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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 58.1 a section 3 numbered 58.1-17, relating to voluntary contributions to the general fund.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: 6

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 58.1 a 7 8 section numbered 58.1-17 as follows: 9

§ 58.1-17. Donations to the general fund.

10 Any taxpayer wanting to donate money in excess of his tax liability to the Commonwealth may do so at any time by writing a check payable to the State Treasurer and designating it as a donation to the 11 Commonwealth's general fund. Such donations shall be used only for public purposes and shall be deductible as a charitable contribution to the extent allowed under § 170 of the Internal Revenue Code 12 13 of 1986, as amended. Taxpayers making donations pursuant to this section may (i) include their 14 15 donations when filing their Virginia income tax return, or (ii) deliver such donations, either in person or by mail, to the Tax Commissioner. The Tax Commissioner shall report to the State Treasurer the 16 amount donated monthly and the State Treasurer shall credit such amount to the general fund. 17

2. That the Tax Commissioner shall include information in the instructions of any state tax 18 19 package about donations that may be made to the general fund pursuant to the provisions of this 20 act. In addition, the Tax Commissioner shall, with the consent of the taxpayer, publish the names of taxpayers making donations pursuant to the provisions of this act on the Department of 21 Taxation's website at least monthly. 22

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