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2	An act relating to administrative and policy changes to tax laws
3	The Senate proposes to the House to amend the bill by striking out all after
4	the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
5	* * * Per Parcel Fee for Property Reappraisal * * *
6	Sec. 1. 32 V.S.A. § 4041a is amended to read:
7	§ 4041a. REAPPRAISAL
8	(a) A municipality shall be paid \$8.50 per grand list parcel per year from
9	the Education General Fund to be used only for reappraisal and costs related to
10	reappraisal of its grand list properties and for maintenance of the grand list.
11	* * *
12	Sec. 2. 32 V.S.A. § 5412 is amended to read:
13	§ 5412. REDUCTION OF LISTED VALUE AND RECALCULATION OF
14	EDUCATION TAX LIABILITY
15	(a)(1) If a listed value is reduced as the result of an appeal or court action
16	made pursuant to section 4461 of this title, a municipality may submit a
17	request for the Director of Property Valuation and Review to recalculate its
18	education property tax liability for the education grand list value lost due to a
19	determination, declaratory judgment, or settlement. The Director shall
20	recalculate the municipality's education property tax liability for each year at
21	issue, in accord with the reduced valuation, provided that:

1	(A) The reduction in valuation is the result of an appeal under chapte
2	131 of this title to the Director of Property Valuation and Review or to a court,
3	with no further appeal available with regard to that valuation, or any judicial
4	decision with no further right of appeal, or a settlement of either an appeal or
5	court action if the Director determines that the settlement value is the fair
6	market value of the parcel. The Director may waive the requirement of
7	continuing an appeal or court action until there is no further right of appeal if
8	the Director concludes that the value determined by an adjudicated decision is
9	a reasonable representation of the fair market value of the parcel.
10	(B) The municipality submits the request on or before January 15 for
11	a request involving an appeal or court action resolved within the previous
12	calendar year.
13	(C) [Repealed.]
14	(D) The Director determines that the municipality's actions were
15	consistent with best practices published by the Property Valuation and Review
16	in consultation with the Vermont Assessors and Listers Association. The
17	municipality shall have the burden of showing that its actions were consistent
18	with the Director's best practices.
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1	* * * Annual Link to Federal Income Tax Law * * *
2	Sec. 3. 32 V.S.A. § 5824 is amended to read:
3	§ 5824. ADOPTION OF FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS
4	The statutes of the United States relating to the federal income tax, as in
5	effect on December 31, 2022 2023, but without regard to federal income tax
6	rates under 26 U.S.C. § 1, are hereby adopted for the purpose of computing the
7	tax liability under this chapter and shall continue in effect as adopted until
8	amended, repealed, or replaced by act of the General Assembly.
9	Sec. 4. 32 V.S.A. § 7402 is amended to read:
10	§ 7402. DEFINITIONS
11	As used in this chapter unless the context requires otherwise:
12	* * *
13	(8) "Laws of the United States" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code
14	of 1986, as amended through December 31, 2022 2023. As used in this
15	chapter, "Internal Revenue Code" has the same meaning as "laws of the United
16	States" as defined in this subdivision. The date through which amendments to
17	the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 are adopted under this subdivision
18	shall continue in effect until amended, repealed, or replaced by act of the
19	General Assembly.
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1	* * * Expansion of Renter Credit * * *
2	Sec. 5. 32 V.S.A. § 6061 is amended to read:
3	§ 6061. DEFINITIONS
4	As used in this chapter unless the context requires otherwise:
5	* * *
6	(20) "Very low-income limit" means an amount of income 1.3 times the
7	amount of the income limit for very low-income families as determined by the
8	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to 42 U.S.C.
9	§ 1437a as of June 30 of the taxable year, provided that for claimants who
10	reside in Franklin or Grand Isle county County, "very low-income limit"
11	means 1.3 times the average of the very low-income limits for the State as
12	determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
13	* * * Repeal of Property Tax Credit Late Fee * * *
14	Sec. 6. 32 V.S.A. § 6066a is amended as follows:
15	§ 6066a. DETERMINATION OF PROPERTY TAX CREDIT
16	(a) Annually, the Commissioner shall determine the property tax credit
17	amount under section 6066 of this title, related to a homestead owned by the
18	claimant, based on the prior taxable year's income and crediting property taxes
19	paid in the prior year. The Commissioner shall notify the municipality in
20	which the housesite is located of the amount of the property tax credit for the
21	claimant for homestead property tax liabilities on a monthly basis. The tax

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- dates of its fiscal year, however, is the excess of the property tax that was
- 3 assessed in the last 12 months of the revised fiscal year, over the adjusted
- 4 property tax of the claimant for the revised fiscal year, as determined under
- 5 section 6066 of this title, related to a homestead owned by the claimant.
- 6 ***
- 7 (d) For late claims filed after April 15, the property tax credit amount shall
- 8 be reduced by \$15.00 [Repealed.]
- 9 ***
- 10 Sec. 7. 32 V.S.A. § 6068 is amended to read:
- 11 § 6068. APPLICATION AND TIME FOR FILING
- 12 (a) A property tax credit claim or request for allocation of an income tax
- refund to homestead property tax payment shall be filed with the
- 14 Commissioner on or before the due date for filing the Vermont income tax
- return, without extension, and shall describe the school district in which the
- 16 homestead property is located and shall particularly describe the homestead
- 17 property for which the credit or allocation is sought, including the school
- parcel account number prescribed in subsection 5404(b) of this title. A renter
- 19 credit claim shall be filed with the Commissioner on or before the due date for
- 20 filing the Vermont income tax return, without extension.

1	(b) If the claimant fails to file a timely claim, the amount of the property
2	tax credit under this chapter shall be reduced by \$15.00, but not below \$0.00,
3	which shall be paid to the municipality for the cost of issuing an adjusted
4	homestead property tax bill. If the claimant files a claim after October 15 but
5	on or before March 15 of the following calendar year, the property tax credit
6	under this chapter:
7	(1) shall be reduced in amount by \$150.00, but not below \$0.00;
8	(2) shall be issued directly to the claimant; and
9	(3) shall not require the municipality where the claimant's property is
10	located to issue an adjusted homestead property tax bill.
11	(c) No request for allocation of an income tax refund or for a renter credit
12	claim may be made after October 15. No property tax credit claim may be
13	made after March 15 of the calendar year following the due date under
14	subsection (a) of this section.
15	* * * Utility Property Valuation * * *
16	Sec. 8. 32 V.S.A. § 4452 is amended to read:
17	§ 4452. VALUATIONS
18	(a) On or before May 1 of each year, the Division of Property Valuation
19	and Review of the Department of Taxes shall furnish the listers in each town or
20	city with the valuation of all taxable property of any public utility situated
21	therein as reported by such utility to the Division.

1	(b) Each public utility shall furnish to the Division not later than March 31
2	in each year a sworn inventory of all its taxable property in such form as will
3	show the valuation of its property in each town, city, or other municipality.
4	(c) The Division shall prescribe the form of such report and the officer or
5	officers who shall make oath thereto.
6	(d) The valuations so furnished <u>under this section</u> shall be considered along
7	with any other information as may reasonably be required by such listers in
8	determining and fixing the valuations of such property for the purposes of local
9	property taxation. The Division may require that each municipality use certain
10	valuations furnished under this section. The valuations provided by the
11	Division for property used for the transmission and distribution of electricity
12	shall be used by the listers as the valuations of that property for purposes of
13	property taxation.
14	* * * Property Tax Exemptions * * *
15	Sec. 9. 32 V.S.A. § 3802(22) is added to read:
16	(22) Real and personal estate owned by a county of this State, except
17	land and buildings outside of a county's territorial limits shall be subject to
18	municipal property tax by the municipality in which the land or buildings are
19	situated. Notwithstanding the preceding provision, the exemption for public,
20	pious, and charitable uses under subdivision (4) of this section shall be

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available for qualifying county land and buildings outside of the county's 1 2 territorial limits. 3 * * * Fuel Tax * * * 4 Sec. 10. 33 V.S.A. § 2503(d) is amended to read: 5 (d) No tax under this section shall be imposed for any month ending after 6 June 30, 2024 2029. * * * Health IT Fund Sunset Extension * * * 7 Sec. 11. 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 60(10), as amended by 2017 8 9 Acts and Resolves No. 73, Sec. 14, 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 187, Sec. 5, 10 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 21, 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 73, 11 Sec. 14, and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.306.1, is further amended 12 to read: 13 (10) Secs. 48–51 (health care claims tax) shall take effect on July 1, 2013 and Sec. 52 (Health IT-Fund; sunset) shall take effect on July 1, 2025 14 15 2026.

Sec. 12. 2019 Acts and Resolves No. 6, Sec. 105, as amended by 2019 Acts

and Resolves No. 71, Sec. 19, 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 75, and

2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. E.306.2, is further amended to read:

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Sec. 105. EFFECTIVE DATES

1 (b) Sec. 73 (further amending 32 V.S.A. § 10402) shall take effect on July

- 2 1, 2025 2026.
- 3 ***
- * * * Extension of Sales Tax Exemption for Advanced Wood Boilers * * *
- 5 Sec. 12a. 2018 Acts and Resolves No. 194, Sec. 26b(a), as amended by 2019
- 6 Acts and Resolves No. 83, Sec. 14, and by 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 73,
- 7 Sec. 23, is further amended to read:
- 8 (a) 32 V.S.A. §§ 9741(52) (sales tax exemption for advanced wood boilers)
- 9 and 9706(ll) (statutory purpose; sales tax exemption for advanced wood
- boilers) shall be repealed on July 1, 2024 2027.
- 11 Sec. 12b. REPEAL
- 12 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 72, Sec. 8 (sales tax exemption; advanced
- wood boilers) is repealed.
- 14 Sec. 13. 32 V.S.A. § 9701(12) is amended to read:
- 15 (12)(A) "Casual sale" means an isolated or occasional sale of an item of
- tangible personal property by a person who is not regularly engaged in the
- business of making sales of that general type of property at retail where the
- property was obtained by the person making the sale, through purchase or
- otherwise, for his or her the person's own use.
- 20 (B) Aircraft as defined in 5 V.S.A. § 202(6), snowmobiles as defined
- 21 in 23 V.S.A. § 3201(5), all-terrain vehicles as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 3501(1),

- motorboats as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 3302(4) 3302(6), and vessels as defined
- 2 in 23 V.S.A. § 3302(11) 3302(17) that are 16 feet or more in length are hereby
- 3 specifically excluded from the definition of casual sale.
- 4 Sec. 14. 32 V.S.A. § 9746 is amended to read:
- 5 § 9746. SNOWMOBILE, ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE, MOTORBOAT, AND
- 6 VESSEL SALES
- 7 (a) If a person sells a snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, motorboat, or vessel
- 8 and within three months purchases another such vehicle or vessel, "sales price"
- 9 for purposes of the tax on the new vehicle or vessel shall exclude the lesser of:
- 10 (1) the sale price of the first vehicle or vessel; or
- 11 (2) the average book value at the time of sale of the first vehicle or
- 12 vessel.
- 13 (b) If a person receives payment under a contract of insurance for:
- 14 (1) total destruction of a snowmobile, <u>all-terrain vehicle</u>, motorboat, or
- 15 vessel; or
- 16 (2) damage to such vehicle or vessel that was then accepted without
- 17 repair as a trade-in by the seller of a new snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle,
- motorboat, or vessel; and within three months of following such destruction or
- damage the person purchases another snowmobile, motorboat, or vessel, "sales
- 20 price" for purposes of the tax on the new vehicle or vessel shall exclude the
- 21 insurance payment and any trade-in allowance for the damaged vehicle.

1	(c) A vendor determining sales price under this section shall obtain in good
2	faith from the purchaser, on a form provided by the Department of Taxes and
3	signed by the purchaser and bearing his or her the purchaser's name and
4	address, a certificate of sale or payment of insurance proceeds with regard to
5	the first vehicle or vessel.
6	* * * Fees * * *
7	Sec. 15. 18 V.S.A. § 5017 is amended to read:
8	§ 5017. FEES FOR COPIES
9	(a) For a certified copy of a vital event certificate, the fee shall be \$10.00.
10	(b) The State Registrar shall waive the fee for certified copies of vital event
11	certificates issued to:
12	(1) an individual attesting to a lack of fixed, regular, and adequate
13	nighttime residence; and
14	(2) an individual between 18 and 24 years of age who resided in a foster
15	home or residential child care facility between 16 and 18 years of age pursuant
16	to placement by a child-placing agency.
17	* * * Machinery and Equipment Tax Credit * * *
18	Sec. 16. 32 V.S.A. § 5930II is amended to read:
19	§ 5930II. MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT TAX CREDIT
20	* * *
21	(d) Availability of credit.

1	(1) The credit earned under this section with respect to qualified capital
2	expenditures shall be available to reduce the qualified taxpayer's Vermont
3	income tax liability for its tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2012 or, if
4	later, the first tax year within which the qualified taxpayer's aggregate
5	qualified capital expenditures exceed \$20,000,000.00. A taxpayer claiming a
6	credit under this subchapter shall submit with the first return on which a credit
7	is claimed a copy of the qualified taxpayer's certification from the Vermont
8	Economic Progress Council.
9	(2) The credit may be used in the year earned or carried forward to
10	reduce the qualified taxpayer's Vermont income tax liability in succeeding tax
11	years ending on or before December 31, 2026 2030.
12	* * *
13	(g) Reporting.
14	(1) Any qualified taxpayer who has been certified under subsection (b)
15	of this section shall file a report with the Vermont Economic Progress Council
16	on a form prescribed by the Council for this purpose and provide a copy of the
17	report to the Commissioner of Taxes.
18	(2) The report shall be filed for each year following the certification
19	until the year following the last year the taxpayer claims the credit to reduce its
20	Vermont income tax liability, or 2027 2031, whichever occurs first.

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1	(3) The report shall be filed by February 28 the due date of the
2	taxpayer's tax return, including extensions, in each year for activity the
3	previous calendar year and include, at a minimum:
4	(A) the number of full-time jobs in each quarter and the average
5	number of hours worked per week;
6	(B) the level of qualifying capital investments made if reporting on
7	year within an investment period; and
8	(C) the amount of tax credit earned and applied during the previous
9	calendar year.
10	Sec. 17. 2010 Acts and Resolves No. 156, Sec. H.2 is amended to read:
11	Sec. H.2 REPEAL
12	(a) Subchapter 11M of chapter 151 of Title 32 is repealed July 1, 2026
13	2030, and no credit under that section shall be available for any taxable year
14	beginning after June 30, 2026 2030; provided, however, that if no qualified
15	capital expenditures are made during the investment period, both terms as
16	defined in 32 V.S.A. § 5930ll(a) of this act, the subchapter shall be repealed
17	effective January 1, 2015.
18	Sec. 18. [Deleted.]
19	Sec. 19. [Deleted.]

1	* * * Local Option Tax * * *
2	Sec. 20. 24 V.S.A. § 138 is amended to read:
3	§ 138. LOCAL OPTION TAXES
4	(a) Local option taxes are authorized under this section for the purpose of
5	affording municipalities an alternative method of raising municipal revenues to
6	facilitate the transition and reduce the dislocations in those municipalities that
7	may be caused by reforms to the method of financing public education under
8	the Equal Educational Opportunity Act of 1997. Accordingly:
9	(1) the local option taxes authorized under this section may be imposed
10	by a municipality;
11	(2) a municipality opting to impose a local option tax may do so prior to
12	July 1, 1998 to be effective beginning January 1, 1999, and anytime after
13	December 1, 1998 a A local option tax shall be effective beginning on the nex
14	tax quarter following 90 days' notice to the Department of Taxes of the
15	imposition ; and
16	(3) a local option tax may only be adopted by a municipality in which:
17	(A) the education property tax rate in 1997 was less than \$1.10 per
18	\$100.00 of equalized education property value; or
19	(B) the equalized grand list value of personal property, business
20	machinery, inventory, and equipment is at least ten percent of the equalized

1	education grand list as reported in the 1998 Annual Report of the Division of
2	Property Valuation and Review; or
3	(C) the combined education tax rate of the municipality will increase
4	by 20 percent or more in fiscal year 1999 or in fiscal year 2000 over the rate of
5	the combined education property tax in the previous fiscal year.
6	(b) If the legislative body of a municipality by a majority vote
7	recommends, the voters of a municipality may, at an annual or special meeting
8	warned for that purpose, by a majority vote of those present and voting, assess
9	any or all of the following:
10	(1) a one percent sales tax;
11	(2) a one percent meals and alcoholic beverages tax;
12	(3) a one percent rooms tax.
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14	* * * Effective Dates * * *
15	Sec. 21. EFFECTIVE DATES
16	(a) This section, Secs. 1 (reappraisals), 2 (property valuation and review
17	waiver), 9 (exemption for county-owned property), 10 (fuel tax extension), and
18	11 and 12 (extension of Health IT Fund) shall take effect on passage.
19	(b) Notwithstanding 1 V.S.A. § 214, Secs. 3 and 4 (link to federal income
20	tax laws) shall take effect retroactively on January 1, 2024 and apply to taxable
21	vears beginning on and after January 1, 2023.

- 1 (c) Sec. 5 (renter credit expansion) shall take effect on passage and apply to
- 2 <u>claim years 2025 and after.</u>
- 3 (d) Secs. 6 and 7 (repeal of property tax credit late fee) shall take effect on
- 4 passage and apply to claim years 2024 and after.
- 5 (e) Sec. 8 (utility property valuation) shall take effect on passage and apply
- 6 to grand lists filed on or after April 1, 2025.
- 7 (f) Secs. 13 and 14 (casual sales of ATVs), 15 (fee waiver for vital event
- 8 certificates), 16 and 17 (extension of machinery and equipment tax credit), and
- 9 20 (local option sales tax) shall take effect on July 1, 2024.
- 10 (g) Secs. 12a and 12b (sales tax exemption; advanced wood boilers) shall
- take effect on June 30, 2024.