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Referred to Committee on Planning and Development

Introduced by:  
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***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-WIDE MILL RATE FOR THE TAXATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF ANTIQUE, RARE OR SPECIAL INTEREST MOTOR VEHICLE.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011, and applicable to assessment*  
2 *years commencing on or after October 1, 2011*) (a) On or before September  
3 first, annually, commencing September 1, 2011, the Secretary of the  
4 Office of Policy and Management shall calculate the state-wide mill  
5 rate for the purpose of levying property tax on motor vehicles. The  
6 mill rate shall be the median of the mill rates in all municipalities of the  
7 state for the immediately preceding assessment year. The secretary  
8 shall notify the assessors of each municipality of the state-wide mill  
9 rate.

10 (b) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2011,  
11 the assessor of each municipality shall calculate the amount of motor  
12 vehicle property tax due from each taxpayer based on the state-wide  
13 mill rate determined by said secretary. Effective for assessment years  
14 commencing on or after October 1, 2011, but prior to the assessment  
15 year commencing on October 1, 2016, the tax collector of each

16 municipality shall collect the property tax with respect to motor  
17 vehicles and remit all such taxes collected to the Commissioner of  
18 Revenue Services for deposit into the motor vehicle property tax  
19 account established under section 2 of this act.

20 (c) (1) Effective for assessment years commencing on or after  
21 October 1, 2011, but prior to the assessment year commencing on  
22 October 1, 2016, on or before July first, annually, the tax collector of  
23 each municipality shall certify to the Secretary of the Office of Policy  
24 and Management, on a form furnished by said secretary, the amount of  
25 tax revenue that such municipality (A) would have collected with  
26 respect to the property tax on motor vehicles under section 12-71 of the  
27 general statutes except for the state-wide mill rate calculated by said  
28 secretary pursuant to this section, and (B) actually collected under the  
29 state-wide mill rate, together with such supporting information as said  
30 secretary may require. The secretary shall, on or before July fifteenth,  
31 annually, certify to the Comptroller the motor vehicle property tax  
32 payment due to each municipality under the provisions of subsection  
33 (d) of this section. The Comptroller shall draw an order on the State  
34 Treasurer on or before the thirty-first day of July following and the  
35 State Treasurer shall pay the amount thereof from the motor vehicle  
36 property tax account to such municipality on or before the fifteenth  
37 day of August following.

38 (2) Effective for assessment years commencing on or after October 1,  
39 2011, but prior to the assessment year commencing on October 1, 2016,  
40 on or before January first, annually, the tax collector of each  
41 municipality shall certify to the secretary, on a form furnished by said  
42 secretary, the amount of tax revenue that such municipality (A) would  
43 have collected with respect to the property tax on motor vehicles  
44 under section 12-71b of the general statutes except for the state-wide  
45 mill rate calculated by said secretary pursuant to this section, and (B)  
46 actually collected under the state-wide mill rate, together with such  
47 supporting information as said secretary may require. The secretary  
48 shall, on or before January fifteenth, annually, certify to the

49 Comptroller the motor vehicle property tax payment due to each  
50 municipality under the provisions of subsection (d) of this section. The  
51 Comptroller shall draw an order on the State Treasurer on or before  
52 the thirty-first day of January following and the State Treasurer shall  
53 pay the amount thereof from the motor vehicle property tax account to  
54 such municipality on or before the fifteenth day of February following.

55 (3) Effective for assessment years commencing on or after October 1,  
56 2012, but prior to the assessment year commencing on October 1, 2016,  
57 the secretary, annually, shall calculate the discrepancy amount for each  
58 municipality with a mill rate higher than the state-wide mill rate by  
59 subtracting the amounts certified by the tax collector to said secretary  
60 under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) and subparagraph (B) of  
61 subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section from the amounts  
62 certified by such tax collector to said secretary under subparagraph (A)  
63 of subdivision (1) and subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of said  
64 subsection.

65 (d) Effective for assessment years commencing on or after October 1,  
66 2012, but prior to the assessment year commencing on October 1, 2016,  
67 the secretary shall certify to the Comptroller the amount due to each  
68 municipality from the motor vehicle property tax account as follows:

69 (1) For any municipality with a mill rate higher than the state-wide  
70 mill rate: (A) For the assessment year commencing October 1, 2011,  
71 such municipality shall receive a motor vehicle property tax payment  
72 equal to the amounts certified by the tax collector to the secretary  
73 under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) and subparagraph (A) of  
74 subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section; (B) for the assessment  
75 year commencing October 1, 2012, such municipality shall receive a  
76 motor vehicle property tax payment equal to the amounts certified by  
77 the tax collector to said secretary under subparagraph (B) of  
78 subdivision (1) and subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection  
79 (c) of this section plus eighty per cent of the discrepancy amount  
80 calculated by the secretary under subdivision (3) of subsection (c) of

81 this section; (C) for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2013,  
82 such municipality shall receive a motor vehicle property tax payment  
83 equal to the amounts certified by the tax collector to said secretary  
84 under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) and subparagraph (B) of  
85 subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section plus sixty per cent of the  
86 discrepancy amount; (D) for the assessment year commencing October  
87 1, 2014, such municipality shall receive a motor vehicle property tax  
88 payment equal to the amounts certified by the tax collector to said  
89 secretary under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) and subparagraph  
90 (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section plus forty per cent  
91 of the discrepancy amount; (E) for the assessment year commencing  
92 October 1, 2015, such municipality shall receive a motor vehicle  
93 property tax payment equal to the amounts certified by the tax  
94 collector to said secretary under subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1)  
95 and subparagraph (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this section  
96 plus twenty per cent of the discrepancy amount.

97 (2) For any municipality with a mill rate that is lower than the state-  
98 wide mill rate, effective for assessment years commencing on or after  
99 October 1, 2012, but prior to the assessment year commencing on  
100 October 1, 2016, any such municipality shall receive a motor vehicle  
101 property tax payment equal to the amounts certified by the tax  
102 collector to said secretary under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1)  
103 and subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of this  
104 section plus an additional five per cent of such certified amounts.

105 (e) If there are any remaining funds in the motor vehicle property  
106 tax account after the amount of the payments described in subdivision  
107 (d) of this section are calculated, such funds shall be carried over into  
108 the following fiscal year. If there are any remaining funds in said  
109 account on October 1, 2016, the secretary shall transfer such funds to  
110 the General Fund.

111 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011, and applicable to assessment*  
112 *years commencing on or after October 1, 2011*) There is established an

113 account to be known as the "motor vehicle property tax account" which  
 114 shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The  
 115 account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in  
 116 the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the State  
 117 Treasurer for the purposes of section 1 of this act.

118 Sec. 3. Subdivision (3) of section 14-1 of the general statutes is  
 119 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
 120 *October 1, 2011*):

121 (3) "Antique, rare or special interest motor vehicle" means a motor  
 122 vehicle [twenty] twenty-five years old or older which is being  
 123 preserved because of historic interest and which is not altered or  
 124 modified from the original manufacturer's specifications;

125 Sec. 4. Section 12-122a of the general statutes is repealed. (*Effective*  
 126 *October 1, 2011*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2011, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2011</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	14-1(3)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	Repealer section

**Statement of Purpose:**  
 To simplify the motor vehicle taxation system, encourage the registration of vehicles and narrow property tax benefits for antique cars.

*[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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