on the first day of January immediately following the end of such assessment year, in an amount as hereinafter provided. The property tax payable shall be in the amount which would be payable if such motor vehicle had been entered in the taxable list of the town where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax on the first day of October in such assessment year.

(2) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, any person who owns a commercial motor vehicle which has been temporarily registered at any time during any assessment year and which has not during such period been entered in the taxable list of any town in the state for purposes of the property tax and with respect to which no permanent registration has been issued during such period, shall be liable for the payment of property tax with respect to such motor vehicle in the town where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax. [on the first day of July of such assessment year or the first day of January immediately following such assessment year, as applicable, pursuant to subdivisions (2) and (3) of subsection (b) of this section.] The property tax payable shall be in the amount which would be payable if such motor vehicle had been entered in the taxable list of the town where such motor vehicle is subject to property tax on the first day of October in such assessment year.

(d) [Any] (1) For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2024, any motor vehicle subject to property tax as provided in this section shall, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, be subject to such property tax in the town in which such motor vehicle was last registered in the assessment year ending immediately

preceding the day on which such property tax is payable as provided in this section.

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- (2) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, any
   motor vehicle subject to property tax as provided in this section shall,
   except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, be subject
   to property tax in the town in which such motor vehicle was first
   registered in the assessment year.
- (e) Whenever any motor vehicle subject to property tax as provided in this section has been replaced by the owner with another motor vehicle in the assessment year immediately preceding the day on which such property tax is payable, each such motor vehicle shall be subject to property tax as provided in this section.
- 514 (f) Upon receipt by the assessor in any town of notice from the 515 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in a manner as prescribed by said 516 commissioner, with respect to any motor vehicle subject to property tax 517 in accordance with the provisions of this section and which has not been 518 entered in the taxable grand list of such town, such assessor shall 519 determine the value of such motor vehicle for purposes of property tax 520 assessment and shall, for assessment years commencing (1) prior to 521 October 1, 2024, add such value to the taxable grand list in such town 522 for the immediately preceding assessment date, and [the] (2) on or after 523 October 1, 2024, add such value to the taxable grand list in such town. 524 The tax thereon shall be levied and collected by the tax collector. Such 525 property tax shall be payable not later than the first day of [(1)] (A) 526 February following the first day of January on which the owner of such 527 motor vehicle becomes liable for the payment of property tax, for 528 assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2024, and [(2)] (B) the 529 month succeeding the month in which such property tax became due 530 and payable, for assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 531 2024, with respect to such motor vehicle in accordance with the 532 provisions of this section, subject to any determination in accordance with section 12-142 that such tax shall be due and payable in 533 534 installments. [Said]

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(g) (1) For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2024, said owner may appeal the assessment of such motor vehicle, as determined by the assessor in accordance with [this] subsection (f) of this section, to the board of assessment appeals next succeeding the date on which the tax based on such assessment is payable, and thereafter, to the Superior Court as provided in section 12-117a. If the amount of such tax is reduced upon appeal, the portion thereof which has been paid in excess of the amount determined to be due upon appeal shall be refunded to said owner.

(2) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, said owner may appeal the determination of the manufacturer's suggested retail price used to assess a motor vehicle to the board of assessment appeals next succeeding the date on which the tax based on such assessment is payable, and thereafter, to the Superior Court as provided in section 12-117a. If the amount of such tax is reduced upon appeal, the portion thereof which has been paid in excess of the amount determined to be due upon appeal shall be refunded to said owner.

[(g)] (h) Any motor vehicle which is not registered in this state shall be subject to property tax in this state if such motor vehicle in the normal course of operation most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in one or more points within this state, and such motor vehicle shall be subject to such property tax in the town within which such motor vehicle in the normal course of operation most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains, provided when the owner of such motor vehicle is a resident in any town in the state, it shall be presumed that such motor vehicle most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in such town unless evidence, satisfactory to the assessor in such town, is submitted to the contrary.

Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 12-71c of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024*):

(b) Any person claiming a property tax credit with respect to a motor vehicle in accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall file with the assessor in the town in which such person is entitled to such property tax credit, documentation satisfactory to the assessor concerning the sale, total damage, theft or removal and registration of such motor vehicle. [For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2024, such] Such documentation shall be filed not later than the thirty-first day of December immediately following the end of the assessment year which next follows the assessment year in which such motor vehicle was sold, damaged, stolen or removed and registered. [For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, such documentation shall be filed not later than three years after the date upon which such tax was due and payable for such motor vehicle.] Failure to file such claim and documentation as prescribed herein shall constitute a waiver of the right to such property tax credit.

Sec. 10. Subdivision (74) of section 12-81 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024*):

(74) (A) (i) For a period not to exceed five assessment years following the assessment year in which it is first registered, any new commercial truck, truck tractor, tractor and semitrailer, and vehicle used in combination therewith, which is used exclusively to transport freight for hire and: Is either subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Transportation pursuant to Chapter 135 of Title 49, United States Code, or any successor thereto, or would otherwise be subject to said jurisdiction except for the fact that the vehicle is used exclusively in intrastate commerce; has a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of twenty-six thousand pounds; and prior to August 1, 1996, was not registered in this state or in any other jurisdiction but was registered in this state on or after said date. (ii) For a period not to exceed five assessment years following the assessment year in which it is first registered, any new commercial truck, truck tractor, tractor and

semitrailer, and vehicle used in combination therewith, not eligible under subparagraph (A)(i) of this subdivision, that has a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of fifty-five thousand pounds and was not registered in this state or in any other jurisdiction but was registered in this state on or after August 1, 1999. As used in this subdivision, "gross vehicle weight rating" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-1;

(B) Any person who on October first in any year holds title to or is the registrant of a vehicle for which such person intends to claim the exemption provided in this subdivision shall file with the assessor or board of assessors in the municipality in which the vehicle is subject to property taxation, on or before the first day of November in such year, a written application claiming such exemption on a form prescribed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. Such person shall include information as to the make, model, year and vehicle identification number of each such vehicle, and any appurtenances attached thereto, in such application. The person holding title to or the registrant of such vehicle for which exemption is claimed shall furnish the assessor or board of assessors with such supporting documentation as said secretary may require, including, but not limited to, evidence of vehicle use, acquisition cost and registration. Failure to file such application in this manner and form within the time limit prescribed shall constitute a waiver of the right to such exemption for such assessment year, unless an extension of time is allowed as provided in section 12-81k. Such application shall not be required for any assessment year following that for which the initial application is filed, provided if the vehicle is modified, such modification shall be deemed a waiver of the right to such exemption until a new application is filed and the right to such exemption is established as required initially. With respect to any vehicle for which the exemption under this subdivision has previously been claimed in a town other than that in which the vehicle is registered on any assessment date, the person shall not be entitled to such exemption until a new application is filed and the right to such exemption is established in said town;

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- (C) With respect to any vehicle which is not registered on the first day of October in any assessment year and which is registered subsequent to said first day of October [but prior to the first day of August] in such assessment year, the value of such vehicle for property tax exemption purposes shall be a pro rata portion of the value determined in accordance with subparagraph (D) of this subdivision, to be determined by a ratio, the numerator of which shall be the number of months from the date of such registration, including the month in which registration occurs, to the first day of October next succeeding and the denominator of which shall be twelve. For purposes of this subdivision, "assessment year" means the period of twelve full months commencing with October first each year;
- (D) For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2024, notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-71d, as amended by this act, the assessor or board of assessors shall determine the value for each vehicle with respect to which a claim for exemption under this subdivision is approved, based on the vehicle's cost of acquisition, including costs related to the modification of such vehicle, adjusted for depreciation;
- (E) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, the assessor or board of assessors shall determine the value for each vehicle, with respect to which a claim for exemption under this subdivision is approved, pursuant to the provisions of section 12-71d, as amended by this act;
- Sec. 11. Subsection (a) of section 7-152e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*, 2024):
  - (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or special act, municipal charter or ordinance, any municipality may, by ordinance adopted by its legislative body, establish a fine to be imposed against any owner of a motor vehicle that is subject to property tax in the municipality pursuant to subsection [(g)] (h) of section 12-71b, as

amended by this act, who fails to register such motor vehicle with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, provided (1) such motor vehicle is eligible for registration and required to be registered under the provisions of chapter 246, (2) such fine shall not be more than two hundred fifty dollars, (3) any penalty for the failure to pay such fine by a date prescribed by the municipality shall not be more than twenty-five per cent of such fine, and (4) such fine shall be suspended for a first time violator who presents proof of registration for such motor vehicle subsequent to the violation but prior to the imposition of a fine.

Sec. 12. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (7) of subsection (f) of section 12-71 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(B) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, information concerning any vehicle subject to taxation in a town other than the town in which it is registered may be included on any declaration or report filed pursuant to section 12-41, as amended by this act, 12-43 or 12-57a. If a motor vehicle is listed in a town in which it is not subject to taxation, pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (5) of this subsection, the assessor of the town in which such vehicle is listed shall notify the assessor of the town in which such vehicle is [listed] registered of the name and address of the owner of such motor vehicle, the vehicle identification number and the town in which such vehicle is taxed. The assessor of the town in which said vehicle is registered and the assessor of the town in which said vehicle is listed shall cooperate in administering the provisions of this section concerning the listing of such vehicle for property tax purposes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024	14-33(a)(2)

Sec. 2	July 1, 2024, and	12-71d(b)
366. 2	applicable to assessment	12 / 10(5)
	years commencing on or	
	after October 1, 2024	
Sec. 3	July 1, 2024, and	12-63(b)
	applicable to assessment	
	years commencing on or	
	after October 1, 2024	
Sec. 4	July 1, 2024, and	12-41(b) and (c)
	applicable to assessment	
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Sec. 5	July 1, 2024, and	12-53(a)
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Sec. 6	July 1, 2024, and	12-71(a)(2)
	applicable to assessment	
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Sec. 7	July 1, 2024, and	12-71(f)(2)
	applicable to assessment	
	years commencing on or	
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Sec. 8	July 1, 2024, and	12-71b
	applicable to assessment	
	years commencing on or	
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Sec. 9	July 1, 2024, and	12-71c(b)
	applicable to assessment	
	years commencing on or	
	after October 1, 2024	
Sec. 10	July 1, 2024, and	12-81(74)
	applicable to assessment	
	years commencing on or	
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Sec. 11	July 1, 2024	7-152e(a)
Sec. 12	from passage	12-71(f)(7)(B)

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