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House Bill 2526

BY DELEGATES HANSHAW (MR. SPEAKER) AND SKAFF

(BY REQUEST OF THE EXECUTIVE)

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1 AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended; by adding thereto a new article, designated §11-13MM-1, §11-13MM-2, §11-13MM-3, §11-13MM-4, §11-13MM-5, §11-2 3 13MM-6, §11-13MM-7, §11-13MM-8, §11-13MM-9, and §11-13MM-10; and to amend said 4 code by adding thereto two new sections, designated §11-21-4g and §11-21-4h, all 5 relating to reducing the personal income tax; providing for reduced graduated income tax 6 rates; reducing the rate of tax on composite returns; reducing the rate of withholding tax 7 on nonresident income; reducing the rate of withholding tax on the nonresident sale of real estate; reducing the rate of withholding on gambling winnings; applying the rates 8 9 retroactively to January 1, 2023; providing for additional reductions in the personal income 10 tax rates when certain criteria have been met; providing for a method for calculating the 11 rate reduction and cap on the reduction; providing for certification to the Tax 12 Commissioner; authorizing a refundable tax credit applied against personal income tax or 13 corporation net income tax based upon amount of property tax timely paid on motor 14 vehicles; providing for the treatment of credit upon transfer of eligible motor vehicle; 15 authorizing a refundable tax credit applied against personal income tax based upon the 16 amount of real property tax timely paid on a homestead owned by eligible disabled 17 veterans; authorizing a refundable tax credit against corporation net income tax or 18 personal income tax based upon 50% of property tax timely paid on personal property 19 owned by a small business; designating a short title; providing findings and purpose; 20 defining terms; providing for the application of tax credits; allowing rulemaking; providing 21 for annual reports to the legislature; and providing effective dates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 13MM. WEST VIRGINIA PROPERTY TAX ADJUSTMENT ACT.

§11-13MM-1. Findings and Purpose

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(a) This article shall be known and cited as the West Virginia Property Tax Adjustment Act.

(b) The Legislature finds that the encouragement of economic growth and development in this state is in the public interest and promotes the general welfare of the people of this state. In order to encourage capital investment in business and industry in this state and thereby increase economic development, there is hereby provided certain tax credits against the taxes imposed under §11-21-1 *et seq.* of this code, or against the tax imposed under §11-24-1 *et seq.* of this code based upon the amount of property tax timely paid on certain property subject to *ad valorem* property taxation.

§11-13MM-2. Definitions.

(a) *General.* — When used in this article, or in the administration of this article, terms
 defined in subsection (b) of this section have the meanings ascribed to them by this section unless
 a different meaning is clearly required by the context in which the term is used.

4 (b) Terms defined. –

5 (1) *"Ad valorem* property tax" means and is limited to the West Virginia *ad valorem* property
6 tax.

7 (2) "Business" means any activity taxable under article §11-12-1 *et seq.* of this code, which
8 is engaged in by any person in this State.

9 (3) "Disabled veteran taxpayer" means a person honorable discharged from any branch 10 of the armed services of the United States and who is considered at least ninety percent totally 11 and permanently disabled due solely to service-connected disabilities by the Department of 12 Veterans Affairs.

(4) "Eligible motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle on which the *ad valorem* property tax
has been paid for the taxable year by the eligible taxpayer, and which is a motor vehicle as defined
in this article.

(5) "Flow-through entity," "conduit entity," or "pass through entity" means an S Corporation,
partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company. The term
"flow-through entity," "conduit entity," or "pass through entity" includes a publicly traded

19 partnership as that term is defined in section 7704 of the Internal Revenue Code that has equity 20 securities registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under section 12 of Title I of 21 the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 USC §781: Provided, That a publicly traded partnership 22 as defined in section 7704 of the Internal Revenue Code having equity securities registered with 23 the Securities and Exchange Commission under section 12 of Title I of the Securities Exchange 24 Act of 1934, 15 USC §781, and any other person or entity that is treated as a C corporation for 25 federal income tax purposes, shall be treated as a corporation taxable under article §11-24-1 et 26 seq. of this code for purposes of this article.

(6) "Motor Vehicle" means the following class of vehicles defined in §17A-10-1 of this
code: Class A, Class B, Class G, Class H, Class T, Class V, Class X, and all-terrain vehicles and
utility terrain vehicles as defined in §20-15-2 of this code.

30 (7) "Person" means and includes an individual, a trust, estate, partnership, pass through
31 entity, association, company, or corporation.

(8) "Personal property" shall have the same meaning as in §11-5-1 *et seq.* of this code: *Provided*: That, for the purposes of this article, the term "personal property" shall not include a
working interest in any oil, natural gas, or natural gas liquid producing property or any property of
a public service company.

(9) "Personal property taxes paid" means the aggregate of regular levies, excess levies
and bond levies extended against personal property that are paid during the calendar year and
determined after any application of any discount for early payment of taxes. "Personal property
taxes paid" does not include any untimely *ad valorem* property tax paid, or any payment of
delinquent *ad valorem* property tax, or payment of "back tax" *ad valorem* property taxes, or any
penalty or interest for late payment of property taxes.

42 (10) "Public service company" means a corporation or other business entity which delivers
43 services considered essential to the public interest that are regulated by the applicable federal or
44 state regulatory body, including, but not limited to, businesses furnishing electricity, natural gas,

telecommunications, and water, and those transporting personal property or passengers,
including, but not limited to, airlines, railroads, trucking, and bus companies, and which are
centrally assessed by the state for property tax purposes.

48 (11) "Real property taxes paid" means the aggregate of regular levies, excess levies and 49 bond levies that are paid during the calendar year and determined after any application of any 50 discount for early payment of taxes. "Real property taxes paid" does not include any untimely *ad* 51 *valorem* property tax paid, or any payment of delinquent *ad valorem* property tax, or payment of 52 "back tax" *ad valorem* property taxes, or any penalty or interest for late payment of property taxes.

§11-13MM-3. Motor vehicle property tax adjustment credit.

(a) *Credit allowed.* — There shall be allowed to every eligible taxpayer a credit, as
 determined under this section, against the tax imposed under §11-21-1 *et seq.* of this code, or
 against the tax imposed under §11-24-1 *et seq.* of this code, as applicable.

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(b) "Eligible taxpayer" defined.—

5 (1) "Eligible taxpayer" – Owned motor vehicles — "Eligible taxpayer" means any person 6 who owns a motor vehicle for which the ad valorem property tax has been paid during the 7 corporation net income tax taxable year or the personal income tax taxable year, as applicable. 8 For purposes of this definition, ownership of a motor vehicle includes ownership and possession 9 of a motor vehicle for which a title has been issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles to the eligible 10 taxpayer. For purposes of this definition, ownership of a motor vehicle also includes ownership 11 and possession of a motor vehicle, subject to a purchase financing arrangement whereby a 12 financial institution holds a lien on the motor vehicle, or for which ultimate issuance of title by the Division of Motor Vehicles to the taxpayer, as owner of the motor vehicle, is contingent upon 13 14 payment in full of the purchase price of the motor vehicle pursuant to an installment payment 15 financing arrangement.

(2) "Eligible taxpayer" – Leased motor vehicles — "Eligible taxpayer" also means and
 includes any lessor of a motor vehicle, as herein defined, who owns a motor vehicle for which the

ad valorem property tax has been paid during the corporation net income tax taxable year or the personal income tax taxable year, as applicable: *Provided*, That, the lessor shall pass on to the lessee the value of the tax credit asserted by the lessor by causing a decreasing in the amount of rent or lease payment payable by the lessee on the leased motor vehicle.

(3) "Eligible taxpayer" – Pass through entities — "Eligible taxpayer" also means and
 includes any owner, interest holder, partner or S corporation shareholder that derives conduit
 income from a pass-through entity.

25 (4) "Eligible taxpayer" – Prohibition for motor vehicle dealers — "Eligible taxpayer" does 26 not mean or include any motor vehicle dealer, motor vehicle dealership, retailer or any business 27 that sells new or used motor vehicles at the retail level, other than a lessor of motor vehicles. In 28 circumstances where any such motor vehicle dealer, motor vehicle dealership, retailer or business 29 that sells new or used motor vehicles at the retail level is engaged in both retail sales of motor 30 vehicles, and leasing of motor vehicles as lessor, the tax credit authorized by this article may only 31 be asserted by such business based upon the ad valorem property tax paid on leased motor 32 vehicles, and only to the extent that the lessor has passed on, to the lessee, the value of the tax 33 credit asserted by the lessor by causing a decreasing in the amount of rent or lease payment 34 payable by the lessee on the leased motor vehicle. No credit may be asserted or applied by the 35 business based upon ad valorem property tax paid on motor vehicle retail inventories, not actively 36 leased to lessees. To the extent that motor vehicle retail inventories may be held as both motor 37 vehicle retail inventories, and as motor vehicles potentially subject to lease during the taxable 38 year, ad valorem property tax paid on such motor vehicles is excluded from eligibility for the tax 39 credit authorized by this article.

40 (c) Amount of credit. – The amount of credit allowed under this article to the eligible
41 taxpayer is the amount of West Virginia *ad valorem* property tax timely paid during the personal
42 income taxable year or the corporation net income tax taxable year, as applicable, to a county
43 sheriff on the value of a motor vehicle owned by the eligible taxpayer: *Provided*, That in no case

shall any credit be allowed under this article for any untimely *ad valorem* property tax paid, or any
payment of delinquent *ad valorem* property tax, or payment of "back tax" *ad valorem* property
taxes.

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(d) Application of credit against personal income tax and corporation net income tax. –

(1) Personal income tax – If the eligible taxpayer is subject to the personal income tax
imposed by §11-21-1 *et seq.* of this code, the amount of credit allowed shall be taken against the
personal income tax liability of the eligible taxpayer for the current personal income tax taxable
year.

52 (2) Corporation net income tax — If the eligible taxpayer is subject to the corporation net 53 income tax imposed by §11-24-1 *et seq.* of this code, the amount of credit allowed shall be taken 54 against the corporation net income tax liability of the eligible taxpayer for the current corporation 55 net income tax taxable year.

(e) *Refundable portion of annual credit allowance.* — If annual tax credit allowed under
this article exceeds the amount of personal income tax or corporation net income tax, as
applicable, subject to offset under this article in any taxable year, the eligible taxpayer may claim,
for that taxable year, the excess amount as a refundable tax credit.

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(f) Transfer or sale of the motor vehicle. —

61 (1) Where there is a sale or transfer of the motor vehicle from an eligible taxpayer to any 62 other person or entity, the transferor retains entitlement to the tax credit authorized under this 63 article for the timely paid *ad valorem* property tax paid by the transferor in the transferor's personal 64 income tax taxable year or corporation net income tax taxable year, as applicable, on the 65 transferred motor vehicle.

(2) If the transferee meets all requirements for qualification as an eligible taxpayer under
this article and meets all requirements for entitlement to the tax credit authorized under this article,
then the transferee shall be entitled to the tax credit authorized under this article for the timely

paid *ad valorem* property tax paid by the transferee in the transferee's personal income tax taxable
year or corporation net income tax taxable year, as applicable on the eligible motor vehicle.

(3) In no case shall the transferor and the transferee take the tax credit authorized under
this article for the same taxable year.

(g) Annual schedule. — The Tax Commissioner shall prescribe and supply all necessary instructions and forms for administration of this section. For purposes of asserting the credit against tax, the taxpayer shall prepare and file an annual schedule showing the amount of personal income tax paid for the taxable year, and the amount of property tax paid on the motor vehicle for the taxable year, and the amount of credit allowed under this article. The annual schedule shall set forth the information and be in the form prescribed by the Tax Commissioner.

§11-13MM-4. Disabled veteran real property tax credit.

(a) *Credit allowed.* — Disabled veterans may receive a tax credit against the tax imposed
 under §11-21-1 *et seq.* of this code in the amount of West Virginia *ad valorem* property tax timely
 paid on his or her homestead during the personal income taxable year.

(b) Amount of credit. — Any homeowner meeting the definition of a disabled veteran
under this article, shall be allowed a refundable credit against the taxes imposed by §11-21-1 *et seq.* of this code equal to the amount of West Virginia *ad valorem* real property taxes timely paid
a county sheriff on a homestead which is used or occupied exclusively for residential purposes,
as those terms are defined in §11-6B-2, during the personal income taxable year: *Provided*, That
in no case shall any credit be allowed under this article for any untimely real property tax paid, or
any payment of delinquent real property tax, or payment of "back tax" real property taxes.

(c) Application of credit against personal income tax. — The amount of credit allowed
under this section shall be taken against the personal income tax liability, imposed by article §1121-1 et seq. of this code, of the eligible taxpayer.

(d) *Refundable portion of annual credit allowance.* — If annual tax credit allowed under
this article exceeds the amount of personal income tax subject to offset under this article in any

taxable year, the eligible taxpayer may claim, for that taxable year, the excess amount as arefundable tax credit.

(e) *Termination of tax credit.* — Any tax credit approved in accordance with the provisions
of this section shall terminate immediately when any of the following events occur:

20 (1) The death of the owner of the property for which the tax credit was authorized;

21 (2) The sale of the property for which the tax credit was approved; or

22 (3) A determination by the assessor that the property for which the tax credit was approved

23 no longer qualifies for the tax credit in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(f) *Forms and instructions*. — The Tax Commissioner shall prescribe and supply all
 necessary instructions and forms for administration of this section.

§11-13MM-5. Small business property tax adjustment credit.

(a) *Credit allowed.* — There shall be allowed to every eligible small business taxpayer a
 credit, as determined under this section, against the tax imposed under §11-21-1 *et seq.* of this
 code, or against the tax imposed under §11-24-1 *et seq.* of this code, as applicable.

4 (b) Definitions – The following definitions apply to this section:

5 (1) "Aggregate appraised value" means the true and actual value of all property in the 6 state owned by the eligible taxpayer including the true and actual value of all property of any 7 related entity;

8 (2) "Related entity" means:

9 (A) An individual, corporation, partnership, affiliate, association or trust or any combination
10 or group thereof controlled by the taxpayer;

(B) An individual, corporation, partnership, affiliate, association or trust or any combination
or group thereof that is in control of the taxpayer;

(C) An individual, corporation, partnership, affiliate, association or trust or any combination
or group thereof controlled by an individual, corporation, partnership, affiliate, association or trust
or any combination or group thereof that is in control of the taxpayer; or

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(D) A member of the same controlled group as the taxpayer.

17 For purposes of this section, "control", with respect to a corporation, means ownership, 18 directly or indirectly, of stock possessing fifty percent or more of the total combined voting power 19 of all classes of the stock of the corporation which entitles its owner to vote. "Control", with respect 20 to a trust, means ownership, directly or indirectly, of fifty percent or more of the beneficial interest 21 in the principal or income of the trust. The ownership of stock in a corporation, of a capital or 22 profits interest in a partnership or association or of a beneficial interest in a trust shall be 23 determined in accordance with the rules for constructive ownership of stock provided in section 24 267(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code, as amended: *Provided*, That paragraph (3) 25 of section 267(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code shall not apply.

(3) "*Small business*" means a business with personal property located in this state with an
aggregate appraised value of \$1 million or less; *Provided*, That, for the purposes of this section,
"small business" does not include any person holding a working interest in any oil, natural gas, or
natural gas liquid producing property or any public service company that is centrally assessed by
the state for property tax purposes.

(c) Amount of credit. — The amount of credit allowed pursuant to this article to the eligible small business taxpayer is 50% of the amount of West Virginia *ad valorem* property tax due and owing and timely paid to a county sheriff by the eligible taxpayer on personal property, as that term is defined in this article: *Provided*, That in no case shall any credit be allowed under this article for any untimely *ad valorem* property tax paid, or any payment of delinquent *ad valorem* property tax, or payment of "back tax" *ad valorem* property taxes.

37 (d) Application of credit against personal income tax and corporation net income tax. –
38 The amount of credit determined under this section is allowed as a credit against 100 percent of
39 that portion of the taxpayer's state income tax liability and applied as provided in subsections (1)
40 and (2), and in that order.

(1) Corporation net income taxes. — If the eligible taxpayer is subject to the corporation
net income tax imposed by §11-24-1 *et seq.* of this code, the amount of credit allowed shall be
taken against the corporation net income tax liability of the eligible taxpayer for the current
corporation net income tax taxable year.

(2) Personal income taxes. — If the small business taxpayer is an electing small business
corporation, as defined in section 1361 of the United States Internal Revenue Code, a
partnership, a limited liability company that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax
purposes, or a sole proprietorship, then any unused credit is allowed as a credit against the taxes
imposed by §11-21-1 *et seq.* of this code.

50 (3) Electing small business corporations, limited liability companies treated as 51 partnerships for federal income tax purposes, partnerships, and other unincorporated 52 organizations shall allocate the credit allowed by this article among its members in the same 53 manner as profits and losses are allocated for the taxable year.

54 (4) No credit is allowed under this section against any employer withholding taxes imposed
55 by §11-21-1 *et seq.* of this code.

(e) *Refundable portion of annual credit allowance.* – If the annual tax credit allowed under
this article exceeds the amount of personal income tax or corporation net income tax, as
applicable, subject to offset under this article in any taxable year, the eligible taxpayer may claim,
for that taxable year, the excess amount as a refundable tax credit.

60 (f) *Annual schedule.* — The Tax Commissioner shall prescribe and supply all necessary 61 instructions and forms for administration of this section. For purposes of asserting the credit 62 against tax, the taxpayer shall prepare and file an annual schedule showing the amount of 63 personal income tax paid for the taxable year, and the amount of property tax paid on the personal 64 property subject to *ad valorem* property taxation pursuant to this chapter and pursuant to Article 65 X of the Constitution of this State, as applicable for the taxable year, and the amount of credit

allowed pursuant to this article. The annual schedule shall set forth the information and be in theform prescribed by the Tax Commissioner.

§11-13MM-6. Rulemaking.

1 The Tax Commissioner may promulgate such interpretive, legislative, and procedural 2 rules as the commissioner deems to be useful or necessary to carry out the purpose of §11-3 13MM-1 *et seq.* of this code and to implement the intent of the Legislature. All rules shall be 4 promulgated in accordance with the provisions of §29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code.

§11-13MM-7. Annual Reports.

1 The Tax Commissioner shall make an annual report, as soon as possible after the close 2 of each tax year, of the actions taken by the West Virginia Tax Division with respect to the tax 3 credits authorized pursuant to this article. This report shall be filed with the Joint Committee on 4 Government and Finance. The report shall include at a minimum the amount of the credit claimed 5 in the preceding tax year in each of the categories set forth in this article. Information set forth in 6 the report shall be subject to the confidentiality restrictions of §11-10-1 et seq. of this code, and 7 shall be redated and otherwise formatted and presented so as to preserve the confidentiality of 8 taxpayers and tax information.

11-13MM-8. Tax administration and procedures.

(a) Each and every provision of the "West Virginia Tax Procedure and Administration Act"
set forth in §11-10-1 *et seq.* of this code applies to the tax credits allowed under §11-13MM-1 *et seq.* of this code, except as otherwise expressly provided in this article, with like effect as if that
act were applicable only to the tax credit allowed by §11-13MM-1 *et seq.* of this code and were
set forth *in extenso* in this article.

(b) Each and every provision of the "West Virginia Tax Crimes and Penalties Act" set forth
in §11-9-1 *et seq.* of this code applies to the tax credit allowed by §11-13MM-1 *et seq.* of this code
with like effect as if that act were applicable only to the tax credit §11-13MM-1 *et seq.* of this code
and were set forth *in extenso* in this article.

§ 11-13MM-9. Severability.

(a) If any provision of §11-13MM-1 *et seq.* of this code, or the application thereof, is for
any reason adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the judgment may not
affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of §11-13MM-1 *et seq.* of this code, but shall be confined
in its operation to the provision thereof directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment
shall have been rendered, and the applicability of the provision to other persons or circumstances
may not be affected thereby.

(b) If any provision of §11-13MM-1 *et seq.* of this code, or the application thereof, is made invalid or inapplicable by reason of the repeal or any other invalidation of any statute therein addressed or referred to, such invalidation or inapplicability may not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of §11-13MM-1 *et seq.* of this code, but shall be confined in its operation to the provision thereof directly involved with, pertaining to, addressing, or referring to the statute, and the application of the provision with regard to other statutes or in other instances not affected by any such repealed or invalid statute may not be abrogated or diminished in any way.

§11-13MM-10. Effective Date.

This article shall be effective for personal income taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024, and for corporation net income tax taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2024. Subject to the restrictions, limitations and requirements set forth in this article, *ad valorem* property tax timely paid in the personal income tax taxable year, or the corporation net income tax taxable year, as applicable, beginning on or after January 1, 2024, may qualify for the tax credits specified in this article.

ARTICLE 21. PERSONAL INCOME TAX

§11-21-4g Rate of tax — Taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2023.

(a) Rate of tax on individuals (except married individuals filing separate returns),
 individuals filing joint returns, heads of households, and estates and trusts. — The tax imposed
 by §11-21-3 of this code on the West Virginia taxable income of every individual (except married

4 individuals filing separate returns); every individual who is a head of a household in the 5 determination of his or her federal income tax for the taxable year; every husband and wife who 6 file a joint return under this article; every individual who is entitled to file his or her federal income 7 tax return for the taxable year as a surviving spouse; and every estate and trust shall be 8 determined in accordance with the following table:

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10	income is:	The tax is:
11	Not over \$10,000	2.36% of the taxable income
12	Over \$10,000 but not over \$25,000	\$236 plus 3.15% of excess over \$10,000
13	Over \$25,000 but not over \$40,000	\$708.50 plus 3.54% of excess over \$25,000
14	Over \$40,000 but not over \$60,000	\$1,239.50 plus 4.72% of excess over
15		\$40,000
16	Over \$60,000	\$2,183.50 plus 5.12% of excess over
17		\$60,000

(b) *Rate of tax on married individuals filing separate returns.* — In the case of husband
and wife filing separate returns under this article for the taxable year, the tax imposed by §11-213 of this code on the West Virginia taxable income of each spouse shall be determined in
accordance with the following table:

22	If the West Virginia taxable	
23	income is:	The tax is:
24	Not over \$5,000	2.36% of the taxable income
25	Over \$5,000 but not over \$12,500	\$118 plus 3.15% of excess over \$5,000
26	Over \$12,500 but not over \$20,000	\$354.25 plus 3.54% of excess over \$12,500
27	Over \$20,000 but not over \$30,000	\$619.75 plus 4.72% of excess over \$20,000
28	Over \$30,000	\$1,091.75 plus 5.12% of excess over
29		\$30,000

30 (c) Effect of rates on Nonresident Composite and Withholding Obligations — 31 Notwithstanding any provision of this article to the contrary, for taxable years beginning on and 32 after the retroactive date specific in §11-21-4g(d) of this code, whenever the words "six and one-33 half percent" appear in §11-21-51a, §11-21-71a, §11-21-71b, or §11-21-77, of this article, with 34 relation to a tax return of, or the tax rate imposed on income of individuals, individuals filing joint 35 returns, heads of households, and estates and trusts, the stated percentage shall be changed to 36 5.12%.

(d) Applicability of this section. — The provisions of this section shall be applicable in
determining the rates of tax imposed by this article and shall apply retroactively for all taxable
years beginning on and after January 1, 2023, and shall be in lieu of the rates of tax specified in
§11-21-4e of this code.

§11-21-4h Future personal income tax reductions.

(a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this section have the meanings
 ascribed to them unless a different meaning is clearly required by the context in which the term is
 used:

4 (1) "Adjusted consumer price ratio" means the fiscal year consumer price index divided by
5 the base year consumer price index.

6 (2) "Adjusted general revenue fund collections" means all net general revenue fund
7 collections minus the net general revenue fund collections related to the imposition of the taxes
8 imposed under the provisions of §11-13A-1, *et seq.* of this code.

9 (3) "Base year revenues" means actual general revenue fund collections for 2019 fiscal
10 year, which is \$4,293,884,754

(4) "Base year consumer price index" means a 12-month average of the not seasonally
adjusted Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the months between July 2018 and
June 2019.

(5) "Excess fiscal year general revenue fund collections" means the positive difference
from subtracting the inflation adjusted base year revenues from the adjusted general revenue
fund collections from the immediately preceding fiscal year.

(6) "Fiscal year consumer price index" means a 12-month average of the not seasonally
adjusted Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the months between July and June
of the immediately preceding fiscal year.

20 (7) "Inflation adjusted base year revenues" means the base year general revenue fund
21 collections multiplied by the adjusted consumer price ratio.

(b) *Future personal income tax rate reductions.* — Beginning on August 15, 2024, and every August 15 thereafter, the Secretary of Revenue will determine whether the total fiscal year adjusted general revenue fund collections from the immediately preceding fiscal year are in excess of the inflation adjusted base year revenues. If the total fiscal year adjusted general revenue fund collections from the immediately preceding fiscal year are in excess of the inflation adjusted base year revenues, then there will be a reduction in the personal income tax rates as determined under this section beginning in the next taxable year.

(c) Determination of rate. — In order to determine the amount of a personal income tax reduction, the excess fiscal year general revenue fund collections will be divided by the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year's total personal income tax collections for all funds and will be rounded down to the nearest whole percentage. The amount of the percentage of reduction will be applied equally across the tax rates applicable in the tax year immediately preceding the rate reduction: *Provided*, That reduction in personal income tax rates may not result in an amount larger than a 10% reduction in the rates set forth in §11-21-4e of this code.

(d) Certification of reduction. – The Secretary of Revenue and the State Auditor will certify
 to the Tax Commissioner that a rate change is required under this section as soon as possible
 after August 15 so that the Tax Commissioner may notify taxpayers of any change in personal
 income tax rates. The certification will provide base year revenues, the total fiscal year

40 general revenue fund collections from the immediately preceding fiscal year, the base year 41 consumer price index, the fiscal year consumer price index, the adjusted consumer price ratio, 42 the amount of inflation adjusted base year revenues, the amount of excess fiscal year general 43 revenue fund collections and the amount of the immediately preceding fiscal year's total personal 44 income tax collections for all funds.

(e) *Applicability of this section.* — The provisions of this section shall be applicable in
determining the rates of tax imposed by this article and shall apply for all taxable years beginning
on and after January 1, 2025, and shall be in lieu of the rates of tax specified in §11-21-4g of this
code.

(f) Annual Reports. — The Tax Commissioner shall prepare an annual report to the Joint
 Committee on Government and Finance detailing any relevant modifications to the personal
 income tax.

(g) *Rulemaking.* — Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, the Tax
Commissioner may propose rules for legislative approval in accordance with the provisions of
§29A-3-1 *et seq.* of this code explaining and implementing this section.

The Clerk of the House of Delegates and the Clerk of the Senate hereby certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Originated in the House of Delegates.

In effect from passage.

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within is

Day of, 2023.

Governor