

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 266

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LCO No. 1869



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by: (HSG)

AN ACT INCREASING THE CONVEYANCE TAX FOR CERTAIN HOME SALES.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 12-494 of the 2024 supplement to the general
- 2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 3 (*Effective October 1, 2024*):
- 4 (a) There is imposed a tax on each deed, instrument or writing,
- 5 whereby any lands, tenements or other realty is granted, assigned,
- 6 transferred or otherwise conveyed to, or vested in, the purchaser, or any
- 7 other person by such purchaser's direction, when the consideration for
- 8 the interest or property conveyed equals or exceeds two thousand
- 9 dollars:
- 10 (1) Subject to the provisions of [subsection (b)] <u>subsections (b) and (c)</u>
- of this section, at the rate of three-quarters of one per cent of the
- 12 consideration for the interest in real property conveyed by such deed,
- instrument or writing, the revenue from which shall be remitted by the
- 14 town clerk of the municipality in which such tax is paid, not later than
- 15 ten days following receipt thereof, to the Commissioner of Revenue

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16 Services for deposit to the credit of the state General Fund; and

- 17 (2) At the rate of one-fourth of one per cent of the consideration for 18 the interest in real property conveyed by such deed, instrument or 19 writing, provided the amount imposed under this subdivision shall 20 become part of the general revenue of the municipality in accordance 21 with section 12-499.
 - (b) The rate of tax imposed under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall, in lieu of the rate under said subdivision (1), be imposed on certain conveyances as follows:
 - (1) In the case of any conveyance of real property which at the time of such conveyance is used for any purpose other than residential use, except unimproved land, the tax under said subdivision (1) shall be imposed at the rate of one and one-quarter per cent of the consideration for the interest in real property conveyed. For the purposes of this subdivision, "unimproved land" includes land designated as farm, forest or open space land;
 - (2) [In] Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, in the case of any conveyance in which the real property conveyed is a residential estate, including a primary dwelling and any auxiliary housing or structures, regardless of the number of deeds, instruments or writings used to convey such residential real estate, for which the consideration or aggregate consideration, as the case may be, in such conveyance is eight hundred thousand dollars or more, the tax under said subdivision (1) shall be imposed:
 - (A) At the rate of three-quarters of one per cent on that portion of such consideration up to and including the amount of eight hundred thousand dollars;
 - (B) Prior to July 1, 2020, at the rate of one and one-quarter per cent on that portion of such consideration in excess of eight hundred thousand dollars; and

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(C) On and after July 1, 2020, (i) at the rate of one and one-quarter per cent on that portion of such consideration in excess of eight hundred thousand dollars up to and including the amount of two million five hundred thousand dollars, and (ii) at the rate of two and one-quarter per cent on that portion of such consideration in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars; and

- (3) In the case of any conveyance in which real property on which mortgage payments have been delinquent for not less than six months is conveyed to a financial institution or its subsidiary that holds such a delinquent mortgage on such property, the tax under said subdivision (1) shall be imposed at the rate of three-quarters of one per cent of the consideration for the interest in real property conveyed. [For the purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection, "unimproved land" includes land designated as farm, forest or open space land.]
- (c) On and after October 1, 2024, for a purchaser that is not an individual, in the case of any conveyance in which the real property conveyed is residential real estate, regardless of the number of deeds, instruments or writings used to convey such residential real estate, in lieu of the rate under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section or subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section, the rate of tax imposed on such purchaser of the real property shall be:
- 67 (1) At the rate of one and three-quarters per cent on that portion of 68 such consideration up to and including the amount of eight hundred 69 thousand dollars; and
- (2) At the rate of two and one-quarter per cent on that portion of such
 consideration in excess of eight hundred thousand dollars.
 - [(c)] (d) In addition to the tax imposed under subsection (a) of this section, any targeted investment community, as defined in section 32-222, or any municipality in which properties designated as manufacturing plants under section 32-75c are located, may, on or after March 15, 2003, impose an additional tax on each deed, instrument or writing, whereby any lands, tenements or other realty is granted,

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78 assigned, transferred or otherwise conveyed to, or vested in, the 79 purchaser, or any other person by such purchaser's direction, when the 80 consideration for the interest or property conveyed equals or exceeds 81 two thousand dollars, which additional tax shall be at a rate of up to 82 one-fourth of one per cent of the consideration for the interest in real 83 property conveyed by such deed, instrument or writing. The revenue 84 from such additional tax shall become part of the general revenue of the 85 municipality in accordance with section 12-499.

[(d)] (e) On and after July 1, 2025, the Comptroller shall transfer from the General Fund to the Housing Trust Fund established under section 8-3360, any revenue received by the state each fiscal year in excess of three hundred million dollars from the tax imposed under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) and subsections (b) [and (c)] to (d), inclusive, of this section. On and after July 1, 2026, the threshold amount in this subsection shall be adjusted annually by the percentage increase in inflation. As used in this subdivision, "increase in inflation" means the increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers during the preceding calendar year, calculated on a December over December basis, using data reported by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Section 1	October 1, 2024	12-494

Statement of Purpose:

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To increase the state conveyance tax upon residential properties sold to buyers who are not individuals.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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