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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
Request of the Governor Pursuant to Joint Rule 9

## AN ACT REFORMING MOTOR VEHICLE ASSESSMENT.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 14-163 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2022, and
- 3 applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023):
- 4 (a) (1) [The] For assessment years commencing prior to October 1,
- 5 <u>2023</u>, the commissioner shall compile information concerning motor
- 6 vehicles and snowmobiles subject to property taxation pursuant to
- 7 section 12-71, as amended by this act, using the records of the
- 8 Department of Motor Vehicles and information reported by owners of
- 9 motor vehicles and snowmobiles. In addition to any other information
- 10 the owner of a motor vehicle or snowmobile is required to file with the
- 11 commissioner by law, such owner shall provide the commissioner with
- 12 the name of the town in which such owner's motor vehicle or
- snowmobile is to be set in the list for property tax purposes, pursuant to
- section 12-71, as amended by this act. On or before December 1, 2004,
- and annually thereafter until and including December 1, 2022, the

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16 commissioner shall provide to each assessor in this state a list 17 identifying motor vehicles and snowmobiles that are subject to property 18 taxation in each such assessor's town. Said list shall include the names 19 and addresses of the owners of such motor vehicles and snowmobiles, 20 and the vehicle identification numbers for all such vehicles for which 21 such numbers are available.

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(2) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023, the commissioner shall compile information concerning motor vehicles subject to property taxation pursuant to section 12-71, as amended by this act, using the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles and information reported by owners of motor vehicles. In addition to any other information the owner of a motor vehicle is required to file with the commissioner by law, such owner shall provide the commissioner with the name of the town in which such owner's motor vehicle is to be set in the list for property tax purposes, pursuant to section 12-71, as amended by this act. On or before November 1, 2023, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall provide to each assessor in this state a list identifying motor vehicles that are subject to property taxation in each such assessor's town. Such list shall include the names and addresses of the owners of such motor vehicles and the vehicle identification numbers and manufacturer's suggested retail price for all such vehicles for which such information is available.

(b) (1) On or before October 1, 2004, and annually thereafter until and including October 1, 2023, the commissioner shall provide to each assessor in this state a list identifying motor vehicles and snowmobiles in each such assessor's town that were registered subsequent to the first day of October of the assessment year immediately preceding, but prior to the first day of August in such assessment year, and that are subject to property taxation on a supplemental list pursuant to section 12-71b. In addition to the information for each such vehicle and snowmobile specified under subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section that is available to the commissioner, the list provided under this subsection shall include a code related to the date of registration of each such vehicle or snowmobile.

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(2) Not later than November 15, 2023, and monthly thereafter, the commissioner shall provide to each assessor in this state a list identifying motor vehicles in each such assessor's town that were registered during the immediately preceding month and that are subject to property taxation on a supplemental list pursuant to section 12-71b, except that no such supplemental list shall be provided during the months of September and October. In addition to the information for such vehicle specified under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section that is available to the commissioner, the list provided under this subsection shall include a code related to the date of registration of each such vehicle.

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- (c) No assessor or tax collector shall disclose any information contained in any list provided by the commissioner pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this section if the commissioner is not required to provide such information or if such information is protected from disclosure under state or federal law.
- 66 Sec. 2. Section 12-71d of the general statutes is repealed and the 67 following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2022, and 68 applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023):
  - (a) [On] Prior to and including October 1, 2022, on or before the first day of October each year, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall recommend a schedule of motor vehicle values which shall be used by assessors in each municipality in determining the assessed value of motor vehicles for purposes of property taxation. For every vehicle not listed in the schedule the determination of the assessed value of any motor vehicle for purposes of the property tax assessment list in any municipality shall continue to be the responsibility of the assessor in such municipality, provided the legislative body of the municipality may, by resolution, approve any change in the assessor's method of valuing motor vehicles. 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. Such schedule of values shall include, to the extent that

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- (b) Not later than October 1, 2023, 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, which shall be used by assessors in each municipality in determining the classification 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 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 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. 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. Section 12-63 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):
  - (a) The present true and actual value of land classified as farm land pursuant to section 12-107c, as forest land pursuant to section 12-107d, as open space land pursuant to section 12-107e, or as maritime heritage land pursuant to section 12-107g shall be based upon its current use without regard to neighborhood land use of a more intensive nature, provided in no event shall the present true and actual value of open space land be less than it would be if such open space land comprised a part of a tract or tracts of land classified as farm land pursuant to section 12-107c. The present true and actual value of all other property shall be deemed by all assessors and boards of assessment appeals to be the fair

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market value thereof and not its value at a forced or auction sale.

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(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.

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149 (3) The following schedule of depreciation shall be applicable with 150 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 Valu	
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

155 (B) Group II: Other hardware, including, but not limited to, mini-156 frame and main-frame systems with an acquisition cost of more than 157 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

158 (4) The following schedule of depreciation shall be applicable with 159 respect to copiers, facsimile machines, medical testing equipment, and 160 any similar type of equipment that is not specifically defined as

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electronic data processing equipment, but is considered by the assessor to be technologically advanced:

Т18	Depreciated Value	
Г19		As Percentage
Г20	Assessment Year	Of Acquisition
Г21	Following Acquisition	Cost Basis
Г22	First year	Ninety-five per cent
Г23	Second year	Eighty per cent
Γ24	Third year	Sixty per cent
Г25	Fourth year	Forty per cent
Г26	Fifth year and thereafter	Twenty per cent

163 (5) The following schedule of depreciation shall be applicable with 164 respect to machinery and equipment 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

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(6) The following schedule of depreciation shall be applicable with respect to all tangible personal property other than that described in subdivisions (3) to (5), inclusive, <u>and subdivision (7)</u> of this subsection:

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	Depreciated Value
	As Percentage
Assessment Year	Of Acquisition
Following Acquisition	Cost Basis
First year	Ninety-five per cent
Second year	Ninety per cent
Third year	Eighty per cent
Fourth year	Seventy per cent
Fifth year	Sixty per cent
Sixth year	Fifty per cent
Seventh year	Forty per cent
Eighth year and thereafter	Thirty per cent
(7) For assessment years commen	cing on or after October 1, 2023, the
following schedule of depreciation shall be applicable with respect to	
motor vehicles based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price of	
such motor vehicles:	

T51		Percentage of
T52		Manufacturer's Suggested
T53	Age of Vehicle	<u>Retail Price</u>
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	<u>Year six</u>	Fifty-five per cent
T60	Year seven	Fifty per cent
T61	<u>Year eight</u>	Forty-five per cent
T62	Year nine	Forty per cent
T63	<u>Year ten</u>	Thirty-five per cent
T64	Year eleven	Thirty per cent
T65	Year twelve	Twenty-five per cent

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[(7)] (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, the present true and actual value thereof shall be its current selling price.

[(8)] (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.

[(9)] (10) The schedules of depreciation set forth in subdivisions (3) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection shall not be used with respect to videotapes, horses or other taxable livestock or electric cogenerating equipment.

[(10)] (11) If the assessor determines that the value of any item of personal property, other than a motor vehicle, 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

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- 200 [(11)] (12) Nothing in this subsection shall prevent any taxpayer from 201 appealing any assessment made pursuant to this subsection if such 202 assessment does not accurately reflect the present true and actual value 203 of any item of such taxpayer's personal property.
- 204 Sec. 4. Section 12-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the 205 following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2022, and 206 applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023):
  - (a) "Municipality", whenever used in this section, includes each town, consolidated town and city, and consolidated town and borough.
  - (b) (1) [No] For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023, no 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 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, as amended by this act, or on a report filed pursuant to section 12-57a.
  - (2) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023, 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, as amended by this act, 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, as amended by this act. 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-

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 (e) of this section.

- 233 (c) The annual declaration of the tangible personal property owned 234 by such person on the assessment date, shall include, but is not limited 235 to, the following property: Machinery used in mills and factories, cables, 236 wires, poles, underground mains, conduits, pipes and other fixtures of 237 water, gas, electric and heating companies, leasehold improvements 238 classified as other than real property and furniture and fixtures of stores, 239 offices, hotels, restaurants, taverns, halls, factories and manufacturers. 240 Tangible personal property does not include a sign placed on a property 241 indicating that the property is for sale or lease. On and after October 1, 242 2023, tangible personal property shall include motor vehicles listed on 243 the schedule of motor vehicle plate classes recommended pursuant to 244 section 12-71d, as amended by this act. Commercial or financial 245 information in any declaration filed under this section, except for 246 commercial or financial information which concerns motor vehicles, 247 shall not be open for public inspection but may be disclosed to 248 municipal officers for tax collection purposes.
- (d) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023, the
   Office of Policy and Management shall, in consultation with the
   Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers, prescribe a form for the
   annual declaration of personal property.

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- [(d)] (e) Any person required by law to file an annual declaration of personal property may sign and file such declaration electronically, [on a form provided by the assessor of a municipality,] provided [such] the municipality in which such declaration is to be filed (1) has the technological ability to accept electronic signatures, and (2) agrees to accept electronic signatures for annual declarations of personal property.
- [(e)] (f) (1) Any person who fails to file a declaration of personal property on or before the first day of November, or on or before the extended filing date as granted by the assessor pursuant to section 12-

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42, as amended by this act, shall be subject to a penalty equal to twenty-five per cent of the assessment of such property; (2) any person who files a declaration of personal property in a timely manner, but has omitted property, as defined in section 12-53, as amended by this act, shall be subject to a penalty equal to twenty-five per cent of the assessment of such omitted property. The penalty shall be added to the grand list by the assessor of the town in which such property is taxable; and (3) any declaration received by the municipality to which it is due that is in an envelope bearing a postmark, as defined in section 1-2a, showing a date within the allowed filing period shall not be deemed to be delinquent.

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- Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 12-53 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023*):
- (a) For purposes of this section: (1) "Omitted property" means property for which complete information is not included in the declaration required to be filed by law with respect to [either] (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, 2023, the manufacturer's suggested retail price of a motor vehicle plus any applicable after-market alterations to such motor vehicle, (2) "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" 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.

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Sec. 6. Section 12-71 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2022, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023):

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- (a) (1) [All] For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023, goods, chattels and effects or any interest therein, including any interest in a leasehold improvement classified as other than real property, belonging to any person who is a resident in this state, shall be listed for purposes of property tax in the town where such person resides, subject to the provisions of sections 12-41, as amended by this act, 12-43, as amended by this act, and 12-59. Any such property belonging to any nonresident shall be listed for purposes of property tax as provided in section 12-43, as amended by this act. Motor vehicles and snowmobiles shall be listed for purposes of the property tax in accordance with subsection (f) of this section.
- (2) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023, goods, chattels and effects or any interest therein, including any interest in a leasehold improvement classified as other than real property, belonging to any person who is a resident in this state, shall be listed for purposes of property tax in the town where such person resides, subject to the provisions of sections 12-41, as amended by this act, 12-43, as amended by this act, and 12-59. Any such property belonging to any nonresident shall be listed for purposes of property tax as provided in section 12-43, as amended by this act.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided by the general statutes, property subject to this section shall be valued at the same percentage of its then actual valuation as the assessors have determined with respect to the listing of real estate for the same year, except that any antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1, shall be assessed at a value of not more than five hundred dollars. The owner of such antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle may be required by the assessors to provide reasonable documentation that such motor vehicle is an antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle, provided any motor vehicle for which special number plates have been issued

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(c) [Upon] For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023, upon payment of the property tax assessed with respect to any property referred to in this section, owned by a resident or nonresident of this state, which is currently used or intended for use in relation to construction, building, grading, paving or similar projects, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles, bulldozers, tractors and any trailer-type vehicle, excluding any such equipment weighing less than five hundred pounds, and excluding any motor vehicle subject to registration pursuant to chapter 246 or exempt from such registration by section 14-34, the town in which such equipment is taxed shall issue, at the time of such payment, for display on a conspicuous surface of each such item of equipment for which such tax has been paid, a validation decal or sticker, identifiable as to the year of issue, which will be presumptive evidence that such tax has been paid in the appropriate town of the state.

(d) (1) Personal property subject to taxation under this chapter shall not include computer software, except when the cost thereof is included, without being separately stated, in the cost of computer hardware. "Computer software" shall include any program or routine used to cause a computer to perform a specific task or set of tasks, including

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without limitation, operational and applicational programs and all documentation related thereto.

- (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be applicable (A) to the assessment year commencing October 1, 1988, and each assessment year thereafter, and (B) to any assessment of computer software made after September 30, 1988, for any assessment year commencing before October 1, 1988.
- 370 (3) Nothing contained in this subsection shall create any implication 371 related to liability for property tax with respect to computer software 372 prior to July 1, 1989.
- 373 (4) A certificate of correction in accordance with section 12-57 shall 374 not be issued with respect to any property described in subdivision (1) 375 of this subsection for any assessment year commencing prior to October 376 1, 1989.
  - (e) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 1992, each municipality shall exempt aircraft, as defined in section 15-34, from the provisions of this chapter.
    - (f) (1) [Property] For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023, property subject to taxation under this chapter shall include each registered and unregistered motor vehicle and snowmobile that, in the normal course of operation, most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in a town in this state, and any other motor vehicle or snowmobile located in a town in this state, which motor vehicle or snowmobile is not used or is not capable of being used.
    - (2) (A) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023, each municipality shall list motor vehicles registered and classified in accordance with section 12-71d, as amended by this act, and such motor vehicles shall be valued in the same manner as motor vehicles valued pursuant to section 12-63, as amended by this act.
    - (B) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023, any

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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.

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[(2)] (3) (A) [Any] For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023, any motor vehicle or snowmobile registered in this state subject to taxation in accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall be set in the list of the town where such vehicle in the normal course of operation most frequently leaves from and returns to or in which it remains. It shall be presumed that any such motor vehicle or snowmobile most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in the town in which the owner of such vehicle resides, unless a provision of this subsection otherwise expressly provides. As used in this subsection, "the town in which the owner of such vehicle resides" means the town in this state where [(A)] (i) the owner, if an individual, has established a legal residence consisting of a true, fixed and permanent home to which such individual intends to return after any absence, or [(B)] (ii) the owner, if a company, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, firm or any other type of public or private organization, association or society, has an established site for conducting the purposes for which it was created. In the event such an entity resides in more than one town in this state, it shall be subject to taxation by each such town with respect to any registered or unregistered motor vehicle or snowmobile that most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in such town.

(B) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023, any motor vehicle subject to taxation in this state in accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall be set in the list of the town where such vehicle in the normal course of operation most frequently leaves from and returns to or in which it remains. It shall be presumed that any such motor vehicle most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in the town in which the owner of such vehicle resides, unless a provision of this subsection otherwise expressly provides. As used in this subsection, "the town in which the owner of such vehicle resides"

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means the town in this state where (i) the owner, if an individual, has established a legal residence consisting of a true, fixed and permanent home to which such individual intends to return after any absence, or (ii) the owner, if a company, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, firm or any other type of public or private organization, association or society, has an established site for conducting the purposes for which it was created. In the event such an entity resides in more than one town in this state, it shall be subject to taxation by each such town with respect to any registered or unregistered motor vehicle that most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in such town.

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[(3)] (4) Any motor vehicle owned by a nonresident of this state shall be set in the list of the town where such vehicle in the normal course of operation most frequently leaves from and returns to or in which it remains. If such vehicle in the normal course of operation most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in more than one town, it shall be set in the list of the town in which such vehicle is located for the three or more months preceding the assessment day in any year, except that, if such vehicle is located in more than one town for three or more months preceding the assessment day in any year, it shall be set in the list of the town where it is located for the three months or more in such year nearest to such assessment day. In the event a motor vehicle owned by a nonresident is not located in any town for three or more of the months preceding the assessment day in any year, such vehicle shall be set in the list of the town where such vehicle is located on such assessment day.

[(4)] (5) (A) [Notwithstanding] For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023, notwithstanding any provision of subdivision [(2)] (3) of this subsection: [(A)] (i) Any registered motor vehicle that is assigned to an employee of the owner of such vehicle for the exclusive use of such employee and which, in the normal course of operation most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in such employee's town of residence, shall be set in the list of the town where such employee resides; [(B)] (ii) any registered motor vehicle that is being operated, pursuant to a lease, by a person other than the owner of such

LCO No. 624 **17** of 25 vehicle, or such owner's employee, shall be set in the list of the town where the person who is operating such vehicle pursuant to said lease resides; [(C)] (iii) any registered motor vehicle designed or used for recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, a camp trailer, camper or motor home, shall be set in the list of the town such vehicle, in the normal course of its operation for camping, travel or recreational purposes in this state, most frequently leaves from and returns to or the town in which it remains. If such a vehicle is not used in this state in its normal course of operation for camping, travel or recreational purposes, such vehicle shall be set in the list of the town in this state in which the owner of such vehicle resides; and [(D)] (iv) any registered motor vehicle that is used or intended for use for the purposes of construction, building, grading, paving or similar projects, or to facilitate any such project, shall be set in the list of the town in which such project is situated if such vehicle is located in said town for the three or more months preceding the assessment day in any year, provided [(i)] if such vehicle is located in more than one town in this state for three or more months preceding the assessment day in any year, such vehicle shall be set in the list of the town where it is located for the three months or more in such year nearest to such assessment day, and [(ii)] if such vehicle is not located in any town for three or more of the months preceding the assessment day in any year, such vehicle shall be set in the list of the town where such vehicle is located on such assessment day.

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493 494 (B) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023, notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (3) of this subsection: (i) Any motor vehicle that is assigned to an employee of the owner of such vehicle for the exclusive use of such employee and which, in the normal course of operation most frequently leaves from and returns to or remains in such employee's town of residence, shall be set in the list of the town where such employee resides; (ii) any motor vehicle that is being operated, pursuant to a lease, by a person other than the owner of such vehicle, or such owner's employee, shall be set in the list of the town where the person who is operating such vehicle pursuant to said lease resides; (iii) any motor vehicle designed or used for recreational

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purposes, including, but not limited to, a camper or motor home, shall be set in the list of the town such vehicle, in the normal course of its operation for camping, travel or recreational purposes in this state, most frequently leaves from and returns to or the town in which it remains. If such a vehicle is not used in this state in its normal course of operation for camping, travel or recreational purposes, such vehicle shall be set in the list of the town in this state in which the owner of such vehicle resides; and (iv) any motor vehicle that is used or intended for use for the purposes of construction, building, grading, paving or similar

projects, or to facilitate any such project, shall be set in the list of the town in which such project is situated if such vehicle is located in said town for the three or more months preceding the assessment day in any

year, provided if such vehicle is located in more than one town in this

508 state for three or more months preceding the assessment day in any

509 <u>year, such vehicle shall be set in the list of the town where it is located</u> 510 for the three months or more in such year nearest to such assessment

for the three months or more in such year nearest to such assessment day, and if such vehicle is not located in any town for three or more of

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be set in the list of the town where such vehicle is located on such

514 <u>assessment day.</u>

[(5)] (6) The owner of a motor vehicle subject to taxation in accordance with the provisions of subdivision [(4)] (5) of this subsection in a town other than the town in which such owner resides may register such vehicle in the town in which such vehicle is subject to taxation.

[(6) Information] (7) (A) For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023, 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, as amended by this act, or 12-57a. If a motor vehicle or snowmobile is registered in a town in which it is not subject to taxation, pursuant to the provisions of subdivision [(4)] (5) of this section, the assessor of the town in which such vehicle is registered of the name and address of the owner of such motor vehicle or snowmobile,

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the vehicle identification number and the town in which such vehicle is subject to taxation. The assessor of the town in which said vehicle is registered and the assessor of the town in which said vehicle is subject to taxation shall cooperate in administering the provisions of this section concerning the listing of such vehicle for property tax purposes.

(B) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023, 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, as amended by this act, 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 section, the assessor of the town in which such vehicle is listed shall notify the assessor of the town in which such vehicle is listed 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.

Sec. 7. Subdivision (74) of section 12-81 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023*):

(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

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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-

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(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

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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;

- (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) [Notwithstanding] For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023, 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;
- Sec. 8. Section 12-81 of the 2022 supplement to the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (80) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2022, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023*):
- (NEW) (80) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023, any snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or residential utility trailer, provided such property is exclusively for personal use.
- Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 12-42 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,* 2022):

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(a) Any person required by law to file an annual declaration of personal property may request a filing extension with the assessor of the municipality. Such request shall be made on or before the first day of November in writing, including by electronic filing if the municipality is able to and agrees to accept electronic filing under subsection [(d)] (e) of section 12-41, as amended by this act. When the first day of November is a Saturday or Sunday, the declaration or extension request may be filed or postmarked the next business day following. The assessor may grant an extension of not more than forty-five days to file the declaration required pursuant to section 12-41, as amended by this act, upon determination that there is good cause.

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Sec. 10. Section 12-43 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

Each owner of tangible personal property located in any town for three months or more during the assessment year immediately preceding any assessment day, who is a nonresident of such town, shall file a declaration of such personal property with the assessors of the town in which the same is located on such assessment day, if located in such town for three months or more in such year, otherwise, in the town in which such property is located for the three months or more in such year nearest to such assessment day, under the same provisions as apply to residents, and such personal property shall not be liable to taxation in any other town in this state. The declaration of each nonresident taxpayer shall contain the nonresident's post-office and street address. At least thirty days before the expiration of the time for filing such declaration, the assessors shall mail blank declaration forms to each nonresident, or to such nonresident's attorney or agent having custody of the nonresident's taxable property, or send such forms electronically to such nonresident's electronic mail address or the electronic mail address of such nonresident's attorney or agent, provided such nonresident has requested, in writing, to receive such forms electronically. If the identity or mailing address of a nonresident taxpayer is not discovered until after the expiration of time for filing a declaration, the assessor shall, not later than ten days after determining

LCO No. 624 23 of 25 the identity or mailing address, mail a declaration form to the nonresident taxpayer. Said taxpayer shall file the declaration not later than fifteen days after the date such declaration form is sent. Each nonresident taxpayer who fails to file a declaration in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be subject to the penalty provided in subsection [(e)] (f) of section 12-41, as amended by this act. As used in this section, "nonresident" means a person who does not reside in the town in which such person's tangible personal property is located on the assessment day, or a company, corporation, limited liability company, partnership or any other type of business enterprise that does not have an established place for conducting business in such town on the assessment day.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023	14-163
Sec. 2	July 1, 2022, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023	12-71d
Sec. 3	July 1, 2022	12-63
Sec. 4	July 1, 2022, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023	12-41
Sec. 5	July 1, 2022, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023	12-53(a)
Sec. 6	July 1, 2022, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023	12-71

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Sec. 7	July 1, 2022, and	12-81(74)
	applicable to assessment	
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Sec. 8	July 1, 2022, and	12-81
	applicable to assessment	
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	after October 1, 2023	
Sec. 9	July 1, 2022	12-42(a)
Sec. 10	July 1, 2022	12-43

## Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[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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