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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 306
1 2	Offered January 11, 2006
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4	A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 30-133, 46.2-623, 58.1-320, 58.1-3506, 58.1-3506.1, and 58.1-3912 of
5	the Code of Virginia; to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 36 of Title
6	58.1 a section numbered 58.1-3667; and to repeal § $15.2-1636.20$, Chapter 35.1 (§§ $58.1-3523$
7 8	through 58.1-3536) of Title 58.1, and § 58.1-3916.01 of the Code of Virginia, relating to replacing car tax reimbursements to localities with a portion of the state income tax.
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11	Referred to Committee on Finance
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13	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
14	1. That §§ 30-133, 46.2-623, 58.1-320, 58.1-3506, 58.1-3506.1, and 58.1-3912 of the Code of Virginia
15 16	are amended and reenacted, and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 5 of Chapter 36 of Title 58.1 a section numbered 58.1-3667, as follows:
17	§ 30-133. Duties and powers generally.
18	A. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall audit all the accounts of every state department, officer,
19	board, commission, institution or other agency handling any state funds. In the performance of such
20	duties and the exercise of such powers he may employ the services of certified public accountants,
21	provided the cost thereof shall not exceed such sums as may be available out of the appropriation
22	provided by law for the conduct of his office.
23	B. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall review the information required in § 2.2-1501 to determine
24 25	that state agencies are providing and reporting appropriate information on financial and performance measures, and the Auditor shall review the accuracy of the management systems used to accumulate and
2 6	report the results. The Auditor shall report annually to the General Assembly the results of such audits
27	and make recommendations, if indicated, for new or revised accountability or performance measures to
28	be implemented for the agencies audited.
29	C. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall prepare, by November 1, a summary of the results of all of
30	the audits and other oversight responsibilities performed for the most recently ended fiscal year. The
31	Auditor of Public Accounts shall present this summary to the Senate Finance, House Appropriations and
32 33	House Finance Committees on the day the Governor presents to the General Assembly the Executive Budget in accordance with §§ 2.2-1508 and 2.2-1509 or at the direction of the respective Chairman of
33 34	the Senate Finance, House Appropriations or House Finance Committees at one of their committee
35	meetings prior to the meeting above.
36	D. As part of his normal oversight responsibilities, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall incorporate
37	into his audit procedures and processes a review process to ensure that the Commonwealth's payments to
38	counties, cities, and towns under Chapter 35.1 (§ 58.1-3523 et seq.) of Title 58.1 are consistent with the
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40 41	Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee annually any material failure by a locality or the
42	Commonwealth to comply with the provisions of Chapter 35.1 of Title 58.1. ED. The Auditor of Public Accounts when called upon by the Governor shall examine the accounts
43	of any institution maintained in whole or in part by the Commonwealth and, upon the direction of the
44	Comptroller, shall examine the accounts of any officer required to settle his accounts with him; and
45	upon the direction of any other state officer at the seat of government he shall examine the accounts of
46	any person required to settle his accounts with such officer.
47	FE. Upon the written request of any member of the General Assembly, the Auditor of Public
48	Accounts shall furnish the requested information and provide technical assistance upon any matter
49 50	requested by such member. GF. In compliance with the provisions of the federal Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, Public
50 51	Law 104-156, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission may authorize the Auditor of Public
52	Accounts to audit biennially the accounts pertaining to federal funds received by state departments,
53	officers, boards, commissions, institutions or other agencies.
54	§ 46.2-623. Statements in application.
55	A. Every application for a certificate of title shall contain (i) a statement of the applicant's title and
56	of all liens or encumbrances on the vehicle and the names and addresses of all persons having any
57 59	interest in the vehicle and the nature of every interest in the vehicle; (ii) the Social Security number, if
58	any, of the owner and, if the application is in the name of an employer for a business vehicle, the

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employer's identification number assigned by the United States Internal Revenue Service; and (iii) a 59 60 brief description of the vehicle to be registered, including the name of the maker, the vehicle 61 identification or serial number and, when registering a new vehicle, the date of sale by the manufacturer 62 or dealer to the person first operating the vehicle.

B. Not later than July 15, 1998, the lessor of a qualifying vehicle, as defined in § 58.1-3523, shall 63 send a report to the Department for each such qualifying vehicle it was leasing as of July 1, 1998, and 64 has leased between January 1, 1998, and June 30, 1998, containing (i) the name and address of the 65 lessee as it appears in the lease contract; (ii) the social security number of the lessee; and (iii) the 66 registration number of the vehicle as described under Article 1 (§ 46.2-600 et seq.) of Chapter 6 of Title 67 68 46.2.

69 C. Beginning with August 1998, such lessor shall send a monthly report to the Department, by the 70 fifteenth day of the month or such later day as may be prescribed in the guidelines promulgated under 71 § 58.1-3532, listing any changes, additions or deletions to the information provided under subsection B 72 as of the last day of the preceding month.

 $\square B$. The application shall contain such additional information as may be required by the Department. 73 74 § 58.1-320. Imposition of tax.

75 A. A tax is hereby annually imposed on the Virginia taxable income for each taxable year of every 76 individual as follows:

77 Two percent on income not exceeding \$3,000;

78 Three percent on income in excess of \$3,000, but not in excess of \$5,000;

79 Five percent on income in excess of \$5,000, but not in excess of \$12,000 for taxable years beginning 80 before January 1, 1987;

Five percent on income in excess of \$5,000 but not in excess of \$14,000 for taxable years beginning 81 January 1, 1987, through December 31, 1987; 82

Five percent on income in excess of \$5,000 but not in excess of \$15,000 for taxable years beginning 83 84 January 1, 1988, through December 31, 1988;

Five percent on income in excess of \$5,000 but not in excess of \$16,000 for taxable years beginning 85 86 January 1, 1989, through December 31, 1989;

87 Five percent on income in excess of \$5,000 but not in excess of \$17,000 for taxable years beginning 88 January 1, 1990:

89 Five and three-quarters percent on income in excess of \$12,000 for taxable years beginning before 90 January 1, 1987;

91 Five and three-quarters percent on income in excess of \$14,000 for taxable years beginning January 92 1, 1987, through December 31, 1987;

93 Five and three-quarters percent on income in excess of \$15,000 for taxable years beginning January 94 1. 1988, through December 31, 1988;

Five and three-quarters percent on income in excess of \$16,000 for taxable years beginning January 95 96 1, 1989, through December 31, 1989; and

97 Five and three-quarters percent on income in excess of \$17,000 for taxable years beginning on and 98 after January 1, 1990.

99 B. An amount equal to 17.5% of the total individual income tax revenue actually collected by the 100 Department of Taxation in the immediately preceding fiscal year shall be distributed no later than September 1 each year, beginning September 1, 2009, to every county, city, and town based on each 101 102 county's, city's, and town's share of total Virginia taxable income. 103

§ 58.1-3506. Other classifications of tangible personal property for taxation.

104 A. The items of property set forth below are each declared to be a separate class of property and 105 shall constitute a classification for local taxation separate from other classifications of tangible personal 106 property provided in this chapter:

1. Boats or watercraft weighing five tons or more;

108 2. Aircraft having a maximum passenger seating capacity of no more than 50 which are owned and 109 operated by scheduled air carriers operating under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued 110 by the State Corporation Commission or the Civil Aeronautics Board;

3. All other aircraft not included in subdivision A 2 and flight simulators;

4. Antique motor vehicles as defined in § 46.2-100 which may be used for general transportation 112 113 purposes as provided in subsection C of § 46.2-730; 114

5. Tangible personal property used in a research and development business;

115 6. Heavy construction machinery, including but not limited to land movers, bulldozers, front-end 116 loaders, graders, packers, power shovels, cranes, pile drivers, forest harvesting and silvicultural activity 117 equipment and ditch and other types of diggers;

7. Generating equipment purchased after December 31, 1974, for the purpose of changing the energy 118 119 source of a manufacturing plant from oil or natural gas to coal, wood, wood bark, wood residue, or any other alternative energy source for use in manufacturing and any cogeneration equipment purchased to 120

121 achieve more efficient use of any energy source. Such generating equipment and cogeneration equipment 122 shall include, without limitation, such equipment purchased by firms engaged in the business of 123 generating electricity or steam, or both:

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8. Vehicles without motive power, used or designed to be used as manufactured homes as defined in
§ 36-85.3;

126 9. Computer hardware used by businesses primarily engaged in providing data processing services to127 other nonrelated or nonaffiliated businesses;

128 10. Privately owned pleasure boats and watercraft, 18 feet and over, used for recreational purposes 129 only;

130 11. Privately owned vans with a seating capacity of not less than seven nor more than 15 persons,

including the driver, used exclusively pursuant to a ridesharing arrangement as defined in § 46.2-1400;
 12. Motor vehicles specially equipped to provide transportation for physically handicapped individuals;

134 13. Motor vehicles (i) owned by members of a volunteer rescue squad or volunteer fire department 135 or (ii) leased by members of a volunteer rescue squad or volunteer fire department if the member is 136 obligated by the terms of the lease to pay tangible personal property tax on the motor vehicle. One 137 motor vehicle which is owned by each volunteer rescue squad member or volunteer fire department 138 member, or leased by each volunteer rescue squad member or volunteer fire department member if the 139 member is obligated by the terms of the lease to pay tangible personal property tax on the motor 140 vehicle, may be specially classified under this section, provided the volunteer rescue squad member or 141 volunteer fire department member regularly responds to emergency calls. The volunteer shall furnish the 142 commissioner of revenue, or other assessing officer, with a certification by the chief or head of the 143 volunteer organization, that the volunteer is a member of the volunteer rescue squad or fire department 144 who regularly responds to calls or regularly performs other duties for the rescue squad or fire 145 department, and the motor vehicle owned or leased by the volunteer rescue squad member or volunteer 146 fire department member is identified. The certification shall be submitted by January 31 of each year to 147 the commissioner of revenue or other assessing officer; however, the commissioner of revenue or other 148 assessing officer shall be authorized, in his discretion, and for good cause shown and without fault on 149 the part of the member, to accept a certification after the January 31 deadline. In any county which 150 prorates the assessment of tangible personal property pursuant to § 58.1-3516, a replacement vehicle may 151 be certified and classified pursuant to this subsection when the vehicle certified as of the immediately 152 prior January date is transferred during the tax year;

153 14. Motor vehicles (i) owned by auxiliary members of a volunteer rescue squad or volunteer fire 154 department or (ii) leased by auxiliary members of a volunteer rescue squad or volunteer fire department 155 if the member is obligated by the terms of the lease to pay tangible personal property tax on the motor 156 vehicle. One motor vehicle which is regularly used by each auxiliary volunteer fire department or rescue 157 squad member may be specially classified under this section. The auxiliary member shall furnish the 158 commissioner of revenue, or other assessing officer, with a certification by the chief or head of the 159 volunteer organization, that the volunteer is an auxiliary member of the volunteer rescue squad or fire 160 department who regularly performs duties for the rescue squad or fire department, and the motor vehicle 161 is identified as regularly used for such purpose; however, if a volunteer rescue squad or fire department 162 member and an auxiliary member are members of the same household, that household shall be allowed 163 no more than two special classifications under this subdivision or subdivision 13 of this section. The 164 certification shall be submitted by January 31 of each year to the commissioner of revenue or other 165 assessing officer; however, the commissioner of revenue or other assessing officer shall be authorized, in his discretion, and for good cause shown and without fault on the part of the member, to accept a 166 167 certification after the January 31 deadline;

168 15. Motor vehicles owned by a nonprofit organization and used to deliver meals to homebound
 169 persons or provide transportation to senior or handicapped citizens in the community to carry out the
 170 purposes of the nonprofit organization;

171 16. Privately owned camping trailers as defined in § 46.2-100, and privately owned travel trailers as
172 defined in § 46.2-1900, which are used for recreational purposes only, and privately owned trailers as
173 defined in § 46.2-100 that are designed and used for the transportation of horses except those trailers
174 described in subdivision A 11 of § 58.1-3505;

175 17. One motor vehicle owned and regularly used by a veteran who has either lost, or lost the use of, 176 one or both legs, or an arm or a hand, or who is blind or who is permanently and totally disabled as 177 certified by the Department of Veterans Services. In order to qualify, the veteran shall provide a written 178 statement to the commissioner of revenue or other assessing officer from the Department of Veterans 179 Services that the veteran has been so designated or classified by the Department of Veterans Services as 180 to meet the requirements of this section, and that his disability is service-connected. For purposes of this 181 section, a person is blind if he meets the provisions of § 46.2-739; 204

182 18. Motor vehicles (i) owned by persons who have been appointed to serve as auxiliary police officers pursuant to Article 3 (§ 15.2-1731 et seq.) of Chapter 17 of Title 15.2 or (ii) leased by persons 183 184 who have been so appointed to serve as auxiliary police officers if the person is obligated by the terms 185 of the lease to pay tangible personal property tax on the motor vehicle. One motor vehicle which is 186 regularly used by each auxiliary police officer to respond to auxiliary police duties may be specially 187 classified under this section. In order to qualify for such classification, any auxiliary police officer who 188 applies for such classification shall identify the vehicle for which this classification is sought, and shall 189 furnish the commissioner of revenue or other assessing officer with a certification from the governing 190 body which has appointed such auxiliary police officer or from the official who has appointed such 191 auxiliary officers. That certification shall state that the applicant is an auxiliary police officer who 192 regularly uses a motor vehicle to respond to auxiliary police duties, and it shall state that the vehicle for 193 which the classification is sought is the vehicle which is regularly used for that purpose. The 194 certification shall be submitted by January 31 of each year to the commissioner of revenue or other 195 assessing officer; however, the commissioner of revenue or other assessing officer shall be authorized, in 196 his discretion, and for good cause shown and without fault on the part of the member, to accept a 197 certification after the January 31 deadline;

198 19. Until the first to occur of June 30, 2009, or the date that a special improvements tax is no longer
199 levied under § 15.2-4607 on property within a Multicounty Transportation Improvement District created
200 pursuant to Chapter 46 (§ 15.2-4600 et seq.) of Title 15.2, tangible personal property that is used in
201 manufacturing, testing, or operating satellites within a Multicounty Transportation Improvement District,
202 provided that such business personal property is put into service within the District on or after July 1,
203 1999;

20. Motor vehicles which use clean special fuels as defined in § 46.2-749.3;

205 21. Wild or exotic animals kept for public exhibition in an indoor or outdoor facility which is
206 properly licensed by the federal government, the Commonwealth, or both, and which is properly zoned
207 for such use. "Wild animals" means any animals which are found in the wild, or in a wild state, within
208 the boundaries of the United States, its territories or possessions. "Exotic animals" means any animals
209 which are found in the wild, or in a wild state, and are native to a foreign country;

210 22. Furniture, office, and maintenance equipment, exclusive of motor vehicles, which are owned and
211 used by an organization whose real property is assessed in accordance with § 58.1-3284.1 and which is
212 used by that organization for the purpose of maintaining or using the open or common space within a
213 residential development;

214 23. Motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers with a gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or more215 used to transport property for hire by a motor carrier engaged in interstate commerce;

216 24. All tangible personal property employed in a trade or business other than that described in217 subdivisions A 1 through A 18, except for subdivision A 17, of § 58.1-3503;

218 25. Programmable computer equipment and peripherals employed in a trade or business;

219 26. Privately owned pleasure boats and watercraft, motorized and under 18 feet, used for recreational
 220 purposes only;

221 27. Privately owned pleasure boats and watercraft, nonmotorized and under 18 feet, used for 222 recreational purposes only;

223 28. Privately owned motor homes as defined in § 46.2-100 that are used for recreational purposes 224 only;

225 29. Tangible personal property used in the provision of Internet services. For purposes of this
226 subdivision, "Internet service" means a service, including an Internet Web-hosting service, that enables
227 users to access content, information, electronic mail, and the Internet as part of a package of services
228 sold to customers;

229 30. Motor vehicles (i) owned by persons who serve as auxiliary, reserve or special deputy sheriffs or 230 (ii) leased by persons who serve as auxiliary, reserve or special deputy sheriffs if the person is obligated by the terms of the lease to pay tangible personal property tax on the motor vehicle. For purposes of this subdivision, the term "auxiliary deputy sheriff" means auxiliary, reserve or special deputy sheriff. 231 232 233 One motor vehicle that is regularly used by each auxiliary deputy sheriff to respond to auxiliary deputy 234 sheriff duties may be specially classified under this section. In order to qualify for such classification, 235 any auxiliary deputy sheriff who applies for such classification shall identify the vehicle for which this 236 classification is sought, and shall furnish the commissioner of revenue or other assessing officer with a 237 certification from the governing body that has appointed such auxiliary deputy sheriff or from the 238 official who has appointed such auxiliary deputy sheriff. That certification shall state that the applicant 239 is an auxiliary deputy sheriff who regularly uses a motor vehicle to respond to such auxiliary duties, and 240 it shall state that the vehicle for which the classification is sought is the vehicle that is regularly used for that purpose. The certification shall be submitted by January 31 of each year to the commissioner of 241 242 revenue or other assessing officer; however, the commissioner of revenue or other assessing officer shall 243 be authorized, in his discretion, and for good cause shown and without fault on the part of the member,

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244 to accept a certification after the January 31 deadline; 245

31. Forest harvesting and silvicultural activity equipment; and

246 32. Equipment used primarily for research, development, production, or provision of biotechnology 247 for the purpose of developing or providing products or processes for specific commercial or public 248 purposes, including, but not limited to, medical, pharmaceutical, nutritional, and other health-related 249 purposes; agricultural purposes; or environmental purposes but not for human cloning purposes as 250 defined in § 32.1-162.21 or for products or purposes related to human embryo stem cells. For purposes 251 of this section, biotechnology equipment means equipment directly used in activities associated with the 252 science of living things.

B. The governing body of any county, city or town may levy a tax on the property enumerated in 253 254 subsection A at different rates from the tax levied on other tangible personal property. The rates of tax 255 and the rates of assessment shall (i) for purposes of subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9 through 18, 20 through 256 22, and 24 through 32 of subsection A, not exceed that applicable to the general class of tangible personal property, (ii) for purposes of subdivisions A 5, A 7, A 19, and A 23, not exceed that applicable 257 258 to machinery and tools, and (iii) for purposes of subdivision A 8, equal that applicable to real property.

259 C. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, for any qualifying vehicle, as such term is 260 defined in § 58.1-3523, (i) included in any separate class of property in subsection A and (ii) assessed 261 for tangible personal property taxes by a county, city, or town receiving a payment from the Commonwealth under Chapter 35.1 of this title for providing tangible personal property tax relief, the 262 263 county, city, or town may levy the tangible personal property tax on such qualifying vehicle at a rate 264 not to exceed the rates of tax and rates of assessment required under such chapter.

265 § 58.1-3506.1. Other classification for taxation of certain tangible personal property owned by certain 266 elderly and handicapped persons.

267 The governing body of any county, city or town may, by ordinance, levy a tax on one motor vehicle 268 owned and used primarily by or for anyone at least 65 years of age or anyone found to be permanently 269 and totally disabled, as defined in § 58.1-3506.3, at a different rate from the tax levied on other tangible 270 personal property, upon such conditions as the ordinance may prescribe. Such rate shall not exceed the tangible personal property tax on the general class of tangible personal property. For purposes of this 271 272 article, the term motor vehicle shall include only automobiles and pickup trucks. Any such motor 273 vehicle owned by a husband and wife may qualify if either spouse is 65 or over or if either spouse is 274 permanently and totally disabled. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section or article, for any 275 automobile or pickup truck that is (i) a qualifying vehicle, as such term is defined in § 58.1-3523, and 276 (ii) assessed for tangible personal property taxes by a county, city, or town receiving a payment from 277 the Commonwealth under Chapter 35.1 of this title for providing tangible personal property tax relief, 278 the rate of tax levied pursuant to this article shall not exceed the rates of tax and rates of assessment 279 required under such chapter.

280 § 58.1-3667. Motor vehicles used for nonbusiness purposes.

281 Pursuant to Article X, Section 6 (a) (8) of the Constitution of Virginia, motor vehicles used for 282 nonbusiness purposes are exempt from taxation.

For purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any passenger car, motorcycle, and pickup or 283 284 panel truck, as those terms are defined in § 46.2-100, that is determined by the commissioner of the 285 revenue of the county, city, or town in which the vehicle has situs as provided by § 58.1-3511 to be (i) 286 owned by a natural person or (ii) leased by a natural person pursuant to a contract requiring the lessee 287 to pay the tangible personal property tax on such vehicle. In making this determination the 288 commissioner of revenue may rely on the registration of such vehicle with the Department of Motor 289 Vehicles pursuant to Chapter 6 (§ 46.2-600 et seq.) of Title 46.2.

290 For purposes of this section "used for nonbusiness purposes" means the preponderance of use is for 291 other than business purposes. The preponderance of use for other than business purposes shall be 292 deemed not to be satisfied if: (i) the motor vehicle is expensed on the taxpayer's federal income tax 293 return pursuant to Internal Revenue Code § 179, (ii) more than 50% of the basis for depreciation of the 294 motor vehicle is depreciated for federal income tax purposes, or (iii) the allowable expense of total 295 annual mileage in excess of 50% is deductible for federal income tax purposes or reimbursed pursuant 296 to an arrangement between an employer and employee. 297

§ 58.1-3912. Treasurers to mail certain bills to taxpayers; penalties; electronic transmission.

298 A. The treasurer of every city and county shall, as soon as reasonably possible in each year, but not 299 later than 14 days prior to the due date of the taxes, send or cause to be sent by United States mail to 300 each taxpayer assessed with taxes and levies for that year a bill or bills setting forth the amounts due. 301 The treasurer may elect not to send a bill amounting to \$20 or less as shown by an assessment book in 302 such treasurer's office. The treasurer may employ the services of a mailing service or other vendor for fulfilling the requirements of this section. The failure of any such treasurer to comply with this section 303 304 shall be a Class 4 misdemeanor. Such treasurer shall be deemed in compliance with this section as to

305 any taxes due on real estate if, upon certification by the obligee of any note or other evidence of debt 306 secured by a mortgage or deed of trust on such real estate that an agreement has been made with the 307 obligor in writing within the mortgage or deed of trust instrument that such arrangements be made, he 308 mails the bill for such taxes to the obligee thereof. Upon nonpayment of taxes by either the obligee or 309 obligor, a past-due tax bill will be sent to the taxpayer. No governing body shall publish the name of a 310 taxpayer in connection with a tax debt for which a bill was not sent, without first sending a notice of 311 deficiency to his last known address at least two weeks before such publication.

B. The governing body of any county, city or town may attach to or mail with all real estate and tangible personal property tax bills, prepared for taxpayers in such locality, information indicating how the tax rate charged upon such property and revenue derived therefrom is apportioned among the various services and governmental functions provided by the locality.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, in any county which has adopted
the urban county executive form of government, and in any county contiguous thereto which has
adopted the county executive form of government, tangible personal property tax bills shall be mailed
not later than 30 days prior to the due date of such taxes.

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, any county and town, the
 governing bodies of which mutually agree, shall be allowed to send, to each taxpayer assessed with
 taxes, by United States mail no later than 14 days prior to the due date of the taxes, a single real
 property tax bill and a single tangible personal property tax bill.

324 E. Beginning with tax year 2006, in addition to all other information currently appearing on tangible 325 personal property tax bills, each such bill required to be sent pursuant to subsection A shall state on its 326 face (i) whether the vehicle is a qualifying vehicle as defined in § 58.1-3523; (ii) a statement indicating the reduced tangible personal property tax rates applied to qualifying vehicles resulting from the 327 Commonwealth's reimbursements for tangible personal property tax relief pursuant to § 58.1-3524, and the locality's tangible personal property tax rate for its general class of tangible personal property, 328 329 provided that such statement shall not be required for tax bills in any county, city, or town that will not 330 331 receive any reimbursement pursuant to subsection B of § 58.1-3524; (iii) the vehicle's registration 332 number pursuant to § 46.2-604; (iv) the amount of tangible personal property tax levied on the vehicle; and (v) if the locality prorates personal property tax pursuant to § 58.1-3516, the number of months for 333 334 which a bill is being sent.

335 FE. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, the treasurer, consistent with guidelines 336 promulgated by the Department of Taxation implementing the provisions of subdivision 2 of 337 § 58.1-1820, may convey, with the written consent of the taxpayer, any tax bill by electronic means 338 chosen by the taxpayer, including without limitation facsimile transmission or electronic mail (e-mail), in 339 lieu of posting such bill by first-class mail. The treasurer conveying a bill by means authorized in this 340 subsection shall maintain a copy (in written form or electronic media) of the bill reflecting the date of 341 transmission until such time as the bill has been satisfied or otherwise removed from the treasurer's 342 books by operation of law. Transmission of a bill pursuant to this subsection shall have the same force 343 and effect for all purposes arising under this subtitle as mailing to the taxpayer by first-class mail on the 344 date of transmission.

345 2. That § 15.2-1636.20, Chapter 35.1 (§ 58.1-3523 through 58.1-3536) of Title 58.1, and 346 § 58.1-3916.01 of the Code of Virginia are repealed.

347 3. That the provisions of this act shall become effective: (i) on January 1, 2009, and (ii) only if a 348 Constitutional amendment to Article X, Section 6 of the Constitution of Virginia making motor 349 vehicles used for nonbusiness purposes exempt from taxation is ratified by a majority of voters

350 voting on such measure at the election directed by law to be held on the Tuesday after the first

351 Monday in November, 2008.