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HOUSE BILL NO. 1640

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-2402 of the Code of Virginia, relating to sales and use taxes on motor vehicles.

 Patron—Deeds

Referred to Committee on Finance

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 58.1-2402 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 58.1-2402. Levy.

A. There is hereby levied, in addition to all other taxes and fees of every kind now imposed by law, a tax upon the sale or use of motor vehicles in Virginia, other than (i) vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more, or (ii) a sale to or use by a person for rental as an established business or part of an established business or incidental or germane to such business.

There shall also be levied a tax upon the rental of a motor vehicle in Virginia, without regard to whether such vehicle is required to be licensed by the Commonwealth. However, such tax shall not be levied upon a rental to a person for re-rental as an established business or part of an established business, or incidental or germane to such business.

The amount of the tax to be collected shall be determined by the Commissioner by the application of the following rates against the gross sales price or gross proceeds:

1. Three percent of the sale price of each motor vehicle sold in Virginia. *If such vehicle (i) is manufactured, converted, or retrofitted to use clean special fuels, as defined in § 58.1-2101, and uses such fuels as a source of propulsion, or (ii) is a hybrid gasoline/electric powered motor vehicle that is propelled primarily by electric charge, the tax shall be one and one-half percent of the sale price of each motor vehicle sold in Virginia.* If such motor vehicle is a manufactured home as defined in § 36-85.3, the tax shall be three percent of the sale price of each such manufactured home sold in this Commonwealth; if such vehicle is a mobile office as defined in § 58.1-2401, the tax shall be two percent of the sale price of each mobile office sold in this Commonwealth.

2. Three percent of the sale price of each motor vehicle *or one and one-half percent of the sale price of such motor vehicle if the motor vehicle is (i) manufactured, converted, or retrofitted to use clean special fuels, as defined in § 58.1-2101, and uses such fuels as a source of propulsion, or (ii) a hybrid gasoline/electric powered motor vehicle that is propelled primarily by electric charge;* or three percent of the sale price of each manufactured home as defined in § 36-85.3; or two percent of the sale price of each mobile office as defined in § 58.1-2401, not sold in Virginia but used or stored for use in this Commonwealth. When any such motor vehicle or manufactured home is first used or stored for use in Virginia six months or more after its acquisition, the tax shall be based on its current market value.

3. Four percent of the gross proceeds from the rental in Virginia of any motor vehicle, except those with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more.

4. In addition to the tax levied pursuant to subdivision A 3, a tax of four percent of the gross proceeds shall be levied on the rental in Virginia of any daily rental vehicle, whether or not such vehicle is required to be licensed in the Commonwealth.

5. The minimum tax levied on the sale of any motor vehicle in the Commonwealth shall be thirty-five dollars, except as provided by those exemptions defined in § 58.1-2403.

B. A transaction taxed under subdivision A 1 shall not also be taxed under subdivision A 2, nor shall the same transaction be taxed more than once under either subdivision. A motor vehicle subject to the tax imposed under subdivision A 3 shall be subject to the tax under either subdivision A 1 or A 2 when it ceases to be used for rental as an established business or part of an established business, or incidental or germane to such business.

C. Any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer exempt from this tax under subdivision 1 or 2 of § 58.1-2403 shall be subject to the tax, based on the current market value when such vehicle is no longer owned, rented or used by the United States government or any governmental agency, or the Commonwealth of Virginia or any political subdivision thereof. Further, any motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer exempt from the tax imposed by this chapter under subdivision 11 of § 58.1-2403 or §§ 46.2-663 through 46.2-674 shall be subject to the tax, based on the current market value, when such vehicle is subsequently licensed to operate on the highways of this Commonwealth.

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59 D. Any person who with intent to evade or to aid another person to evade the tax provided for
60 herein, falsely states the selling price of a vehicle on a bill of sale, assignment of title, application for
61 title, or any other document or paper submitted to the Commissioner pursuant to any provisions of this
62 title or Title 46.2, shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.

63 E. Effective January 1, 1997, any amount designated as a "processing fee" and any amount charged
64 by a dealer for processing a transaction, which is required to be included on a buyer's order pursuant to
65 subdivision 10 of § 46.2-1530, shall be subject to the tax.