

MISCELLANEOUS TAX PROPOSALS

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Sec.	Summary	Notes
Personal and corporate income taxes		
1	Form 1099 - credit card processors. Requires credit card processors to file with the Tax Department within 30 days a copy of the 1099 they file with the IRS to account for payments the credit card processor makes to a merchant.	
2	Returns - use tax reporting. Requires income tax filers to report and remit, on a monthly basis, the use tax on items with a purchase price of \$5,000 or more.	
3	Flood-related tax credits. Authorizes a credit of \$88,000 to Latchis Arts for Irene-related damage under 32 V.S.A. § 5930bb.	
4	Consolidated returns. Makes an election to file a consolidated return binding for a five-year period.	
5	VEGI filing requirements. Makes clear that the claim must be filed by the last day of April for the prior year's utilization period and, if the business fails to file a claim, authorization for the incentive may be revoked.	
Downtown and village center tax credits		
6	Limit. Increases the total limit in tax credits available from \$1,700,000 to \$2,200,000.	
Property taxes and property tax adjustments		
7	Lister designations. Strikes several specific lister designations that no longer exist and allows the Director more flexibility in designating levels of achievement.	
8	Repeal. Repeals legislation passed last year that exempts from all property taxes two specific pieces of municipally	

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	owned lakeshore property in a different town.	
9	Municipally owned lakeshore property - municipal taxes. Creates a new section allowing a town, in two specific instances, to vote to exempt from its municipal taxes lakeshore property owned by a different town.	
10	Municipally owned lakeshore property - statewide education taxes. Creates a new section that exempts, in two specific instances, municipally owned lakeshore property in a different town from statewide education property taxes.	
11	Petitions to PVR for redetermination of equalization decisions. Changes the notice date from the day a town receives the notice to the day PVR sends it. Extends filing period by five days.	
12	Homestead declarations - time to pay. Clarifies that the issuance of a corrected property tax bill due to a late filing or refiling of a homestead declaration does not excuse the taxpayer from paying the original liability. Any overpayment is to be reflected in the corrected bill. Companion to Sec. 15.	
13	Homestead declaration - date for refiling. Moves the date for refiling a homestead declaration to October 15 to be consistent with filing for property tax adjustment deadlines.	
14	Notices. Allows the Commissioner to distribute electronically to towns the annual notice describing the homestead property tax adjustment program.	
15	Homestead declarations - time to pay. Companion provision to Sec. 12. Clarifies that the issuance of a corrected property tax bill due to a late filing or refiling of a homestead declaration does not excuse the taxpayer from paying the original liability. Any overpayment is to be reflected in the corrected bill.	
Cigarette and tobacco taxes		
16–30	Update of terms. These sections make housekeeping changes to the cigarette and tobacco taxes to conform to language and definitional amendments enacted in 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 14. Specifically, these sections change the	

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	term “distributor” and “stamping agent” to “licensed wholesale dealer”; strike “retail dealer” respectively, and add references to more recent products such as roll-your-own tobacco and snuff in § 7734 to conform to the rest of the chapter.	
Solar capacity tax		
31	Exemption. Exempts all solar renewable energy plants from both the statewide education tax and municipal property taxes.	
32	Municipal votes. Removes solar plants from the list of renewable energy plants a town can vote to exempt.	
33	Education tax exemption. Removes the current law exemption for solar energy plants from the statewide education property tax.	
34	Capacity tax. Increases the capacity tax on solar plants from \$4.00/kW to \$8.00/kW. Provides that the money raised will be split evenly between the Education Fund and the municipalities with the solar energy plants. Increases the current exemption from the capacity from plants with 10kW capacity or greater to plants with 150kW capacity or greater.	
Meals and rooms tax		
35	Technical change. Updates the program name for subsidized food benefits.	
Property transfer tax		
36	Filing requirements. Removes the signature requirement for returns that accompany deeds for filing by a clerk. Conforms with the removal of signature requirement from underlying return passed in 2012.	
Sales and use tax		
37	Telecommunications services. Change would have the effect of imposing the use tax on telecommunications services.	

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Health care claims tax		
38	Rate of tax. Increases the current health care claims tax from a rate of 0.999 to 1.799.	
39	Conforming changes. Makes changes to underlying law to keep rate increase in place after July 1, 2017.	
Effective dates		
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