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3	(By Delegate Caputo)
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5	Committee on Natural Resources then Finance.]
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10	A BILL to amend and reenact $\$11-21-12$ of the Code of West Virginia,
11	1931, as amended, relating to allowing a reduction in the
12	adjusted gross income of a taxpayer for contributions to the
13	maintenance and improvement of state, county and municipal
14	parks.
15	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
16	That §11-21-12 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,
17	be amended and reenacted to read as follows:
18	ARTICLE 21. PERSONAL INCOME TAX.
19	PART II. RESIDENTS.
20	\$11-21-12. West Virginia adjusted gross income of resident
21	individual.
22	(a) General The West Virginia adjusted gross income of a
23	resident individual means his or her federal adjusted gross income

1 as defined in the laws of the United States for the taxable year 2 with the modifications specified in this section.

3 (b) Modifications increasing federal adjusted gross income. --4 There shall be added to federal adjusted gross income unless 5 already included therein the following items:

6 (1) Interest income on obligations of any state other than 7 this state or of a political subdivision of any other state unless 8 created by compact or agreement to which this state is a party;

9 (2) Interest or dividend income on obligations or securities 10 of any authority, commission or instrumentality of the United 11 States, which the laws of the United States exempt from federal 12 income tax but not from state income taxes;

(3) Any deduction allowed when determining federal adjusted 14 gross income for federal income tax purposes for the taxable year 15 that is not allowed as a deduction under this article for the 16 taxable year;

17 (4) Interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase 18 or carry obligations or securities the income from which is exempt 19 from tax under this article, to the extent deductible in 20 determining federal adjusted gross income;

(5) Interest on a depository institution tax-exempt savings certificate which is allowed as an exclusion from federal gross income under Section 128 of the Internal Revenue Code, for the federal taxable year;

1 (6) The amount of a lump sum distribution for which the 2 taxpayer has elected under Section 402(e) of the Internal Revenue 3 Code of 1986, as amended, to be separately taxed for federal income 4 tax purposes; and

5 (7) Amounts withdrawn from a medical savings account 6 established by or for an individual under section twenty, article 7 fifteen, chapter thirty-three of this code or section fifteen, 8 article sixteen of said chapter that are used for a purpose other 9 than payment of medical expenses, as defined in those sections.

10 (c) Modifications reducing federal adjusted gross income. --11 There shall be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income to the 12 extent included therein:

(1) Interest income on obligations of the United States and 14 its possessions to the extent includable in gross income for 15 federal income tax purposes;

16 (2) Interest or dividend income on obligations or securities 17 of any authority, commission or instrumentality of the United 18 States or of the State of West Virginia to the extent includable in 19 gross income for federal income tax purposes but exempt from state 20 income taxes under the laws of the United States or of the State of 21 West Virginia, including federal interest or dividends paid to 22 shareholders of a regulated investment company, under Section 852 23 of the Internal Revenue Code for taxable years ending after June 24 30, 1987;

1 (3) Any amount included in federal adjusted gross income for 2 federal income tax purposes for the taxable year that is not 3 included in federal adjusted gross income under this article for 4 the taxable year;

5 (4) The amount of any refund or credit for overpayment of 6 income taxes imposed by this state, or any other taxing 7 jurisdiction, to the extent properly included in gross income for 8 federal income tax purposes;

(5) Annuities, retirement allowances, returns of contributions 9 10 and any other benefit received under the West Virginia Public 11 Employees Retirement System, the West Virginia State Teachers 12 Retirement System and all forms of military retirement, including 13 regular Armed Forces, Reserves and National Guard, including any 14 survivorship annuities derived therefrom, to the extent includable 15 in gross income for federal income tax purposes: Provided, That 16 notwithstanding any provisions in this code to the contrary this 17 modification shall be limited to the first \$2,000 of benefits 18 received under the West Virginia Public Employees Retirement 19 System, the West Virginia State Teachers Retirement System and, 20 including any survivorship annuities derived therefrom, to the 21 extent includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes 22 for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1986; and the first 23 \$2,000 of benefits received under any federal retirement system to 24 which Title 4 U.S.C. §111 applies: Provided, however, That the

1 total modification under this paragraph shall not exceed \$2,000 per 2 person receiving retirement benefits and this limitation shall 3 apply to all returns or amended returns filed after December 31, 4 1988;

5 (6) Retirement income received in the form of pensions and 6 annuities after December 31, 1979, under any West Virginia police, 7 West Virginia Firemen's Retirement System or the West Virginia 8 State Police Death, Disability and Retirement Fund, the West 9 Virginia State Police Retirement System or the West Virginia Deputy 10 Sheriff Retirement System, including any survivorship annuities 11 derived from any of these programs, to the extent includable in 12 gross income for federal income tax purposes;

(7) (A) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2000, 14 and ending prior to January 1, 2003, an amount equal to two percent 15 multiplied by the number of years of active duty in the Armed 16 Forces of the United States of America with the product thereof 17 multiplied by the first \$30,000 of military retirement income, 18 including retirement income from the regular Armed Forces, Reserves 19 and National Guard paid by the United States or by this state after 20 the December 31, 2000, including any survivorship annuities, to the 21 extent included in gross income for federal income tax purposes for 22 the taxable year.

23 (B) For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2002, the 24 first \$20,000 of military retirement income, including retirement

1 income from the regular Armed Forces, Reserves and National Guard 2 paid by the United States or by this state after December 31, 2002, 3 including any survivorship annuities, to the extent included in 4 gross income for federal income tax purposes for the taxable year. 5 (C) In the event that any of the provisions of this 6 subdivision are found by a court of competent jurisdiction to 7 violate either the Constitution of this state or of the United 8 States, or is held to be extended to persons other than specified 9 in this subdivision, this subdivision shall become null and void by 10 operation of law.

11 (8) Federal adjusted gross income in the amount of \$8,000 12 received from any source after December 31, 1986, by any person who 13 has attained the age of sixty-five on or before the last day of the 14 taxable year, or by any person certified by proper authority as 15 permanently and totally disabled, regardless of age, on or before 16 the last day of the taxable year, to the extent includable in 17 federal adjusted gross income for federal tax purposes: *Provided*, 18 That if a person has a medical certification from a prior year and 19 he or she is still permanently and totally disabled, a copy of the 20 original certificate is acceptable as proof of disability. A copy 21 of the form filed for the federal disability income tax exclusion 22 is acceptable: *Provided*, *however*, That:

(i) Where the total modification under subdivisions (1), (2),
(5), (6) and (7) of this subsection is \$8,000 per person or more,

1 no deduction shall be allowed under this subdivision; and

(ii) Where the total modification under subdivisions (1), (2), 3 (5), (6) and (7) of this subsection is less than \$8,000 per person, 4 the total modification allowed under this subdivision for all gross 5 income received by that person shall be limited to the difference 6 between \$8,000 and the sum of modifications under subdivisions (1), 7 (2), (5), (6) and (7) of this subsection;

8 (9) Federal adjusted gross income in the amount of \$8,000 9 received from any source after December 31, 1986, by the surviving 10 spouse of any person who had attained the age of sixty-five or who 11 had been certified as permanently and totally disabled, to the 12 extent includable in federal adjusted gross income for federal tax 13 purposes: *Provided*, That:

(i) Where the total modification under subdivisions (1), (2),
(5), (6), (7) and (8) of this subsection is \$8,000 or more, no
deduction shall be allowed under this subdivision; and

(ii) Where the total modification under subdivisions (1), (2), (5), (6), (7) and (8) of this subsection is less than \$8,000 per person, the total modification allowed under this subdivision for all gross income received by that person shall be limited to the difference between \$8,000 and the sum of subdivisions (1), (2), (5), (6), (7) and (8) of this subsection;

(10) Contributions from any source to a medical savings24 account established by or for the individual pursuant to section

1 twenty, article fifteen, chapter thirty-three of this code or 2 section fifteen, article sixteen, chapter thirty-three, plus 3 interest earned on the account, to the extent includable in federal 4 adjusted gross income for federal tax purposes: *Provided*, That the 5 amount subtracted pursuant to this subdivision for any one taxable 6 year may not exceed \$2,000 plus interest earned on the account. 7 For married individuals filing a joint return, the maximum 8 deduction is computed separately for each individual;

9 (11) For the 2006 taxable year only, severance wages received 10 by a taxpayer from an employer as the result of the taxpayer's 11 permanent termination from employment through a reduction in force 12 and through no fault of the employee, not to exceed \$30,000. For 13 purposes of this subdivision:

(i) The term "severance wages" means any monetary compensation paid by the employer in the taxable year as a result of permanent termination from employment in excess of regular annual wages or regular annual salary;

18 (ii) The term "reduction in force" means a net reduction in 19 the number of employees employed by the employer in West Virginia, 20 determined based on total West Virginia employment of the 21 employer's controlled group;

(iii) The term "controlled group" means one or more chains of corporations connected through stock ownership with a common parent corporation if stock possessing at least fifty percent of the

1 voting power of all classes of stock of each of the corporations is 2 owned directly or indirectly by one or more of the corporations and 3 the common parent owns directly stock possessing at least fifty 4 percent of the voting power of all classes of stock of at least one 5 of the other corporations;

6 (iv) The term "corporation" means any corporation, joint-stock 7 company or association and any business conducted by a trustee or 8 trustees wherein interest or ownership is evidenced by a 9 certificate of interest or ownership or similar written instrument; 10 and

(12) Commencing in the tax year 2011, the dollar amount of monetary contributions to any state, county or municipal park and the fair market value of any services contributed to any state, county or municipal park, not to exceed, in the aggregate, the sum of \$3,000: Provided, That seventy-five percent of the total contribution claimed shall be in currency of the United States. The Tax Commissioner shall propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of article three, chapter twentypane of this code designed to ascertain and verify contributions designated under this subdivision. The Tax Commissioner is further directed to develop and implement forms upon which contributions, in the form of services, may be ascertained and verified; and (12) (13) Any other income which this state is prohibited from

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24 taxing under the laws of the United States.

1 (d) Modification for West Virginia fiduciary adjustment. --2 There shall be added to or subtracted from federal adjusted gross 3 income, as the case may be, the taxpayer's share, as beneficiary of 4 an estate or trust, of the West Virginia fiduciary adjustment 5 determined under section nineteen of this article.

6 (e) Partners and S corporation shareholders. -- The amounts of 7 modifications required to be made under this section by a partner 8 or an S corporation shareholder, which relate to items of income, 9 gain, loss or deduction of a partnership or an S corporation, shall 10 be determined under section seventeen of this article.

(f) Husband and wife. -- If husband and wife determine their federal income tax on a joint return but determine their West Nirginia income taxes separately, they shall determine their West Virginia adjusted gross incomes separately as if their federal adjusted gross incomes had been determined separately.

16 (g) Effective date. -- (1) Changes in the language of this 17 section enacted in the year 2000 shall apply to taxable years 18 beginning after December 31, 2000.

(2) Changes in the language of this section enacted in the 20 year 2002 shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 21 2002.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow for a reduction in

the adjusted gross income of a taxpayer for contributions to the maintenance and improvement of state, county and municipal parks.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.