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1	SENATE BILL NO. 733
2	AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
3	(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Finance
4	on February 10, 2010)
5	(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator McWaters)
6	A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Chapter 25 of Title 58.1 an article numbered 3,
7	consisting of sections numbered 58.1-2532 through 58.1-2551, relating to tax credits against the state
8	license tax on certain insurance companies.
9 10	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
10 11	1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Chapter 25 of Title 58.1 an article numbered 3, consisting of sections numbered 58.1-2532 through 58.1-2551, as follows:
12	Article 3.
13	License Tax Credit for Investment in Virginia Small Business Investment Companies.
14	§ 58.1-2532. Definitions.
15	As used in this article, unless the context requires a different meaning:
16	"Affiliate" of another person means:
17	1. A person who directly or indirectly:
18	a. Beneficially owns 15 percent or more of the outstanding voting securities or other voting or
19	management interests of the other person, whether through rights, options, convertible interests, or
20 21	otherwise; or
²¹ 22	b. Controls or holds power to vote 15 percent or more of the outstanding voting securities or other voting or management interests of the other person;
$\frac{22}{23}$	2. A person 15 percent or more of the outstanding voting securities or other voting or management
2 4	interests of which are directly or indirectly:
25	a. Beneficially owned by the other person, whether through rights, options, convertible interests, or
26	otherwise; or
27	b. Controlled or held with power to vote by the other person;
28	3. A partnership in which the other person is a general partner; or
29	4. An officer, director, employee, or agent of the other person, or an immediate family member of the
30 31	officer, director, employee, or agent. "Allocation date" means the date on which the participating investors of a Virginia small business
32	investment company are allocated designated capital by the Tax Commissioner under this article.
33	"Designated capital" means an investment of cash by a certified investor in a Virginia small business
34	investment company that fully funds the purchase price of an equity interest in the company or a
35	qualified debt instrument issued by the Virginia small business investment company.
36	"Virginia small business investment company" means a partnership, corporation, or trust or limited
37	liability company, whether organized on a profit or not-for-profit basis, that: 1) has its principal office
38	located or is headquartered in Virginia; and 2) has as its primary business activity the investment of
39 40	cash in qualified businesses and that is certified as meeting the criteria of this article.
40 41	"Participating investor" means an insurance company or other person that has state license tax liability, other than a title insurance company, that contributes designated capital pursuant to an
42	allocation of license tax credits under this article.
43	"License tax credit allocation claim" means a claim for allocation of license tax credits.
44	"Person" means a natural person or entity, including a corporation, general or limited partnership,
45	or trust or limited liability company.
46	"Qualified business" means a business that, at the time of a Virginia small business investment
47	company's first investment in the business:
48	1. Is headquartered in the Commonwealth and intends to remain in the Commonwealth after receipt
49 50	of the investment by the Virginia small business investment company; 2. Has its principal business operations located in the Commonwealth and intends to maintain
50 51	business operations in the Commonwealth after receipt of the investment by the Virginia small business
51 52	investment company;
53	3. Has agreed to use the qualified investment primarily to:
54	a. Support business operations in the Commonwealth, other than advertising, promotion, and sales
55	operations that may be conducted outside of the Commonwealth; or
56	b. In the case of a start-up company, establish and support business operations in the
57 58	Commonwealth, other than advertising, promotion, and sales operations that may be conducted outside of the Commonwealth:
58 59	of the Commonwealth; 4. Has not more than 100 employees and:
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60 a. Employs at least 80 percent of its employees in the Commonwealth; or

b. Pays 80 percent of its payroll to employees in the Commonwealth; 61

62 5. Is primarily engaged in:

63 a. Manufacturing, processing, or assembling products;

b. Conducting research and development; or 64

65 c. Providing services;

66 6. Is not primarily engaged in:

67 a. Retail sales;

b. Real estate development; 68

69 c. The business of insurance, banking, or lending; or

d. The provision of professional services provided by accountants, attorneys, or physicians and 70

7. Is not a franchise of and has no financial relationship with a Virginia small business investment 71 72 company or any affiliate of a Virginia small business investment company prior to a Virginia small business investment company's first qualified investment in the business. 73

8. A business classified as a qualified business at the time of the first qualified investment in the 74 75 business will remain classified as a qualified business and may receive continuing qualified investments from any Virginia small business investment company. Continuing investments will constitute qualified 76 77 investments even though the business may not meet the definition of a qualified business at the definition 78 of a qualified business at the time of such continuing investments.

79 "Qualified debt instrument" means a debt instrument issued by a Virginia small business investment 80 company, at par value or a premium, that: 81

1. Has an original maturity date of at least four years after the date of issuance;

82 2. Has a repayment schedule that is not faster than a level principal amortization over four years; 83 and

84 3. Has no interest or payment features that allow for the prepayment of interest or are tied to the profitability of the Virginia small business investment company or the success of its investments. 85

Qualified distribution" means any distribution or payment by a Virginia small business investment 86 87 company in connection with:

88 1. The reasonable costs and expenses of forming, syndicating, managing, and operating the company, 89 provided that the distribution or payment is not made directly or indirectly to a participating investor, 90 including:

91 a. Reasonable and necessary fees paid for professional services, including legal and accounting 92 services, related to the formation and operation of the company; and

93 b. An annual management fee in an amount that does not exceed two percent of the designated 94 capital of the company; and

95 2. Any projected increase in federal or state taxes, including penalties and interest related to state 96 and federal income taxes, or the equity owners of the company resulting from the earnings or other tax 97 liability of the company to the extent that the increase is related to the ownership, management, or 98 operation of the company.

99 "Qualified investment" means the investment of cash by a Virginia small business investment 100 company in a qualified business for the purchase of any debt, debt participation, equity, or hybrid 101 security of any nature or description, including a debt instrument or security that has the characteristics 102 of debt but that provides for conversion into equity or equity participation instruments such as options 103 or warrants.

"State license tax liability" means any liability incurred by any person under Article 1 (§ 58.1-2500 104 105 et seq.) of Chapter 25.

"Strategic investment area" means any population census tract in which: 106 107

1. The poverty rate for such tract is at least 20 percent, or

108 2. a. In the case of a tract not located within a metropolitan area, the median family income for 109 such tract does not exceed 80 percent of statewide median family income, or

b. In the case of a tract located within a metropolitan area, the median family income for such tract 110 does not exceed 80 percent of the greater of statewide median family income or the metropolitan area 111 112 median family income.

§ 58.1-2533. Duties of Tax Commissioner; regulations.

114 The Tax Commissioner shall administer this article and may adopt regulations as necessary to implement this article. 115 116

§ 58.1-2534. Certification.

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A. The Tax Commissioner shall establish the application procedures for Virginia small business 117 118 investment companies.

B. An applicant must file an application on the form prescribed by the Tax Commissioner 119 accompanied by a nonrefundable application fee of \$7,500. The application must include an audited 120 balance sheet of the applicant, with an unqualified opinion from an independent certified public 121

122 accountant, as of a date not more than 35 days before the date of the application. 123

C. To qualify as a Virginia small business investment company:

124 1. The applicant must have, at the time of application, an equity capitalization of at least \$500,000 125 in the form of unencumbered cash or cash equivalents;

126 2. At least two principals or persons employed to manage the funds of the applicant must have at 127 least five years of experience in the venture capital or private equity industry; and 128

3. The applicant must satisfy any additional requirement imposed by the Tax Commissioner.

129 D. The Tax Commissioner shall review the application, organizational documents, and business 130 history of each applicant and shall ensure that the applicant satisfies the requirements of this article.

131 E. Not later than the thirtieth day after the date an application is filed, the Tax Commissioner shall: 132 1. Issue the certification; or

133 2. Refuse to issue the certification and communicate in detail to the applicant the grounds for the 134 refusal, including suggestions for the removal of those grounds. 135

§ 58.1-2535. Management by certain entities prohibited.

136 A. An insurance company, group of insurance companies, or other persons who may have state 137 license tax liability or the affiliates of the insurance companies or other persons may not, directly or 138 indirectly:

139 1. Manage a Virginia small business investment company:

140 2. Beneficially own, whether through rights, options, convertible interests, or otherwise, more than 10 141 percent of the outstanding voting securities of a Virginia small business investment company; or

142 3. Control the direction of investments for a Virginia small business investment company.

143 B. Subsection A applies without regard to whether the insurance company or other person or the 144 affiliate of the insurance company or other person is licensed by or transacts business in the 145 *Commonwealth.*

146 C. This section does not preclude a participating investor, insurance company, or any other party 147 from exercising its legal rights and remedies, including interim management of a Virginia small business 148 investment company, if authorized by law, with respect to a Virginia small business investment company that is in default of its statutory or contractual obligations to the participating investor, insurance 149 150 company, or other party. 151

§ 58.1-2536. Offering material used by a Virginia small business investment company.

152 Any offering material involving the sale of securities of the Virginia small business investment company must include the following statement: "By authorizing the formation of a Virginia small 153 154 business investment company, the Commonwealth of Virginia does not endorse the quality of 155 management or the potential for earnings of the company and is not liable for damages or losses to a 156 participating investor in the company. Use of the word "certified" in an offering does not constitute a 157 recommendation or endorsement of the investment by the Tax Commissioner. If applicable provisions of law are violated, the Commonwealth of Virginia may require forfeiture of unused license tax credits and 158 159 repayments of used license tax credits.

160 § 58.1-2537. Requirements for continuance of certification.

161 A. To continue to be certified, a Virginia small business investment company shall make qualified 162 investments according to the following schedule:

163 1. Before the second anniversary of an allocation date, a Virginia small business investment 164 company must have made qualified investments in an amount cumulatively equal to at least 35 percent 165 of the designated capital allocated on such date of which at least 25 percent shall be in strategic 166 investment areas; and

167 2. Before the third anniversary of an allocation date, a Virginia small business investment company 168 must have made qualified investments in an amount cumulatively equal to at least 50 percent of the 169 designated capital on such date of which at least 25 percent shall be in strategic investment areas.

170 B. The aggregate cumulative amount of all qualified investments made by the Virginia small business 171 investment company after its allocation date shall be considered in the computation of the percentage 172 requirements under this article. Any proceeds received from a qualified investment may be invested in 173 another qualified investment and count toward any requirement in this article with respect to 174 investments of designated capital.

175 C. Nothing in this article shall limit an insurance company's ownership of nonvoting equity interests 176 in a Virginia small business investment company.

177 D. A business that is classified as a qualified business at the time of the first investment in the 178 business by a Virginia small business investment company remains classified as a qualified business and 179 may receive follow-on investments from any Virginia small business investment company. Except as 180 provided by this section, a follow-on investment made under this section is a qualified investment even though the business may not meet the definition of a qualified business at the time of the follow-on 181 investment. A follow-on investment does not qualify as a qualified investment if, at the time of the 182

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183 follow-on investment, the qualified business no longer has its principal business operations in the 184 Commonwealth.

185 E. A qualified investment may not be made at a cost to a Virginia small business investment 186 company greater than 15 percent of the total designated capital of the company at the time of 187 investment.

188 F. If, before the ninetieth day after the date that a Virginia small business investment company 189 makes an investment in a qualified business, the qualified business moves its principal business 190 operations from the Commonwealth, the investment may not be considered a qualified investment for 191 purposes of the percentage requirements under this article.

192 G. A Virginia small business investment company shall invest any designated capital not invested in 193 qualified investments only in the following:

194 1. Cash deposited with a federally insured financial institution; 195

2. Certificates of deposit in a federally insured financial institution;

196 3. Investment securities that are obligations of the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities or obligations that are guaranteed fully as to principal and interest by the United States; 197

198 4. Debt instruments rated at least "A" or its equivalent by a nationally recognized credit rating 199 organization, or issued by, or guaranteed with respect to payment by, an entity whose unsecured indebtedness is rated at least "A" or its equivalent by a nationally recognized credit rating organization, 200 201 and which indebtedness is not subordinated to other unsecured indebtedness of the issuer or the 202 guarantor; 203

5. Obligations of the Commonwealth or any political subdivision of the Commonwealth; or

6. Any other investments approved in advance and in writing by the Tax Commissioner.

H. If, within five years after an allocation date, a Virginia small business investment company has 205 206 not invested at least 80 percent of the designated capital allocated on such date in qualified investments, 207 of which at least 25 percent shall be in strategic investment areas, the Virginia small business 208 investment company shall not be permitted to pay management fees.

209 I. If, within seven years after an allocation date, a Virginia small business investment company has 210 not invested at least 100 percent of the designated capital allocated on such date in qualified 211 investments, of which at least 25 percent shall be in strategic investment areas, the Virginia small 212 business investment company shall not be permitted to pay management fees. 213

§ 58.1-2538. Evaluation of business by Tax Commissioner.

214 A. A Virginia small business investment company may, before making an investment in a business, 215 request from the Tax Commissioner a written opinion as to whether the business in which it proposes to 216 invest is a qualified business and is located in a strategic investment area.

217 B. The Tax Commissioner shall, not later than the fifteenth business day after the date of the receipt 218 of a request pursuant to subsection A, determine whether the business meets the definition of a qualified 219 business, and notify the Virginia small business investment company of the determination and an 220 explanation of its determination or notify the Virginia small business investment company that an 221 additional 15 days will be needed to review and make the determination.

222 C. If the Tax Commissioner fails to notify the Virginia small business investment company with 223 respect to the proposed investment within the period specified by subsection B, the business in which the 224 company proposes to invest shall be considered to be a qualified business or to be located in a strategic 225 investment area. 226

§ 58.1-2539. Reports to Tax Commissioner; audited financial statement.

227 A. Each Virginia small business investment company shall report to the Tax Commissioner as soon 228 as practicable after the receipt of designated capital:

229 1. The name of each participating investor from whom the designated capital was received, including 230 the participating investor's insurance license tax identification number; 231

2. The amount of each certified investor's investment of designated capital and license tax credits;

3. The date on which the designated capital was received; and

4. The qualified investments have been made in strategic investment areas.

234 B. Not later than January 31 of each year, each Virginia small business investment company shall 235 report to the Tax Commissioner:

1. The amount of the company's designated capital at the end of the preceding year;

237 2. Whether or not the company has invested more than 15 percent of its total designated capital in 238 any one business without specific approval of the Tax Commissioner;

239 3. Each qualified investment that the company made during the preceding year and, with respect to 240 each qualified investment, the number of employees of the qualified business at the time the qualified 241 investment was made; and 242

4. Any other information required by the Tax Commissioner.

243 C. Not later than April 1 of each year, the company shall provide to the Tax Commissioner an annual audited financial statement that includes the opinion of an independent certified public 244

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245 accountant. The audit shall address the methods of operation and conduct of the business of the 246 company to determine whether:

247 1. The company is complying with this article:

248 2. The funds received by the company have been invested as required within the time provided by 249 § 58.1-2537; and

250 3. The company has invested the funds in qualified businesses, which shall include strategic 251 investment area qualifying information, if applicable. 252

§ 58.1-2540. Renewal.

253 A. Not later than January 31 of each year, each Virginia small business investment company shall 254 pay a nonrefundable renewal fee of \$5,000 to the Tax Commissioner. If a Virginia small business 255 investment company fails to pay its renewal fee on or before that date, the company must pay, in 256 addition to the renewal fee, a late fee of \$5,000 to continue its certification.

257 B. Notwithstanding subsection A, a renewal fee is not required within six months of the date on 258 which the company's certification is issued under § 58.1-2534.

259 § 58.1-2541. Distributions; repayment of debt.

260 A. A Virginia small business investment company may make a qualified distribution at any time. To 261 make a distribution or payment, other than a qualified distribution, a company must have made 262 qualified investments in an amount cumulatively equal to 100 percent of its designated capital.

263 B. Notwithstanding subsection A, a company may make repayments of principal and interest on its 264 indebtedness without any restriction, including repayments of indebtedness of the company on which 265 participating investors earned license tax credits.

266 C. If a business in which a qualified investment is made relocates its principal business operations to 267 another state during the term of the Virginia small business investment company's investment in the 268 business, the cumulative amount of qualified investments made by the Virginia small business investment 269 company for purposes of satisfying the requirements of subsection A only is reduced by the amount of 270 the Virginia small business investment company's qualified investments in the business that has 271 relocated. This shall not apply if the business demonstrates that it has returned its principal business 272 operations to the Commonwealth not later than the ninetieth day after the date of its relocation.

273 D. If a business in which a qualified investment is made that was also in a strategic investment area 274 relocates its principal business operations to another strategic investment area in the Commonwealth, 275 the investment shall remain a qualified investment located in a strategic investment area. If a business 276 in which a qualified investment is made that was also in a strategic investment area relocates its 277 principal business operations to another part of the Commonwealth that is not a strategic investment 278 area, the investment shall remain a qualified investment, but shall not be considered made in a strategic 279 investment area. In such event, the Virginia small business investment company shall have 180 days to 280 comply with subsections A, H, or I of § 58.1-2537, if such relocation results in noncompliance. 281

§ 58.1-2542. Annual review; decertification.

282 A. The Tax Commissioner shall conduct an annual review of each Virginia small business investment 283 company to:

284 1. Ensure that the company continues to satisfy the requirements of this article and that the company 285 has not made any investment in violation of this article; and

286 2. Determine the eligibility status of its qualified investments.

287 B. The cost of the annual review shall be paid by each Virginia small business investment company 288 according to a reasonable fee schedule adopted by the Tax Commissioner.

289 C. A material violation is grounds for decertification of the Virginia small business investment 290 company. If the Tax Commissioner determines that a company is not in compliance with subsection A of 291 § 58.1-2537, 58.1-2539 or 58.1-2540, the Tax Commissioner shall notify the officers of the company in 292 writing that the company may be subject to decertification after the one-hundred-twentieth day after the 293 date of mailing of the notice, unless the deficiencies are corrected and the company returns to 294 compliance with those sections.

295 D. The Tax Commissioner may decertify a Virginia small business investment company, after 296 opportunity for hearing, if the Tax Commissioner finds that the company is not in compliance with 297 subsection A of § 58.1-2537, 58.1-2539 or 58.1-2540 at the end of the period established by subsection 298 C. Decertification under this subsection is effective on receipt of notice of decertification by the

299 company. The Tax Commissioner shall notify any appropriate state agency of the decertification. 300 § 58.1-2543. Administrative penalty.

301 A. The Tax Commissioner may impose an administrative penalty on a Virginia small business 302 investment company that violates this article.

303 B. The amount of the penalty may not exceed \$25,000, and each day a violation continues or occurs 304 is a separate violation for the purpose of imposing a penalty. The amount of the penalty shall be based 305 on:

306 1. The seriousness of the violation, including the nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the 307 violation:

308 2. The economic harm caused by the violation;

309 3. The history of previous violations;

310 4. The amount necessary to deter a future violation:

311 5. Efforts to correct the violation; and

312 6. Any other matter that justice may require.

313 *§* 58.1-2544. Recapture and forfeiture of license tax credits; decertification of company.

A. Decertification of a Virginia small business investment company may cause the recapture of 314 315 license tax credits previously claimed and the forfeiture of future license tax credits to be claimed by 316 participating investors with respect to the company, as follows:

1. Decertification of a company on or before the third anniversary of its allocation date causes the 317 318 recapture of any license tax credit previously claimed and the forfeiture of any future license tax credit 319 to be claimed by a participating investor with respect to the company;

320 2. For a company that has met the requirements for continued certification under subdivisions A 1 321 and A 2 of § 58.1-2537 and is subsequently decertified, any license tax credit that has been or will be 322 taken by a participating investor on or before the fifth anniversary of the allocation date is not subject 323 to recapture or forfeiture, but any license tax credit to be taken after the fifth anniversary of the 324 allocation date is subject to forfeiture only if the company is decertified on or before the fifth 325 anniversary of its allocation date; and

326 3. For a company that has invested an amount cumulatively equal to 100 percent of its designated 327 capital in qualified investments, any license tax credit claimed or to be claimed by a participating 328 investor is not subject to recapture or forfeiture under this section.

329 B. The Tax Commissioner shall send written notice to the address of each participating investor 330 whose license tax credit is subject to recapture or forfeiture, using the address shown on the last license 331 tax filing. 332

§ 58.1-2545. Indemnity agreements and insurance authorized.

333 A Virginia small business investment company that agree to indemnify, or purchase insurance for the 334 benefit of, a investor for losses resulting from the recapture or forfeiture of license tax credits under 335 § 58.1-2544. Any guaranty, indemnity, bond, insurance policy, or other payment undertaking made under 336 this section may not be provided by more than one participating investor of the Virginia small business 337 investment company or affiliate of the participating investor. 338

§ 58.1-2546. License tax credit.

339 A. A Virginia small business investment who makes an investment of designated capital shall in the 340 year of investment earn a vested credit against state license tax liability equal to 100 percent of the participating investor's investment of designated capital, subject to the limits imposed by this article. A 341 342 participating investor may take up to 20 percent of the vested license tax credit in any taxable year 343 beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

344 B. The credit to be applied against state license tax liability in any one year may not exceed the 345 state license tax liability of the participating investor for the taxable year. Any unused credit against 346 state license tax liability may be carried forward indefinitely until the license tax credits are used.

347 C. A participating investor claiming a credit against state license tax liability earned through an 348 investment in a company is not required to pay any additional retaliatory tax levied under Chapter 25 349 (§ 58.1-2500 et seq.) as a result of claiming that credit. 350

§ 58.1-2547. License tax credit allocation claim form.

351 A. A license tax credit allocation claim must be prepared and executed by a participating investor on a form provided by the Tax Commissioner. The Virginia small business investment company must file 352 the claim with the Tax Commissioner. The license tax credit allocation claim form must include an 353 354 affidavit of the participating investor under which the participating investor becomes legally bound and 355 irrevocably committed to make an investment of designated capital in a Virginia small business investment company in the amount allocated even if the amount allocated is less than the amount of the 356 357 claim, subject only to the receipt of an allocation under § 58.1-2549.

358 B. A participating investor may not claim a license tax credit under § 58.1-2546 for an investment 359 that has not been funded, even if the participating investor has committed to fund the investment. 360

§ 58.1-2548. Total limit on credits.

361 A. The total amount of designated capital for which license tax credits may be allowed under this 362 article for all years in which license tax credits are allowed is \$100 million.

B. The total amount of designated capital for which license tax credits may be allowed for all 363 364 participating investors under this article may not exceed the amount that would entitle all participating investors in Virginia small business investment companies to take total credits of \$20 million in a year. 365

C. A Virginia small business investment company and its affiliates may not file license tax credit 366 367 allocation claims in excess of the maximum amount of designated capital for which license tax credits 368 may be allowed as provided in this section. 369

§ 58.1-2549. Pro rata allocation of credits.

370 A. If the total license tax credits claimed by all participating investors exceeds the total limits on 371 license tax credits established by subsection A of § 58.1-2548, the Tax Commissioner shall allocate the 372 total amount of license tax credits allowed under this article to participating investors in Virginia small 373 business investment companies on a pro rata basis in accordance with this section.

374 B. The pro rata allocation for each participating investor shall be the product of:

375 1. A fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of the license tax credit allocation claim filed on 376 behalf of the participating investor and the denominator of which is the total amount of all license tax 377 credit allocation claims filed on behalf of all participating investors; and

378 2. The total amount of designated capital for which license tax credits may be allowed under this 379 article.

380 C. Not later than March 1 of each year, the Tax Commissioner shall notify each Virginia small 381 business investment company of the amount of tax credits allocated to each participating investor. Each 382 Virginia small business investment company shall notify each participating investor of their license tax 383 credit allocation.

384 D. If a Virginia small business investment company does not receive an investment of designated 385 capital equaling the amount of license tax credits allocated to a participating investor for which it filed 386 a license tax credit allocation claim before the end of the tenth business day after the date of receipt of 387 notice of allocation, the company shall notify the Tax Commissioner by overnight common carrier 388 delivery service and that portion of capital allocated to the participating investor shall be forfeited. The 389 Tax Commissioner shall reallocate the forfeited capital among the participating investors in the other 390 Virginia small business investment companies that originally received an allocation so that the result 391 after reallocation is the same as if the initial allocation under this section had been performed without 392 considering the license tax credit allocation claims that were subsequently forfeited.

393 E. The maximum amount of designated capital for which license tax credit allocation may be allowed 394 on behalf of any one participating investor and its affiliates, whether by one or more Virginia small 395 business investment companies, may not exceed 25 percent of the maximum aggregate amount available 396 under subsection A of § 58.1-2548.

397 § 58.1-2550. Impact of tax credits claimed by a participating investor on insurance rates.

398 A participating investor is not required to reduce the amount of license tax included by the investor 399 in connection with ratemaking for any insurance contract written in the Commonwealth because of a 400 reduction in the investor's license tax derived from the credit granted under this article.

401 § 58.1-2551. Transferability of credit.

402 A. The Tax Commissioner shall adopt regulations to facilitate the transfer or assignment of license 403 tax credits by participating investors. A participating investor shall not transfer or assign, agree to transfer, or agree to sell or assign license tax credits until 180 days from the date on which the 404 participating investor invested designated capital. After 180 days from the date of investment, a 405 participating investor, or subsequent transferee, may transfer credits based upon rules adopted by the 406 407 Tax Commissioner to facilitate such transfers.

408 B. Any tax credits recaptured under this article remain the liability of the participating investor that 409 actually applied the credit towards its tax liability.

410 C. The transfer or assignment of a license tax credit does not affect the schedule for taking the 411 license tax credit under this article.

412 2. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2011.

413 3. That the insurance license tax credits provided in this act shall be paid from the portion of the 414 license tax revenues that are deposited into the general fund of the state treasury.