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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by: (PD)

AN ACT ELIMINATING THE PROPERTY TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND ESTABLISHING THE MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE REPLACEMENT ACCOUNT.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) For the purposes of this
- section, "insurance company", "domestic insurance company", "net
- direct premiums", and "received" have the same meanings as provided
- 4 in section 12-201 of the general statutes.
- 5 (b) Not later than January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each (1)
- 6 domestic insurance company, and (2) insurance company incorporated
- 7 by or organized under the laws of any other state or foreign government
- 8 and doing business in this state that issues a private passenger nonfleet
- 9 automobile insurance policy or homeowners insurance policy for
- property located in this state, shall pay to the Commissioner of Revenue
- 11 Services, in addition to any other taxes imposed on such insurance
- 12 company or its agents, a tax on the total direct net premiums received
- 13 from such policies by such insurance company in the twelve-month
- 14 period next preceding. The rate of tax on all direct net premiums shall
- 15 be eight per cent. Upon ceasing to transact new business in this state,

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16 any such insurance company shall pay such tax upon the renewal

- 17 premiums derived from its business remaining in force in this state at
- 18 the rate that was applicable when such insurance company ceased to
- 19 transact new business in this state.

- (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the provisions
 of chapter 207 of the general statutes pertaining to the filing of returns,
 declarations, installment payments, assessments and collection of taxes,
 penalties, administrative hearings and appeals shall apply with respect
 to the tax imposed under this section.
 - (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-204d of the general statutes, not later than February 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Revenue Services shall deposit all payments received under this section in the motor vehicle property tax revenue replacement account established pursuant to section 2 of this act.
 - Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established an account to be known as the "motor vehicle property tax revenue replacement account" which shall be a separate, nonlapsing account within the General Fund. The account shall contain any moneys required by law to be deposited in the account. Moneys in the account shall be expended by the Office of Policy and Management for the purposes of providing grants to municipalities, as defined in section 4-66l of the general statutes, as amended by this act, in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.
 - (b) Not later than March 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the Office of Policy and Management shall distribute to each municipality a grant from the motor vehicle property tax revenue replacement account, the amount of which shall be in accordance with a formula established by the Office of Policy and Management. Such formula shall be based on the total number of motor vehicles registered in accordance with the provisions of section 14-12 of the general statutes and garaged in such municipality. A municipality may disburse any grant funds distributed pursuant to this subsection to a district, as defined in section 4-661 of the

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48 general statutes, as amended by this act, located within such 49 municipality.

- Sec. 3. Section 12-71 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023*):
- (a) (1) 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 and 12-59. Any such property belonging to any nonresident shall be listed for purposes of property tax as provided in section 12-43. 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 and excluding motor vehicles, as defined in section 14-1, 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 and 12-59. Any such property belonging to any nonresident shall be listed for purposes of property tax as provided in section 12-43.
- (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

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motion pictures, video and sound recordings.

(c) 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,

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

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- 118 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall be 119 applicable (A) to the assessment year commencing October 1, 1988, and 120 each assessment year thereafter, and (B) to any assessment of computer 121 software made after September 30, 1988, for any assessment year 122 commencing before October 1, 1988.
- 123 (3) Nothing contained in this subsection shall create any implication 124 related to liability for property tax with respect to computer software 125 prior to July 1, 1989.
 - (4) A certificate of correction in accordance with section 12-57, as amended by this act, shall not be issued with respect to any property described in subdivision (1) of this subsection for any assessment year commencing prior to October 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) 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, and such motor vehicles shall be valued

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in the same manner as motor vehicles valued pursuant to section 12-63.

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- (B) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023, 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.
- (3) (A) 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 subparagraph, "the town in which the owner of such vehicle resides" 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 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

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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 subparagraph, "the town in which the owner of such vehicle resides" 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.

(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.

(5) (A) For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023, notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (3) of this subsection: (i) Any registered motor vehicle that is assigned to an employee of the

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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 registered 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 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 (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 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 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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(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

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- (6) The owner of a motor vehicle subject to taxation in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (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.
- (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

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declaration or report filed pursuant to section 12-41, 12-43 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 (5) of this subsection, the assessor of the town in which such vehicle is subject to taxation shall notify 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, 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, 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 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. 4. Section 12-81 of the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (83) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023*):
- 304 (NEW) (83) Motor vehicles, as defined in section 14-1.
- Sec. 5. Section 4-66*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

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07	(a) For the purposes of this section:		
08	(1) "FY 15 mill rate" means the mill rate a municipality used during		
09	the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015;		
10	[(2) "Mill rate" means, unless otherwise specified, the mill rate a		
11	municipality uses to calculate tax bills for motor vehicles;]		
12	[(3)] (2) "Municipality" means any town, city, consolidated town and		
13	city or consolidated town and borough;		
314	[(4)] (3) "Municipal spending" means:		
1	Municipal Municipal		
2	spending for spending for		
3	the fiscal year - the fiscal year		
4	prior to the two years		
5	current fiscal prior to the		
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7	X 100 = Municipal spending;		
8	Municipal spending for the fiscal		
9	year two years prior to the		
10	current year		
315	[(5)] (4) "Per capita distribution" means:		
11	Municipal population		
12	Municipal population X Sales tax revenue = Per capita distributio		
13 14	Total state population		
14	Total state population		
316	[(6)] (5) "Pro rata distribution" means:		
15	Municipal weighted		
15	Municipal weighted mill rate X Sales tax revenue = Pro rata distribution; calculation		

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required by law to be deposited in the account. The secretary shall set

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aside and ensure availability of moneys in the account in the following order of priority and shall transfer or disburse such moneys as follows:

- [(1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter, moneys sufficient to make motor vehicle property tax grants payable to municipalities pursuant to subsection (c) of this section shall be expended not later than August first annually by the secretary;]
- [(2)] (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter, moneys sufficient to make the grants payable pursuant to subsection (d) of section 12-18b, subdivisions (1) and (3) of subsection (e) of section 12-18b, subsection (b) of section 12-19b and subsections (b) and (c) of section 12-20b shall be expended by the secretary; and
- [(3)] (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter, moneys in the account remaining shall be expended annually by the secretary for the purposes of the municipal revenue sharing grants established pursuant to subsection (d) of this section. Any such moneys deposited in the account for municipal revenue sharing grants, including moneys accrued to the account during each fiscal year but received after the end of such fiscal year, shall be distributed to municipalities not later than October first following the end of each fiscal year. Any municipality may apply to the Office of Policy and Management on or after July first for early disbursement of a portion of such grant. The Office of Policy and Management may approve such an application if it finds that early disbursement is required in order for a municipality to meet its cash flow needs. No early disbursement approved by said office may be issued later than September thirtieth.
- [(c) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, motor vehicle property tax grants to municipalities that impose mill rates on real property and personal property other than motor vehicles greater than 45 mills or that, when combined with the mill rate of any district located within the municipality, impose mill rates greater than 45 mills, shall be made in an amount equal to the difference between the amount of property taxes levied by the municipality and any district located within the

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- October 1, 2017, and the amount such levy would have been if the mill
- 374 rate on motor vehicles for said assessment year was equal to the mill
- 375 rate imposed by such municipality and any district located within the
- 376 municipality on real property and personal property other than motor
- 377 vehicles.]

- [(2)] (c) Not later than fifteen calendar days after receiving a property tax grant pursuant to this section, the municipality shall disburse to any district located within the municipality the amount of any such property
- tax grant that is attributable to the district.
- [(3) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and each fiscal year thereafter, motor vehicle property tax grants shall be made to:
 - (A) Municipalities that imposed mill rates greater than 32.46 mills on real property and personal property other than motor vehicles for the preceding fiscal year, in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the amount of property taxes the municipality would have levied on motor vehicles for the preceding fiscal year if the mill rate imposed on motor vehicles for such year was 32.46 mills, and (ii) the amount of property taxes the municipality would have levied on motor vehicles for the preceding fiscal year if the mill rate imposed on motor vehicles for such year was equal to the mill rate imposed on real property and personal property other than motor vehicles for such year; and
 - (B) Districts that imposed mill rates that, when combined with the mill rate of the municipality in which the district is located, were greater than 32.46 mills on real property and personal property other than motor vehicles for the preceding fiscal year, in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the amount of property taxes the district would have levied on motor vehicles for the preceding fiscal year if the mill rate imposed on motor vehicles for such year, when combined with the mill rate imposed on motor vehicles for such year by the municipality in which the district is located, was 32.46 mills, and (ii) the amount of property taxes the district would have levied on motor vehicles for the

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preceding fiscal year if the mill rate imposed on motor vehicles for such year, when combined with the mill rate imposed on motor vehicles for such year by the municipality in which the district is located, was equal to the mill rate imposed by the district on real property and personal property other than motor vehicles for such year.]

- (d) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter, each municipality shall receive a municipal revenue sharing grant as follows:
- 412 (1) (A) A municipality having a mill rate at or above twenty-five shall 413 receive the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is 414 higher for such municipality.
- (B) Such grants shall be increased by a percentage calculated as follows:

T21	Sum of per capita distribution amount
T22	for all municipalities having a mill rate
T23	below twenty-five - pro rata distribution
T24	amount for all municipalities
T25	having a mill rate below twenty-five
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T27	Sum of all grants to municipalities
T28	calculated pursuant to subparagraph (A)
T29	of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

(C) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of this subdivision, Hartford shall receive not more than 5.2 per cent of the municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this subsection; Bridgeport shall receive not more than 4.5 per cent of the municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this subsection; New Haven shall receive not more than 2.0 per cent of the

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municipal revenue sharing grants distributed pursuant to this subsection and Stamford shall receive not more than 2.8 per cent of the equalization grants distributed pursuant to this subsection. Any excess funds remaining after such reductions in payments to Hartford, Bridgeport, New Haven and Stamford shall be distributed to all other municipalities having a mill rate at or above twenty-five on a pro rata basis according to the payment they receive pursuant to this subdivision; and

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- (2) A municipality having a mill rate below twenty-five shall receive the per capita distribution or pro rata distribution, whichever is less for such municipality.
- (3) For the purposes of this subsection, "mill rate" means the mill rate for real property and personal property. [other than motor vehicles.]
 - (e) [Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a] <u>A</u> municipality may disburse any municipal revenue sharing grant funds to a district within such municipality.
 - (f) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year in accordance with subsection (d) of this section shall be reduced if such municipality increases its adopted budget expenditures for such fiscal year above a cap equal to the amount of adopted budget expenditures authorized for the previous fiscal year by 2.5 per cent or more or the rate of inflation, whichever is greater. Such reduction shall be in an amount equal to fifty cents for every dollar expended over the cap set forth in this subsection. For the purposes of this section, (A) "municipal spending" does not include expenditures for debt service, special education, implementation of court orders or arbitration awards, expenditures associated with a major disaster or emergency declaration by the President of the United States, a disaster emergency declaration issued by the Governor pursuant to chapter 517 or any disbursement made to a district pursuant to subsection [(c) or] (e) of this section, budgeting for

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an audited deficit, nonrecurring grants, capital expenditures or payments on unfunded pension liabilities, (B) "adopted budget expenditures" includes expenditures from a municipality's general fund and expenditures from any nonbudgeted funds, and (C) "capital expenditure" means a nonrecurring capital expenditure of one hundred thousand dollars or more. Each municipality shall annually certify to the secretary, on a form prescribed by said secretary, whether such municipality has exceeded the cap set forth in this subsection and if so the amount by which the cap was exceeded, except that in any fiscal year for which the secretary publishes a list of payments made to municipalities by state agencies on the Internet web site of the Office of Policy and Management, such certification shall not be required.

- (2) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year in accordance with subsection (d) of this section shall not be reduced in the case of a municipality whose adopted budget expenditures exceed the cap set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection by an amount proportionate to any increase to its municipal population from the previous fiscal year, as determined by the secretary.
- (g) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of the grant payable to a municipality in any year in accordance with subsection (d) of this section shall be reduced proportionately in the event that the total of such grants in such year exceeds the amount available for such grants in the municipal revenue sharing account established pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.
- Sec. 6. Section 12-41 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023, and 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) For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023,

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no] 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, 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] as defined in section 14-1.

[(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, 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, 2023, tangible personal property shall include motor vehicles listed on the schedule of motor vehicle plate classes recommended pursuant to

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section 12-71d.] Commercial or financial information in any declaration

- 520 filed under this section [, except for commercial or financial information
- 521 which concerns motor vehicles,] shall not be open for public inspection
- but may be disclosed to municipal officers for tax collection purposes.
- 523 (d) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023, the
- 524 Office of Policy and Management shall, in consultation with the
- 525 Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers, prescribe a form for the
- 526 annual declaration of personal property.
- 527 (e) Any person required by law to file an annual declaration of
- 528 personal property may sign and file such declaration electronically,
- 529 provided the municipality in which such declaration is to be filed (1) has
- 530 the technological ability to accept electronic signatures, and (2) agrees
- 531 to accept electronic signatures for annual declarations of personal
- 532 property.
- (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 12-42 shall be
- subject to a penalty equal to twenty-five per cent of the assessment of
- 537 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
- 540 to twenty-five per cent of the assessment of such omitted property. The
- 541 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
- 543 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
- 545 period shall not be deemed to be delinquent.
- Sec. 7. Subsection (a) of section 12-53 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
- 548 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1,
- 549 2023):

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(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 (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. 8. Subsection (b) of section 12-55 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023):

(b) Prior to taking and subscribing to the oath upon the grand list, the assessor or board of assessors shall equalize the assessments of property in the town, if necessary, and make any assessment omitted by mistake or required by law. The assessor or board of assessors may increase or decrease the valuation of any property as reflected in the last-preceding grand list, or the valuation as stated in any personal property declaration or report received pursuant to this chapter. In each case of any increase in valuation of a property above the valuation of such property in the last-preceding grand list, or the valuation, if any, stated by the person filing such declaration or report, the assessor or board of

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assessors shall mail a written notice of assessment increase to the last-known address of the owner of the property the valuation of which has increased. All such notices shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (c) of this section. [Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a notice of increase shall not be required in any year with respect to a registered motor vehicle the valuation of which has increased.] In the year of a revaluation, the notice of increase sent in accordance with subsection (f) of section 12-62 shall be in lieu of the notice required by this section.

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- Sec. 9. Subsection (a) of section 12-57a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023):
 - (a) Any personal property subject to a contract of lease, except any motor vehicle, [registered with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles] as defined in section 14-1, which property is in the possession of the lessee on any assessment day in the municipality in which the lessee resides, shall, for information purposes only, be included in the personal property declaration of the lessee as an individual entry or as part of a list of such leased property in the possession of the lessee on such assessment day. Such entry or declaration may be in the form of an attachment or a separate category of property in such declaration and with respect to each item of such leased property, the lessee shall be required to include the name and address of the owner of such property and the term of the lease applicable thereto. In the event the lessee is not required to submit a personal property declaration in such municipality, any such items of leased personal property shall be recorded in such form as used for purposes of personal property declarations, adding thereto identification of such property as leased personal property and including with respect to each item of such property the name and address of the owner thereof.
- Sec. 10. Subsection (b) of section 12-57 of the general statutes is

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repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):

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- (b) [When] For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023, it has been determined by the assessors of a municipality, at any time, that a motor vehicle registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles has been assessed when it should not have been, the assessors shall issue a certificate of correction removing such vehicle from the list of the person who was assessed in error, and, if such vehicle should have been subject to taxation for the same taxing period on the grand list of another municipality in this state, the assessors shall promptly notify, in writing, the assessors of the municipality where the vehicle should be properly assessed and taxed, and the assessors of such municipality shall assess such vehicle and shall thereupon issue a certificate of correction adding such vehicle to the list of the person owning such vehicle, and the tax thereon shall be levied and collected by the tax collector. Upon the issuance of a certificate of correction, any person taxed in error may make application in writing to the tax collector for the refund of the erroneously collected amount pursuant to section 12-129.
- Sec. 11. Section 12-63 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023*):
 - (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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(3) The following schedule of depreciation shall be applicable with respect to electronic data processing equipment:

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(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:

T30		Depreciated Value
T31		As Percentage
T32	Assessment Year	Of Acquisition
T33	Following Acquisition	Cost Basis
T34	First year	Seventy per cent
T35	Second year	Forty per cent
T36	Third year	Twenty per cent
T37	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:

T38		Depreciated Value
T39		As Percentage
T40	Assessment Year	Of Acquisition
T41	Following Acquisition	Cost Basis
T42	First year	Ninety per cent
T43	Second year	Sixty per cent
T44	Third year	Forty per cent
T45	Fourth year	Twenty per cent
T46	Fifth year and thereafter	Ten per cent

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(4) The following schedule of depreciation shall be applicable with respect to copiers, facsimile machines, medical testing equipment, and any similar type of equipment that is not specifically defined as electronic data processing equipment, but is considered by the assessor to be technologically advanced:

T47		Depreciated Value
T48		As Percentage
T49	Assessment Year	Of Acquisition
T50	Following Acquisition	Cost Basis
T51	First year	Ninety-five per cent
T52	Second year	Eighty per cent
T53	Third year	Sixty per cent
T54	Fourth year	Forty per cent
T55	Fifth year and thereafter	Twenty per cent

(5) The following schedule of depreciation shall be applicable with respect to machinery and equipment used in the manufacturing process:

T56		Depreciated Value
T57		As Percentage
T58	Assessment Year	Of Acquisition
T59	Following Acquisition	Cost Basis
T60	First year	Ninety per cent
T61	Second year	Eighty per cent
T62	Third year	Seventy per cent
T63	Fourth year	Sixty per cent
T64	Fifth year	Fifty per cent
T65	Sixth year	Forty per cent
T66	Seventh year	Thirty per cent

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	Eighth year and thereafter	Twenty per cent
	(6) The following schedule of depressives to all tangible personal propesubdivisions (3) to (5), inclusive, [and s	rty other than that described in
		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
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c	such motor vehicles, provided no motor vehicle shall be valued at an	
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	amount less than five hundred dollars:	
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	amount less than five hundred dollars:	Percentage of Manufacturer's Suggested

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T85	Year three	Seventy per cent
T86	Year four	Sixty-five per cent
T87	Year five	Sixty per cent
T88	Year six	Fifty-five per cent
T89	Year seven	Fifty per cent
T90	Year eight	Forty-five per cent
T91	Year nine	Forty per cent
T92	Year ten	Thirty-five per cent
T93	Year eleven	Thirty per cent
T94	Year twelve	Twenty-five per cent
T95	Year thirteen	Twenty per cent
T96	Year fourteen	Fifteen per cent
T97	Years fifteen to nineteen	Ten per cent
T98	Years twenty and beyond	Not less than
T99		five hundred dollars]

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[(8)] (7) 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.

[(9)] (8) 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

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- 721 with the appropriate schedule in this subsection.
- 722 [(10)] (9) The schedules of depreciation set forth in subdivisions (3) to
- 723 (6), inclusive, of this subsection shall not be used with respect to
- videotapes, horses or other taxable livestock or electric cogenerating
- 725 equipment.
- 726 [(11)] (10) If the assessor determines that the value of any item of
- 727 personal property [, other than a motor vehicle,] produced by the
- 728 application of the schedules set forth in this subsection does not
- 729 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)] (11) Nothing in this subsection shall prevent any taxpayer from
- 733 appealing any 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.
- Sec. 12. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 12-63k of the
- general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 738 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- 739 (5) "Mill rate" means the mill rate on real property and personal
- 740 property. [other than motor vehicles.]
- Sec. 13. Section 12-71c of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 742 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- 743 (a) (1) Any person who is liable for property tax in any assessment
- year commencing prior to October 1, 2023, in respect to a motor vehicle
- [which] $\underline{\text{that}}$ in such assessment year is [(1)] $\underline{\text{(A)}}$ sold by such person with
- 746 ownership thereof transferred to the purchaser, [(2)] (B) totally
- 747 damaged, [(3)] (C) stolen from such person and not recovered or [(4)]
- 748 (D) removed from this state and registered in another state by such
- 749 person who concurrently ceases to be a resident of this state, shall be
- entitled to a property tax credit in the town in which such person is

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liable for property tax in respect to such motor vehicle to be applied against any property tax for which such person is liable in such town in the assessment year in which such motor vehicle is sold, damaged, stolen or removed and registered as provided in this section, or in the assessment year next following.

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(2) Such property tax credit shall be a pro rata portion of the tax payable in respect to such motor vehicle for the assessment year in which it is so sold, damaged, stolen or removed and registered to be determined by a ratio, the numerator of which shall be the number of full months from the date such motor vehicle is so sold, damaged, stolen or removed and registered, to the first day of October next succeeding and the denominator of which shall be twelve, provided [(1)] (A) such credit shall not be allowed in such assessment year next following if property tax paid in respect to such motor vehicle, for the assessment year in which such motor vehicle is so sold, damaged, stolen or removed and registered, is allowed in reduction of property tax due in respect to another motor vehicle replacing such motor vehicle as provided under subsection (b) of section 12-71b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2023, or [(2)] (B) in the event such credit is allowed in the assessment year in which such motor vehicle is so sold, damaged, stolen or removed and registered, the property tax paid in respect to such motor vehicle for such assessment year shall not be allowed in reduction of property tax due in respect to another motor vehicle replacing such motor vehicle as provided under subsection (b) of section 12-71b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2023.

(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, 2023, such documentation shall be filed not later than the thirty-first

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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, 2023, such 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. 14. Subdivision (4) of section 12-81 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023):

- (4) (A) Except as otherwise provided by law, personal property belonging to, held in trust for, or leased to, a municipal corporation of this state and used for a public purpose, including personal property used for cemetery purposes, and (B) real property belonging to, held in trust for, or leased to, a municipal corporation of this state and used for a public purpose, including real property used for cemetery purposes, provided any such leased personal property, including, but not limited to, [motor vehicles subject to the provisions of section 12-71 and any such] leased real property, is located within the boundaries of such municipal corporation;
- Sec. 15. Subdivision (28) of section 12-81 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023):
- (28) Subject to the provisions of sections 12-89, 12-90 and 12-95, as amended by this act, property to the amount of one thousand dollars, which property belongs to, or is held in trust for, any resident or nonresident of this state who was in the regular Army of the United States on the assessment day and who has been detailed by the Secretary of the Army for duty in this state for the instruction of the Connecticut

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National Guard. Any person receiving the foregoing exemption shall be entitled to an additional exemption of two thousand dollars on tangible personal property belonging to, or held in trust for, him, which property is necessary or convenient for the use of such person in the performance of his official duties and which property shall consist of military equipment, horses [, vehicles] and furniture;

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Sec. 16. Section 12-81k of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023*):

Whenever any person claiming the exemption from property tax under the provisions of subdivisions (59), (60), (70), (72) [, (74)] and (76) of section 12-81, as amended by this act, has failed to file a claim with the assessor or board of assessors as required in said subdivisions, the assessor or board of assessors, upon receipt of a request from such person, may allow an extension of time until the fifteenth day of December for the filing of such claim, provided whenever an extension of time is so allowed, such person shall be required to pay a fee for late filing to the municipality in which the property, with respect to which such claim is submitted, is situated, unless such fee is waived by the assessor or board of assessors. [Said] Such fee shall be calculated as follows: (1) If the assessed value of the property with respect to which such claim is submitted is one hundred thousand dollars or less, [said] such fee shall be fifty dollars; (2) if the assessed value of the property with respect to which such claim is submitted is greater than one hundred thousand dollars but less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars, [said] such fee shall be one hundred fifty dollars; (3) if the assessed value of the property with respect to which such claim is submitted is equal to or greater than two hundred fifty thousand dollars but less than five hundred thousand dollars, [said] such fee shall be two hundred fifty dollars; and (4) if the assessed value of the property with respect to which such claim is submitted is equal to or greater than five hundred thousand dollars, [said] such fee shall be five hundred dollars. If any person is granted an extension of the November first date for

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filing a tax list in accordance with section 12-42, the date by which [he] such person shall be required to claim an exemption under subdivision (59), (60), (70) [,] or (72) [or (74)] of section 12-81, as amended by this act, shall be automatically extended to the fifteenth day of December and such person shall not be required to request an extension of the filing date for such claim.

Sec. 17. Section 12-81cc of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023*):

Any person who has established his or her entitlement to a property tax exemption under subdivision (19), (20), (22), (23), (24), (25), (26) [,] or (28) [or (53)] of section 12-81, as amended by this act, or section 12-81g for a particular assessment year shall be issued a certificate as to such entitlement by the tax assessor of the relevant municipality. Such person shall be entitled to such exemption in any municipality in this state for such assessment year provided a copy of such certificate is provided to the tax assessor of any municipality in which such exemption is claimed and further provided such person would otherwise have been eligible for such exemption in such municipality if he or she had filed for such exemption as provided under the general statutes.

Sec. 18. Section 12-93a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023*):

[(a)] Any person entitled to an exemption from property tax in accordance with any provision of subdivisions (19) to (26), inclusive, of section 12-81 who is the owner of a residential dwelling on leased land, including any such person who is a sublessee under terms of the lease, shall be entitled to claim such exemption in respect to the assessment of the dwelling for purposes of the property tax, provided (1) the dwelling is such person's principal place of residence, (2) such lease or sublesse requires that such person as the lessee or sublessee, whichever is applicable, pay all property taxes related to the dwelling and (3) such

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[(b) Any person entitled to an exemption from property tax in accordance with the provisions of subdivisions (19) to (26), inclusive, of section 12-81 shall be entitled to claim such exemption with respect to the assessment of a motor vehicle that is leased by such person. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, any person claiming the exemption under this section for a leased motor vehicle shall be entitled to a refund of tax paid with respect to such vehicle whether such tax was paid by the lessee or by the lessor pursuant to the terms of the lease. Such refund shall equal the amount of such person's exemption multiplied by the applicable mill rate. Any such person claiming the exemption for a leased vehicle under this subdivision for any assessment year shall, not later than the thirty-first day of December next following the assessment year during which the tax for such leased vehicle has been paid, file with the assessor or board of assessors, in the town in which such motor vehicle tax has been paid, written application claiming such exemption on a form approved for such purpose by such assessor or board. Upon approving such person's exemption claim, the assessor shall certify the amount of refund to which the applicant is entitled and shall notify the tax collector of such amount. The tax collector shall refer such certification to the board of selectmen in a town or to the corresponding authority in any other municipality. Upon receipt of such certification, the selectmen or such other authority shall draw an order on the Treasurer in favor of such person for the amount of refund so certified. Failure to file such application as prescribed in this subsection with respect to any assessment year shall constitute a waiver of the right to such exemption for such assessment year.]

Sec. 19. Section 12-94e of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023*):

Whenever any person claiming the exemption from property tax under the provisions of subdivision (59), (60), (70), (72) [, (74)] or (76) of

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section 12-81, as amended by this act, has failed to file a claim with the assessor or board of assessors as required in said subdivisions and has further failed to apply for an extension of time under section 12-81k, as amended by this act, the municipality, upon receipt of a request from such person, may, by vote of its legislative body or, where the legislative body is a town meeting, by a vote of its board of selectmen, grant such exemption according to criteria established by the municipality, including, but not limited to, allowing for any hardship experienced by the person which may account for the failure to claim the exemption or to file for an extension of time and whether the exemption would provide a net benefit to economic development in the municipality. No payment in lieu of tax under this chapter shall be made with regard to any property exempted from tax under this section.

Sec. 20. Section 12-95 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023*):

No individual shall receive any exemption to which [he] such individual is entitled by any one of subdivisions (19), (20), (22), (23), (25), (26) and (28) of section 12-81, as amended by this act, or section 12-82 until [he] such individual has proved his or her right to such exemption in accordance with the provisions of sections 12-93 and 12-94, together with such further proof as is necessary under the provisions of any of said sections. Exemptions so proved by [residents] such individual shall take effect on the next succeeding assessment day, provided [individuals] an individual entitled to an exemption under the provisions of subdivision (20) of section 12-81 may prove such right at any time before the expiration of the time limited by law for the board of assessment appeals of the town wherein the exemption is claimed to complete its duties and such exemption shall take effect on the assessment day next preceding the date of the proof thereof. For purposes of any tax payable in accordance with the provisions of section 12-71b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2023, any such exemption referred to in this section shall take effect on

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the first day of January next following the date on which the right to such exemption has been proved.

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- Sec. 21. Section 12-110 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
- 950 (a) The board of assessment appeals in each town shall meet at least 951 once in the month of September, annually, provided any meeting in the 952 month of September shall be for the sole purpose of hearing appeals 953 related to the assessment of motor vehicles, and shall give notice of the 954 time and place of such meetings by posting it at least ten days before the 955 first meeting in the office of the town clerk, and publishing it in some 956 newspaper published therein or, if no newspaper is published in such 957 town, in a newspaper having a general circulation in such town. Such 958 meetings shall be held on business days, which may be Saturdays, the 959 last not later than the last business day in the month of September, on 960 or before which date such board shall complete the duties imposed 961 upon it.]
 - [(b)] The board of assessment appeals in each town shall meet in the month of March to hear appeals related to the assessment of property. Any such meeting shall be held on business days, which may be Saturdays, the last not later than the last business day in the month of March, on or before which date such board shall complete the duties imposed upon it.
- Sec. 22. Section 12-112 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
 - No appeal from the doings of the assessors in any town shall be heard or entertained by the board of assessment appeals unless referred to it at one of its meetings [during the month of September in the case of an appeal related to motor vehicle assessment or] unless written appeal is made on or before February twentieth in accordance with the provisions of section 12-111.

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Sec. 23. Section 12-120a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

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The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall, annually, not later than the fifteenth day of March, submit to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly on finance, revenue and bonding, with copies for such other committee members and staff personnel as said chairpersons may designate, a report concerning certain data applicable with respect to real and personal property in each town in the state and such totals of data pertaining to all towns as may be deemed appropriate by said secretary. The submission of such report in 1997, and annually thereafter, shall include a summary of data as described in each of the subsections in this section. Each such report shall include categories of such data for purposes of property subject to taxation and separate categories for property exempt from taxation. Such report shall include state-wide trends covering a five-year period. Such report shall be organized, to the extent possible, in a manner consistent with the outline of information as described in each of the following subdivisions.

- (1) For purposes of taxable residential, apartment, commercial, industrial and public utility real property, such report shall include the total number of properties and the total assessed value of such properties.
- (2) For purposes of taxable vacant land, such report shall include the total number of acres and the total assessed value of such acres. For purposes of taxable land subject to assessment related to certain use value classifications, such report shall include the total number of such acres and the total assessed value of such acres for each of the following classifications related to use: (A) Farm, (B) forest, (C) open space, and (D) maritime heritage.
- (3) For purposes of taxable land bearing timber and subject to tax at a rate not exceeding ten mills, such report shall include the total number of acres and the assessed value of the land.

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[(5)] (4) For purposes of exemptions from property tax with respect to which there is no state reimbursement, such report shall include the total number of such exempt properties by the exemption categories and property types deemed appropriate by the secretary, and the total assessed value of such exempt property.

[(6)] (5) For purposes of exemptions from property tax with respect to which annual reimbursement is provided by the state, such report shall include the total assessed value of such exempt property, by the exemption categories and property types deemed appropriate by the secretary.

[(7)] (6) For purposes of exemptions from or reductions in property tax for certain individuals, with respect to which state reimbursement is applicable, such report shall include (A) the total number of individuals and the total amounts of each such exemption or reduction in the case of such benefits not subject to income requirements, and (B) in the case of such benefits subject to income requirements, such total number of individuals and total amounts of exemption or reduction the total assessed value of such exempt property, by the exemption categories and property types deemed appropriate by the secretary.

[(8)] (7) For purposes of exemption from property tax for certain individuals, with respect to which there is no state reimbursement, such

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- under subdivisions (19) to (26), inclusive, of section 12-81, and (B)
- 1043 exemption for blind persons under subdivision (17) of said section.
- Sec. 24. Subsection (c) of section 12-169a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):
- 1047 (c) A municipality may redesign and designate a place on its 1048 municipal [motor vehicle] property tax bill for taxpayers to check off 1049 amounts to donate to the local scholarship fund. The redesign of such 1050 tax bill shall be done so as to allow a taxpayer to voluntarily check off 1051 and donate an amount of at least one dollar. The donated amount shall 1052 not reduce the tax liability but shall be in addition to the amount 1053 otherwise due and payable. The redesign of the [motor vehicle] property 1054 tax bill shall be approved by the Office of Policy and Management prior 1055 to its use. The municipality may include an insert with its [motor 1056 vehicle] property tax bills [which] that explains the scholarship fund 1057 and the check-off provision to the taxpayer. The town treasurer shall 1058 deposit all moneys collected as a result of the check-off in the fund and 1059 the treasurer may accept donations from other sources for purposes of 1060 the fund.
 - Sec. 25. Subsection (h) of section 12-704c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):

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(h) For the purposes of this section: (1) "Property tax" means the amount of property tax exclusive of any interest, fees or charges thereon for which a taxpayer is liable, or in the case of any husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax for such taxable year as married individuals filing a joint return, for which the husband or wife or both are liable, to a Connecticut political subdivision (A) for assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023, on the taxpayer's primary residence or motor vehicles, and (B) for assessment

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in two or more installments, on the date designated by the legislative body of the municipality as the date on which such installment shall be

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due and payable or, at the election of the taxpayer, on the date

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which any earlier installment of such tax shall be due and payable.

Sec. 26. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 14-16 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

(c) If the owner of a registered motor vehicle dies, the registration for the vehicle shall, unless the vehicle is destroyed, continue in force as a valid registration until the end of the registration period unless: (1) Ownership of the vehicle is transferred pursuant to subsection (b) of this section or by the deceased owner's executor, administrator, legatee or distributee prior to the end of the registration period, in which case the registration shall continue in force until the time of the transfer; or (2) ownership of the vehicle is transferred to the brother, sister, father, mother, child or spouse of the owner, in which case the registration shall, upon the payment of a fee of twenty dollars, continue in force until the end of the registration period or until the ownership is sooner transferred to a person other than such a relative. [If at the end of the registration period the relative has not transferred ownership of the vehicle and the relative applies for registration of the vehicle, the registration shall not be subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 12-71b.]

(d) If a motor vehicle is transferred in connection with the organization, reorganization or dissolution, or because of the partial

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liquidation, of an incorporated or unincorporated business in which gain or loss to the transferor is not recognized for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury regulations and rulings issued thereunder, the registration of the vehicle shall, upon the payment of a fee of twenty dollars, continue in force until the end of the registration period or until the registration is sooner transferred to anyone outside the original business organization. [If the transferee of the motor vehicle has not transferred ownership of the motor vehicle to anyone outside the original business organization at the end of the registration period and the transferee applies for a registration for the vehicle, the registration shall not be subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 12-71b.]

Sec. 27. Section 14-33 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023*):

(a) [(1)] For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023, if any property tax, or any installment thereof, laid by any city, town, borough or other taxing district upon a registered motor vehicle or snowmobile remains unpaid, the tax collector of such city, town, borough or other taxing district shall notify the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of such delinquency in accordance with subsection (e) of this section and guidelines and procedures established by the commissioner. The commissioner shall not issue registration for such motor vehicle or snowmobile for the next registration period if, according to the commissioner's records, it is 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 fide sale. Unless notice has been received by the commissioner under the provisions of section 14-33a, no such registration shall be issued until the commissioner receives notification that the tax obligation has been legally discharged; nor shall the commissioner register any other motor vehicle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or vessel in the name of such person, except that the commissioner may continue to register other vehicles owned by a

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leasing or rental firm licensed pursuant to section 14-15, and may issue such registration to any private owner of three or more paratransit vehicles in direct proportion to the percentage of total tax due on such vehicles which has been paid and notice of payment on which has been received. The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may immediately suspend or cancel all motor vehicle, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or vessel registrations issued in the name of any person (A) who has been reported as delinquent and whose registration was renewed through an error or through the production of false evidence that the delinquent tax on any motor vehicle or snowmobile had been paid, or (B) who has been reported by a tax collector as having paid a property tax on a motor vehicle or snowmobile with a check which was dishonored by a bank and such tax remains unpaid. Any person aggrieved by any action of the commissioner under this section may appeal therefrom in the manner provided in section 14-134. For the purposes of this subsection, "paratransit vehicle" means a motor bus, taxicab or motor vehicle in livery service operated under a certificate of convenience and necessity issued by the Department of Transportation or by a transit district and which is on call or demand or used for the transportation of passengers for hire.

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[(2) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2023, if any property tax, or any installment thereof, laid by any city, town, borough or other taxing district upon a motor vehicle remains unpaid, regardless of whether such motor vehicle is classified on the grand list as a registered motor vehicle or personal property pursuant to section 12-41, the tax collector of such city, town, borough or other taxing district shall notify the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of such delinquency in accordance with subsection (e) of this section and guidelines and procedures established by the commissioner. The commissioner shall not issue registration for such motor vehicle for the next registration period if, according to the commissioner's records, it is 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 fide sale. Unless notice has been received by the commissioner under

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

(b) (1) For assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, may enter into an agreement with the tax collector of any city, town, borough or other taxing district whereby the commissioner shall collect any property tax or any installment thereof on a registered motor vehicle which remains unpaid from any person against whom such tax has been assessed who makes application for registration for such motor vehicle.

[(2) For assessment years commencing on and after October 1, 2023, notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, in consultation with the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, may enter into an agreement with the tax collector of any city, town, borough or other taxing district whereby the commissioner shall collect any property tax

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or any installment thereof on any motor vehicle which remains unpaid from any person against whom such tax has been assessed who makes application for registration for such motor vehicle.]

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[(3)] (2) Any agreement entered into pursuant to subdivision (1) [or (2)] of this subsection shall include a procedure for the remission of taxes collected to the city, town, borough or other taxing district, on a regular basis, and may provide that a fee be paid by the city, town, borough or other taxing district to the commissioner to cover any costs associated with the administration of the agreement. In the event an agreement is in effect, the commissioner shall immediately issue a registration for a motor vehicle owned by a person against whom such tax has been assessed upon receipt of payment of such tax and a service fee of two dollars, in addition to the fee prescribed for the renewal of the registration.

(c) On and after March 1, 1989, any municipality may participate in a program administered by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to facilitate the payment of fines for parking violations. If any such municipality elects to participate in such program, it shall provide for a notice of violation to be served personally upon the operator of a motor vehicle who is present at the time of service. If the operator is not present, the notice shall be served upon the owner of the motor vehicle by affixing notice to said vehicle in a conspicuous place, or, in the case of the city of Hartford Parking Authority, by regular or certified mail to the registered owner of the vehicle, which shall have the same effect as if the notice of violation was personally served on the owner or operator of the vehicle. In the case of any motor vehicle that is leased or rented by the owner, not more than thirty days after the initial notice of a parking violation for which a fine remains unpaid at such time, a second notice of violation shall be mailed to the address of record of the owner leasing or renting the motor vehicle to such operator. No fines or penalties shall accrue to the owner of such rented or leased vehicle for the violation for a period of sixty days after the second notice is mailed. Upon receipt of such notification, the owner of such rented or leased

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vehicle may notify the municipality as to whom the lessee was at the time of such issuance of the notice of violation, the lessee's address, motor vehicle operator's license number and state of issuance, and the municipality shall issue such notice of violation to such lessee. A participating municipality shall notify the commissioner of every owner of a registered motor vehicle who has unpaid fines for more than five parking violations committed within such municipality on and after March 1, 1989. Upon receipt of such notification, the commissioner shall not issue or renew the motor vehicle registration of such person until he receives notification from such municipality that the delinquent fines have been paid.

- (d) The provisions of subsection (c) of this section shall not apply to any person, firm or corporation engaged in the business of leasing or renting motor vehicles without drivers in this state with respect to any motor vehicle which is leased or rented. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of subsection (c) of this section.
- (e) The tax collector of a city, town, borough or other district shall, at least once during each calendar month, notify the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles of any outstanding delinquent property tax payment or installment thereof for a registered motor vehicle or snowmobile. If a tax collector fails to provide such notice to the commissioner, the commissioner shall not be required to deny the issuance of a registration, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, to the person against whom such tax has been assessed by said city or town, or by a borough or other taxing district located therein.
- (f) Any city, town, borough or other taxing district that notifies the commissioner of (1) a delinquency in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, or (2) an owner of a registered motor vehicle who has unpaid fines for more than five parking violations in accordance with subsection (c) of this section, may participate in a program to issue temporary registrations for passenger motor vehicles on behalf of the

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commissioner to persons whose registrations have been denied, and who subsequently make full payment to the city, town, borough or other taxing district for the amounts owed under said subsections. A participating city, town, borough or other taxing district shall issue such temporary registrations in accordance with subsection (i) of section 14-12 and shall retain the fees authorized in subsection (n) of section 14-49 for such registrations. The commissioner may adopt regulations in accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the provisions of this subsection.

- Sec. 28. Subsection (c) of section 14-34a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2023):
 - (c) Notwithstanding any such agreement or plan, (1) <u>for assessment years commencing prior to October 1, 2023,</u> any such commercial vehicle garaged at any fixed location or which leaves from and returns to one or more points within this state in the normal course of operations, shall be taxable in this state as personal property in the town where such vehicle is garaged; (2) registration shall be denied to any such vehicle if any personal property taxes are unpaid with respect to such vehicle, as provided in section 14-33, as amended by this act; and (3) any such vehicle based in this state shall be subject to the provisions of sections 14-12, 14-15, 14-15a, 14-16a and chapter 247.
 - Sec. 29. Section 14-192 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):
 - (a) The commissioner shall be paid the following fees: (1) For filing an application for a certificate of title, twenty-five dollars; (2) for each security interest noted upon a certificate of title or maintained in the electronic title file pursuant to subsection (b) of section 14-175, ten dollars; (3) for each record copy search, twenty dollars; (4) for each assignment of a security interest noted upon a certificate of title or maintained in the electronic title file, ten dollars; (5) for an application for a replacement certificate of title, twenty-five dollars, provided such fee shall not be required for any such replacement certificate of title [(A)

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1301 which is requested on a form prepared and signed by the assessor in any 1302 town for purposes of such proof of ownership of a motor vehicle as may 1303 be required in accordance with section 12-71b, or (B) in connection with 1304 an application submitted by a licensed dealer in accordance with the 1305 provisions of subsection (c) of section 14-12 or section 14-61; (6) for an 1306 ordinary certificate of title issued upon surrender of a distinctive 1307 certificate, ten dollars; (7) for filing a notice of security interest, ten 1308 dollars; (8) for a certificate of search of the records of the Department of 1309 Motor Vehicles, for each name or identification number searched 1310 against, twenty dollars; (9) for filing an assignment of security interest, 1311 ten dollars; (10) for search of a motor vehicle certificate of title record, 1312 requested by a person other than the owner of such motor vehicle, 1313 twenty dollars; and (11) for a bond filing under section 14-176, twenty-1314 five dollars.

- (b) If an application, certificate of title or other document required to be mailed or delivered to the commissioner under any provision of this chapter is not delivered to the commissioner within ten days from the time it is required to be mailed or delivered, the commissioner shall collect, as a penalty, an amount equal to the fee required for the transaction.
- (c) Motor vehicles leased to an agency of this state and motor vehicles owned by the state, an agency of the state, or a municipality, as defined in section 7-245, shall be exempt from the fees imposed by this section.
- 1324 Sec. 30. Sections 7-328b, 12-71b, 12-71d, 12-71e, 12-81e, 12-81h, 12-1325 122a, 12-129s, 12-144a and 14-163 of the general statutes are repealed.
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Sec. 31. Subdivisions (53), (65), (66), (71) and (74) of section 12-81 of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective October 1*, 2023)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Sec. 11	October 1, 2023, and	12-63
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Sec. 12	October 1, 2023	12-63k(a)(5)
Sec. 13	October 1, 2023	12-71c
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Sec. 15	October 1, 2023, and	12-81(28)
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Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate the property tax on motor vehicles and replace resulting lost municipal revenue through the imposition of a tax on insurers on total direct net premiums from certain insurance policies.

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