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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact §§ 58.1-301, 58.1-322.03, and 58.1-402 of the Code of Virginia, relating 3 to conformity of the Commonwealth's taxation system with the Internal Revenue Code; Virginia 4 taxable income.

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Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

8 1. That §§ 58.1-301, 58.1-322.03, and 58.1-402 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted 9 as follows: 10

§ 58.1-301. Conformity to Internal Revenue Code.

11 A. Any term used in this chapter shall have the same meaning as when used in a comparable context 12 in the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes, unless a different meaning is clearly 13 required.

14 B. Any reference in this chapter to the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes 15 shall mean the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and amendments thereto, and other provisions of the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes, as they existed on February 16 17 9 December 31, 2018, except for:

1. The special depreciation allowance for certain property provided for under §§ 168(k), 168(l), 18 19 168(m), 1400L, and 1400N of the Internal Revenue Code;

20 2. The carry-back of certain net operating losses for five years under § 172(b)(1)(H) of the Internal 21 Revenue Code;

3. The original issue discount on applicable high yield discount obligations under § 163(e)(5)(F) of 22 23 the Internal Revenue Code;

24 4. The deferral of certain income under § 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code. For Virginia income 25 tax purposes, income from the discharge of indebtedness in connection with the reacquisition of an 26 "applicable debt instrument" (as defined under § 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code) reacquired in the 27 taxable year shall be fully included in the taxpayer's Virginia taxable income for the taxable year, unless 28 the taxpayer elects to include such income in the taxpayer's Virginia taxable income ratably over a three-taxable-year period beginning with taxable year 2009 for transactions completed in taxable year 29 30 2009, or over a three-taxable-year period beginning with taxable year 2010 for transactions completed in 31 taxable year 2010 on or before April 21, 2010. For purposes of such election, all other provisions of 32 § 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code shall apply mutatis mutandis. No other deferral shall be allowed 33 for income from the discharge of indebtedness in connection with the reacquisition of an "applicable 34 debt instrument"; and

35 5. The amount of the deduction allowed for domestic production activities pursuant to § 199 of the Internal Revenue Code for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2010. For Virginia income tax 36 37 purposes, two-thirds of the amount deducted pursuant to § 199 of the Internal Revenue Code for federal 38 income tax purposes during the taxable year may be deducted for Virginia income tax purposes for 39 taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2010. For taxable years beginning on and after January 40 1, 2013, the entire amount of the deduction allowed for domestic production activities pursuant to § 199 41 of the Internal Revenue Code may be deducted for Virginia income tax purposes;

42 6. The provisions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the Act) enacted December 22, 2017, as Public Law 43 115-97, provided, however, that this exception shall not apply to the following:

44 a. Treatment of certain individuals performing services in the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt pursuant to 45 § 11026 of the Act; 46

b. Relief for 2016 disaster areas pursuant to § 11028 of the Act;

e. Any other provision of the Act that affects the computation of federal adjusted gross income of 47 individuals or federal taxable income of corporations for taxable years beginning after December 31, 48 2016, and before January 1, 2018, other than the temporary reduction in the medical expense deduction 49 50 floor pursuant to § 11027 of the Act; and

51 7. The provisions of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 enacted February 9, 2018, as Public Law 115-123, that affect any taxable year other than a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2016, and 52 53 before January 1, 2018.

54 5. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, the provisions of § 11046 of the 55 federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, P.L. 115-97 (2017), related to the suspension of the overall limitation on 56 itemized deductions.

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57 The Department of Taxation is hereby authorized to develop procedures or guidelines for 58 implementation of the provisions of this section, which procedures or guidelines shall be exempt from 59 the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

60 § 58.1-322.03. Virginia taxable income; deductions.

61 In computing Virginia taxable income pursuant to § 58.1-322, there shall be deducted from Virginia 62 adjusted gross income as defined in § 58.1-321:

63 1. a. The amount allowable for itemized deductions for federal income tax purposes where the 64 taxpayer has elected for the taxable year to itemize deductions on his federal return, but reduced by the amount of income taxes imposed by the Commonwealth or any other taxing jurisdiction and deducted 65 66 on such federal return and increased by an amount that, when added to the amount deducted under 67 § 170 of the Internal Revenue Code for mileage, results in a mileage deduction at the state level for 68 such purposes at a rate of 18 cents per mile; or

b. Three thousand dollars for single individuals and \$6,000 for married persons (one half of such 69 70 amounts in the case of a married individual filing a separate return), provided Provided that the taxpayer has not itemized deductions for the taxable year on his federal income tax return: (i) for taxable years 71 beginning before January 1, 2019, and on and after January 1, 2026, \$3,000 for single individuals and 72 73 \$6,000 for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the case of a married individual filing a 74 separate return) and (ii) for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, but before January 75 1, 2026, \$4,500 for single individuals and \$9,000 for married persons (one-half of such amounts in the 76 case of a married individual filing a separate return). For purposes of this section, any person who may 77 be claimed as a dependent on another taxpayer's return for the taxable year may compute the deduction 78 only with respect to earned income.

79 2. a. A deduction in the amount of \$930 for each personal exemption allowable to the taxpayer for 80 federal income tax purposes.

81 b. Each blind or aged taxpayer as defined under § 63(f) of the Internal Revenue Code shall be 82 entitled to an additional personal exemption in the amount of \$800.

The additional deduction for blind or aged taxpayers allowed under this subdivision shall be 83 84 allowable regardless of whether the taxpayer itemizes deductions for the taxable year for federal income 85 tax purposes.

 $\hat{3}$. A deduction equal to the amount of employment-related expenses upon which the federal credit is 86 87 based under § 21 of the Internal Revenue Code for expenses for household and dependent care services 88 necessary for gainful employment.

89 4. An additional \$1,000 deduction for each child residing for the entire taxable year in a home under 90 permanent foster care placement as defined in § 63.2-908, provided that the taxpayer can also claim the 91 child as a personal exemption under § 151 of the Internal Revenue Code. 92

5. a. A deduction in the amount of \$12,000 for individuals born on or before January 1, 1939.

b. A deduction in the amount of \$12,000 for individuals born after January 1, 1939, who have 93 94 attained the age of 65. This deduction shall be reduced by \$1 for every \$1 that the taxpayer's adjusted federal adjusted gross income exceeds \$50,000 for single taxpayers or \$75,000 for married taxpayers. 95 96 For married taxpayers filing separately, the deduction shall be reduced by \$1 for every \$1 that the total 97 combined adjusted federal adjusted gross income of both spouses exceeds \$75,000.

98 For the purposes of this subdivision, "adjusted federal adjusted gross income" means federal adjusted 99 gross income minus any benefits received under Title II of the Social Security Act and other benefits 100 subject to federal income taxation solely pursuant to § 86 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

6. The amount an individual pays as a fee for an initial screening to become a possible bone marrow 101 102 donor, if (i) the individual is not reimbursed for such fee or (ii) the individual has not claimed a 103 deduction for the payment of such fee on his federal income tax return.

104 7. a. A deduction shall be allowed to the purchaser or contributor for the amount paid or contributed during the taxable year for a prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account entered into with 105 the Virginia College Savings Plan, pursuant to Chapter 7 (§ 23.1-700 et seq.) of Title 23.1. Except as 106 provided in subdivision b, the amount deducted on any individual income tax return in any taxable year 107 108 shall be limited to \$4,000 per prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account. No deduction 109 shall be allowed pursuant to this subdivision 7 if such payments or contributions are deducted on the 110 purchaser's or contributor's federal income tax return. If the purchase price or annual contribution to a college savings trust account exceeds \$4,000, the remainder may be carried forward and subtracted in 111 112 future taxable years until the purchase price or college savings trust contribution has been fully deducted; however, except as provided in subdivision b, in no event shall the amount deducted in any 113 114 taxable year exceed \$4,000 per contract or college savings trust account. Notwithstanding the statute of 115 limitations on assessments contained in § 58.1-312, any deduction taken hereunder shall be subject to recapture in the taxable year or years in which distributions or refunds are made for any reason other 116 than (i) to pay qualified higher education expenses, as defined in § 529 of the Internal Revenue Code or 117

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(ii) the beneficiary's death, disability, or receipt of a scholarship. For the purposes of this subdivision,
"purchaser" or "contributor" means the person shown as such on the records of the Virginia College
Savings Plan as of December 31 of the taxable year. In the case of a transfer of ownership of a prepaid
tuition contract or college savings trust account, the transferee shall succeed to the transferor's tax
attributes associated with a prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account, including, but not
limited to, carryover and recapture of deductions.

b. A purchaser of a prepaid tuition contract or contributor to a college savings trust account who has
attained age 70 shall not be subject to the limitation that the amount of the deduction not exceed \$4,000
per prepaid tuition contract or college savings trust account in any taxable year. Such taxpayer shall be
allowed a deduction for the full amount paid for the contract or contributed to a college savings trust
account, less any amounts previously deducted.

8. The total amount an individual actually contributed in funds to the Virginia Public School
Construction Grants Program and Fund, established in Chapter 11.1 (§ 22.1-175.1 et seq.) of Title 22.1,
provided that the individual has not claimed a deduction for such amount on his federal income tax
return.

9. An amount equal to 20 percent of the tuition costs incurred by an individual employed as a primary or secondary school teacher licensed pursuant to Chapter 15 (§ 22.1-289.1 et seq.) of Title 22.1 to attend continuing teacher education courses that are required as a condition of employment; however, the deduction provided by this subdivision shall be available only if (i) the individual is not reimbursed for such tuition costs and (ii) the individual has not claimed a deduction for the payment of such tuition 138 costs on his federal income tax return.

139 10. The amount an individual pays annually in premiums for long-term health care insurance,
140 provided that the individual has not claimed a deduction for federal income tax purposes, or, for taxable
141 years beginning before January 1, 2014, a credit under § 58.1-339.11. For taxable years beginning on
142 and after January 1, 2014, no such deduction for long-term health care insurance premiums paid by the
143 individual during the taxable year shall be allowed if the individual has claimed a federal income tax
144 deduction for such taxable year for long-term health care insurance premiums paid by him.

145 11. Contract payments to a producer of quota tobacco or a tobacco quota holder, or their spouses, as
146 provided under the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-357), but only to the extent that such
147 payments have not been subtracted pursuant to subsection D of § 58.1-402, as follows:

a. If the payment is received in installment payments, then the recognized gain may be subtracted inthe taxable year immediately following the year in which the installment payment is received.

b. If the payment is received in a single payment, then 10 percent of the recognized gain may be
subtracted in the taxable year immediately following the year in which the single payment is received.
The taxpayer may then deduct an equal amount in each of the nine succeeding taxable years.

153 12. An amount equal to 20 percent of the sum paid by an individual pursuant to Chapter 6 154 (§ 58.1-600 et seq.), not to exceed \$500 in each taxable year, in purchasing for his own use the 155 following items of tangible personal property: (i) any clothes washers, room air conditioners, dishwashers, and standard size refrigerators that meet or exceed the applicable energy star efficiency 156 requirements developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of 157 158 Energy; (ii) any fuel cell that (a) generates electricity using an electrochemical process, (b) has an electricity-only generation efficiency greater than 35 percent, and (c) has a generating capacity of at least 159 160 two kilowatts; (iii) any gas heat pump that has a coefficient of performance of at least 1.25 for heating 161 and at least 0.70 for cooling; (iv) any electric heat pump hot water heater that yields an energy factor of 162 at least 1.7; (v) any electric heat pump that has a heating system performance factor of at least 8.0 and a cooling seasonal energy efficiency ratio of at least 13.0; (vi) any central air conditioner that has a 163 164 cooling seasonal energy efficiency ratio of at least 13.5; (vii) any advanced gas or oil water heater that 165 has an energy factor of at least 0.65; (viii) any advanced oil-fired boiler with a minimum annual fuel-utilization rating of 85; (ix) any advanced oil-fired furnace with a minimum annual fuel-utilization 166 167 rating of 85; and (x) programmable thermostats.

168 13. The lesser of \$5,000 or the amount actually paid by a living donor of an organ or other living tissue for unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses directly related to the donation that arose within 12 months of such donation, provided that the donor has not taken a medical deduction in accordance with the provisions of § 213 of the Internal Revenue Code for such expenses. The deduction may be taken in the taxable year in which the donation is made or the taxable year in which the 12-month period expires.

174 14. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2013, the amount an individual age 66 or
175 older with earned income of at least \$20,000 for the year and federal adjusted gross income not in
176 excess of \$30,000 for the year pays annually in premiums for (i) a prepaid funeral insurance policy
177 covering the individual or (ii) medical or dental insurance for any person for whom individual tax filers
178 may claim a deduction for such premiums under federal income tax laws. As used in this subdivision,

179 "earned income" means the same as that term is defined in § 32(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. The 180 deduction shall not be allowed for any portion of such premiums paid for which the individual has (a) 181 been reimbursed, (b) claimed a deduction for federal income tax purposes, (c) claimed a deduction or 182 subtraction under another provision of this section, or (d) claimed a federal income tax credit or any 183 income tax credit pursuant to this chapter.

184 15. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2018, 20 percent of business interest disallowed as a deduction pursuant to 163(j) of the Internal Revenue Code. For purposes of this 185 subdivision, "business interest" means the same as that term is defined under § 163(j) of the Internal 186 187 Revenue Code.

188 16. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, the actual amount of real and 189 personal property taxes imposed by the Commonwealth or any other taxing jurisdiction not otherwise 190 deducted solely on account of the dollar limitation imposed on individual deductions by § 164(b)(6)(B)191 of the Internal Revenue Code. 192

§ 58.1-402. Virginia taxable income.

193 A. For purposes of this article, Virginia taxable income for a taxable year means the federal taxable 194 income and any other income taxable to the corporation under federal law for such year of a corporation 195 adjusted as provided in subsections B, C, D, and E, and G.

196 For a regulated investment company and a real estate investment trust, such term means the "investment company taxable income" and "real estate investment trust taxable income," respectively, to 197 198 which shall be added in each case any amount of capital gains and any other income taxable to the 199 corporation under federal law which shall be further adjusted as provided in subsections B, C, D, and E. 200 and G. 201

B. There shall be added to the extent excluded from federal taxable income:

202 1. Interest, less related expenses to the extent not deducted in determining federal taxable income, on 203 obligations of any state other than Virginia, or of a political subdivision of any such other state unless 204 created by compact or agreement to which the Commonwealth is a party;

2. Interest or dividends, less related expenses to the extent not deducted in determining federal 205 206 taxable income, on obligations or securities of any authority, commission or instrumentality of the 207 United States, which the laws of the United States exempt from federal income tax but not from state 208 income taxes; 209

3. [Repealed.]

210 4. The amount of any net income taxes and other taxes, including franchise and excise taxes, which 211 are based on, measured by, or computed with reference to net income, imposed by the Commonwealth 212 or any other taxing jurisdiction, to the extent deducted in determining federal taxable income; 213

5. Unrelated business taxable income as defined by § 512 of the Internal Revenue Code;

6. [Repealed.]

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215 7. The amount required to be included in income for the purpose of computing the partial tax on an 216 accumulation distribution pursuant to § 667 of the Internal Revenue Code;

8. a. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2004, the amount of any intangible 217 218 expenses and costs directly or indirectly paid, accrued, or incurred to, or in connection directly or 219 indirectly with one or more direct or indirect transactions with one or more related members to the 220 extent such expenses and costs were deductible or deducted in computing federal taxable income for 221 Virginia purposes. This addition shall not be required for any portion of the intangible expenses and 222 costs if one of the following applies:

223 (1) The corresponding item of income received by the related member is subject to a tax based on or 224 measured by net income or capital imposed by Virginia, another state, or a foreign government that has 225 entered into a comprehensive tax treaty with the United States government;

226 (2) The related member derives at least one-third of its gross revenues from the licensing of 227 intangible property to parties who are not related members, and the transaction giving rise to the 228 expenses and costs between the corporation and the related member was made at rates and terms 229 comparable to the rates and terms of agreements that the related member has entered into with parties 230 who are not related members for the licensing of intangible property; or

231 (3) The corporation can establish to the satisfaction of the Tax Commissioner that the intangible 232 expenses and costs meet both of the following: (i) the related member during the same taxable year directly or indirectly paid, accrued or incurred such portion to a person who is not a related member, 233 234 and (ii) the transaction giving rise to the intangible expenses and costs between the corporation and the 235 related member did not have as a principal purpose the avoidance of any portion of the tax due under 236 this chapter.

237 b. A corporation required to add to its federal taxable income intangible expenses and costs pursuant 238 to subdivision a may petition the Tax Commissioner, after filing the related income tax return for the taxable year and remitting to the Tax Commissioner all taxes, penalties, and interest due under this 239

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240 article for such taxable year including tax upon any amount of intangible expenses and costs required to 241 be added to federal taxable income pursuant to subdivision a, to consider evidence relating to the 242 transaction or transactions between the corporation and a related member or members that resulted in the 243 corporation's taxable income being increased, as required under subdivision a, for such intangible 244 expenses and costs.

245 If the corporation can demonstrate to the Tax Commissioner's sole satisfaction, by clear and 246 convincing evidence, that the transaction or transactions between the corporation and a related member 247 or members resulting in such increase in taxable income pursuant to subdivision a had a valid business 248 purpose other than the avoidance or reduction of the tax due under this chapter, the Tax Commissioner 249 shall permit the corporation to file an amended return. For purposes of such amended return, the 250 requirements of subdivision a shall not apply to any transaction for which the Tax Commissioner is 251 satisfied (and has identified) that the transaction had a valid business purpose other than the avoidance 252 or reduction of the tax due under this chapter. Such amended return shall be filed by the corporation 253 within one year of the written permission granted by the Tax Commissioner and any refund of the tax 254 imposed under this article shall include interest at a rate equal to the rate of interest established under 255 § 58.1-15 and such interest shall accrue as provided under § 58.1-1833. However, upon the filing of 256 such amended return, any related member of the corporation that subtracted from taxable income 257 amounts received pursuant to subdivision C 21 shall be subject to the tax imposed under this article on 258 that portion of such amounts for which the corporation has filed an amended return pursuant to this 259 subdivision. In addition, for such transactions identified by the Tax Commissioner herein by which he 260 has been satisfied by clear and convincing evidence, the Tax Commissioner may permit the corporation 261 in filing income tax returns for subsequent taxable years to deduct the related intangible expenses and 262 costs without making the adjustment under subdivision a.

263 The Tax Commissioner may charge a fee for all direct and indirect costs relating to the review of 264 any petition pursuant to this subdivision, to include costs necessary to secure outside experts in 265 evaluating the petition. The Tax Commissioner may condition the review of any petition pursuant to this 266 subdivision upon payment of such fee.

267 No suit for the purpose of contesting any action of the Tax Commissioner under this subdivision 268 shall be maintained in any court of this Commonwealth.

269 c. Nothing in subdivision B 8 shall be construed to limit or negate the Department's authority under 270 § 58.1-446;

271 9. a. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2004, the amount of any interest expenses 272 and costs directly or indirectly paid, accrued, or incurred to, or in connection directly or indirectly with 273 one or more direct or indirect transactions with one or more related members to the extent such 274 expenses and costs were deductible or deducted in computing federal taxable income for Virginia 275 purposes. This addition shall not be required for any portion of the interest expenses and costs, if:

276 (1) The related member has substantial business operations relating to interest-generating activities, in 277 which the related member pays expenses for at least five full-time employees who maintain, manage, 278 defend or are otherwise responsible for operations or administration relating to the interest-generating 279 activities; and

280 (2) The interest expenses and costs are not directly or indirectly for, related to or in connection with 281 the direct or indirect acquisition, maintenance, management, sale, exchange, or disposition of intangible 282 property; and

283 (3) The transaction giving rise to the expenses and costs between the corporation and the related 284 member has a valid business purpose other than the avoidance or reduction of taxation and payments 285 between the parties are made at arm's length rates and terms; and 286

(4) One of the following applies:

287 (i) The corresponding item of income received by the related member is subject to a tax based on or 288 measured by net income or capital imposed by Virginia, another state, or a foreign government that has 289 entered into a comprehensive tax treaty with the United States government;

290 (ii) Payments arise pursuant to a pre-existing contract entered into when the parties were not related 291 members provided the payments continue to be made at arm's length rates and terms;

292 (iii) The related member engages in transactions with parties other than related members that 293 generate revenue in excess of \$2 million annually; or

294 (iv) The transaction giving rise to the interest payments between the corporation and a related 295 member was done at arm's length rates and terms and meets any of the following: (a) the related 296 member uses funds that are borrowed from a party other than a related member or that are paid, 297 incurred or passed-through to a person who is not a related member; (b) the debt is part of a regular and 298 systematic funds management or portfolio investment activity conducted by the related member, whereby 299 the funds of two or more related members are aggregated for the purpose of achieving economies of 300 scale, the internal financing of the active business operations of members, or the benefit of centralized

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301 management of funds; (c) financing the expansion of the business operations; or (d) restructuring the 302 debt of related members, or the pass-through of acquisition-related indebtedness to related members.

303 b. A corporation required to add to its federal taxable income interest expenses and costs pursuant to 304 subdivision a may petition the Tax Commissioner, after filing the related income tax return for the 305 taxable year and remitting to the Tax Commissioner all taxes, penalties, and interest due under this 306 article for such taxable year including tax upon any amount of interest expenses and costs required to be 307 added to federal taxable income pursuant to subdivision a, to consider evidence relating to the 308 transaction or transactions between the corporation and a related member or members that resulted in the 309 corporation's taxable income being increased, as required under subdivision a, for such interest expenses 310 and costs.

311 If the corporation can demonstrate to the Tax Commissioner's sole satisfaction, by clear and 312 convincing evidence, that the transaction or transactions between the corporation and a related member 313 or members resulting in such increase in taxable income pursuant to subdivision a had a valid business 314 purpose other than the avoidance or reduction of the tax due under this chapter and that the related 315 payments between the parties were made at arm's length rates and terms, the Tax Commissioner shall 316 permit the corporation to file an amended return. For purposes of such amended return, the requirements of subdivision a shall not apply to any transaction for which the Tax Commissioner is satisfied (and has 317 318 identified) that the transaction had a valid business purpose other than the avoidance or reduction of the 319 tax due under this chapter and that the related payments between the parties were made at arm's length 320 rates and terms. Such amended return shall be filed by the corporation within one year of the written 321 permission granted by the Tax Commissioner and any refund of the tax imposed under this article shall 322 include interest at a rate equal to the rate of interest established under § 58.1-15 and such interest shall 323 accrue as provided under § 58.1-1833. However, upon the filing of such amended return, any related 324 member of the corporation that subtracted from taxable income amounts received pursuant to subdivision 325 C 21 shall be subject to the tax imposed under this article on that portion of such amounts for which the 326 corporation has filed an amended return pursuant to this subdivision. In addition, for such transactions 327 identified by the Tax Commissioner herein by which he has been satisfied by clear and convincing 328 evidence, the Tax Commissioner may permit the corporation in filing income tax returns for subsequent 329 taxable years to deduct the related interest expenses and costs without making the adjustment under 330 subdivision a.

331 The Tax Commissioner may charge a fee for all direct and indirect costs relating to the review of 332 any petition pursuant to this subdivision, to include costs necessary to secure outside experts in 333 evaluating the petition. The Tax Commissioner may condition the review of any petition pursuant to this 334 subdivision upon payment of such fee.

335 No suit for the purpose of contesting any action of the Tax Commissioner under this subdivision 336 shall be maintained in any court of this Commonwealth.

337 c. Nothing in subdivision B 9 shall be construed to limit or negate the Department's authority under 338 § 58.1-446. 339

d. For purposes of subdivision B 9:

340 "Arm's-length rates and terms" means that (i) two or more related members enter into a written 341 agreement for the transaction, (ii) such agreement is of a duration and contains payment terms 342 substantially similar to those that the related member would be able to obtain from an unrelated entity, 343 (iii) the interest is at or below the applicable federal rate compounded annually for debt instruments 344 under § 1274(d) of the Internal Revenue Code that was in effect at the time of the agreement, and (iv) 345 the borrower or payor adheres to the payment terms of the agreement governing the transaction or any 346 amendments thereto.

347 "Valid business purpose" means one or more business purposes that alone or in combination 348 constitute the motivation for some business activity or transaction, which activity or transaction 349 improves, apart from tax effects, the economic position of the taxpayer, as further defined by regulation.

10. a. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2009, the amount of dividends deductible under §§ 561 and 857 of the Internal Revenue Code by a Captive Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT). 350 351 352 For purposes of this subdivision, a REIT is a Captive REIT if: 353

(1) It is not regularly traded on an established securities market;

354 (2) More than 50 percent of the voting power or value of beneficial interests or shares of which, at 355 any time during the last half of the taxable year, is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a single entity that is (i) a corporation or an association taxable as a corporation under the Internal 356 357 Revenue Code; and (ii) not exempt from federal income tax pursuant to § 501(a) of the Internal 358 Revenue Code; and

359 (3) More than 25 percent of its income consists of rents from real property as defined in § 856(d) of 360 the Internal Revenue Code.

361 b. For purposes of applying the ownership test of subdivision 10 a (2), the following entities shall

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362 not be considered a corporation or an association taxable as a corporation: 363

(1) Any REIT that is not treated as a Captive REIT;

364 (2) Any REIT subsidiary under § 856 of the Internal Revenue Code other than a qualified REIT 365 subsidiary of a Captive REIT;

366 (3) Any Listed Australian Property Trust, or an entity organized as a trust, provided that a Listed 367 Australian Property Trust owns or controls, directly or indirectly, 75 percent or more of the voting or 368 value of the beneficial interests or shares of such trust; and

369 (4) Any Qualified Foreign Entity.

370 c. For purposes of subdivision B 10, the constructive ownership rules prescribed under § 318(a) of 371 the Internal Revenue Code, as modified by § 856(d)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code, shall apply in 372 determining the ownership of stock, assets, or net profits of any person.

373 d. For purposes of subdivision B 10:

374 "Listed Australian Property Trust" means an Australian unit trust registered as a Management 375 Investment Scheme, pursuant to the Australian Corporations Act, in which the principal class of units is 376 listed on a recognized stock exchange in Australia and is regularly traded on an established securities 377 market.

378 Qualified Foreign Entity" means a corporation, trust, association or partnership organized outside the 379 laws of the United States and that satisfies all of the following criteria:

380 (1) At least 75 percent of the entity's total asset value at the close of its taxable year is represented 381 by real estate assets, as defined in \$ 856(c)(5)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, thereby including shares 382 or certificates of beneficial interest in any REIT, cash and cash equivalents, and U.S. Government 383 securities:

384 (2) The entity is not subject to a tax on amounts distributed to its beneficial owners, or is exempt 385 from entity level tax;

386 (3) The entity distributes, on an annual basis, at least 85 percent of its taxable income, as computed 387 in the jurisdiction in which it is organized, to the holders of its shares or certificates of beneficial 388 interest;

389 (4) The shares or certificates of beneficial interest of such entity are regularly traded on an 390 established securities market or, if not so traded, not more than 10 percent of the voting power or value 391 in such entity is held directly, indirectly, or constructively by a single entity or individual; and 392

(5) The entity is organized in a country that has a tax treaty with the United States.

393 e. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, for purposes of subdivision B 10, any 394 voting power or value of the beneficial interests or shares in a REIT that is held in a segregated asset 395 account of a life insurance corporation as described in § 817 of the Internal Revenue Code shall not be 396 taken into consideration when determining if such REIT is a Captive REIT.

397 11. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, to the extent that tax credit is allowed 398 for the same donation pursuant to § 58.1-439.12:12, any amount claimed as a federal income tax deduction for such donation under § 170 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended or renumbered. 399

400 C. There shall be subtracted to the extent included in and not otherwise subtracted from federal 401 taxable income:

402 1. Income derived from obligations, or on the sale or exchange of obligations, of the United States 403 and on obligations or securities of any authority, commission or instrumentality of the United States to 404 the extent exempt from state income taxes under the laws of the United States including, but not limited 405 to, stocks, bonds, treasury bills, and treasury notes, but not including interest on refunds of federal taxes, 406 interest on equipment purchase contracts, or interest on other normal business transactions.

407 2. Income derived from obligations, or on the sale or exchange of obligations of this Commonwealth 408 or of any political subdivision or instrumentality of this Commonwealth.

409 3. Dividends upon stock in any domestic international sales corporation, as defined by § 992 of the 410 Internal Revenue Code, 50 percent or more of the income of which was assessable for the preceding 411 year, or the last year in which such corporation has income, under the provisions of the income tax laws 412 of the Commonwealth.

413 4. The amount of any refund or credit for overpayment of income taxes imposed by this 414 Commonwealth or any other taxing jurisdiction.

415 5. Any amount included therein by the operation of the provisions of § 78 of the Internal Revenue 416 Code (foreign dividend gross-up).

417 6. The amount of wages or salaries eligible for the federal Targeted Jobs Credit which was not 418 deducted for federal purposes on account of the provisions of § 280C(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

419 7. Any amount included therein by the operation of § 951 of the Internal Revenue Code (subpart F 420 income) or, for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2018, § 951A of the Internal Revenue

421 Code (Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income).

422 8. Any amount included therein which is foreign source income as defined in § 58.1-302. 423 9. [Repealed.]

424 10. The amount of any dividends received from corporations in which the taxpaying corporation 425 owns 50 percent or more of the voting stock.

426 11. [Repealed.]

427 12, 13. [Expired.]

428 14. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 1995, the amount for "qualified research 429 expenses" or "basic research expenses" eligible for deduction for federal purposes, but which were not 430 deducted, on account of the provisions of § 280C(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

431 15. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, the total amount actually contributed in 432 funds to the Virginia Public School Construction Grants Program and Fund established in Chapter 11.1 433 (§ 22.1-175.1 et seq.) of Title 22.1.

434 16. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2000, but before January 1, 2015, the gain 435 derived from the sale or exchange of real property or the sale or exchange of an easement to real 436 property which results in the real property or the easement thereto being devoted to open-space use, as that term is defined in § 58.1-3230, for a period of time not less than 30 years. To the extent a 437 438 subtraction is taken in accordance with this subdivision, no tax credit under this chapter for donating 439 land for its preservation shall be allowed for three years following the year in which the subtraction is 440 taken.

441 17. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2001, any amount included therein with 442 respect to § 58.1-440.1.

443 18. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 1999, income received as a result of (i) the 444 "Master Settlement Agreement," as defined in § 3.2-3100; and (ii) the National Tobacco Grower Settlement Trust dated July 19, 1999, by (a) tobacco farming businesses; (b) any business holding a 445 446 tobacco marketing quota, or tobacco farm acreage allotment, under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 447 1938; or (c) any business having the right to grow tobacco pursuant to such a quota allotment. 448

19, 20. [Repealed.]

21. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2004, any amount of intangible expenses and 449 450 costs or interest expenses and costs added to the federal taxable income of a corporation pursuant to 451 subdivision B 8 or B 9 shall be subtracted from the federal taxable income of the related member that 452 received such amount if such related member is subject to Virginia income tax on the same amount.

22. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2009, any gain recognized from the sale of 453 launch services to space flight participants, as defined in 49 U.S.C. § 70102, or launch services intended 454 455 to provide individuals the training or experience of a launch, without performing an actual launch. To 456 qualify for a deduction under this subdivision, launch services must be performed in Virginia or 457 originate from an airport or spaceport in Virginia.

23. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2009, any gain recognized as a result of resupply services contracts for delivering payload, as defined in 49 U.S.C. § 70102, entered into with the Commercial Orbital Transportation Services division of the National Aeronautics and Space 458 459 460 461 Administration or other space flight entity, as defined in § 8.01-227.8, and launched from an airport or 462 spaceport in Virginia.

463 24. For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2011, any income taxed as a long-term capital 464 gain for federal income tax purposes, or any income taxed as investment services partnership interest 465 income (otherwise known as investment partnership carried interest income) for federal income tax 466 purposes. To qualify for a subtraction under this subdivision, such income must be attributable to an investment in a "qualified business," as defined in § 58.1-339.4, or in any other technology business 467 468 approved by the Secretary of Technology, provided the business has its principal office or facility in the 469 Commonwealth and less than \$3 million in annual revenues in the fiscal year prior to the investment. To 470 qualify for a subtraction under this subdivision, the investment must be made between the dates of April 471 1, 2010, and June 30, 2020. No taxpayer who has claimed a tax credit for an investment in a "qualified 472 business" under § 58.1-339.4 shall be eligible for the subtraction under this subdivision for an 473 investment in the same business.

474 25. a. Income, including investment services partnership interest income (otherwise known as 475 investment partnership carried interest income), attributable to an investment in a Virginia venture 476 capital account. To qualify for a subtraction under this subdivision, the investment shall be made on or 477 after January 1, 2018, but before December 31, 2023. No subtraction shall be allowed under this 478 subdivision for an investment in a company that is owned or operated by an affiliate of the taxpayer. No 479 subtraction shall be allowed under this subdivision for a taxpayer who has claimed a subtraction under 480 subdivision C 24 for the same investment. 481

b. As used in this subdivision 25:

482 "Qualified portfolio company" means a company that (i) has its principal place of business in the 483 Commonwealth; (ii) has a primary purpose of production, sale, research, or development of a product or

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484 service other than the management or investment of capital; and (iii) provides equity in the company to
485 the Virginia venture capital account in exchange for a capital investment. "Qualified portfolio company"
486 does not include a company that is an individual or sole proprietorship.

487 "Virginia venture capital account" means an investment fund that has been certified by the 488 Department as a Virginia venture capital account. In order to be certified as a Virginia venture capital 489 account, the operator of the investment fund shall register the investment fund with the Department prior 490 to December 31, 2023, (i) indicating that it intends to invest at least 50 percent of the capital committed 491 to its fund in qualified portfolio companies and (ii) providing documentation that it employs at least one 492 investor who has at least four years of professional experience in venture capital investment or substantially equivalent experience. "Substantially equivalent experience" includes, but is not limited to, 493 494 an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university in economics, finance, or a similar 495 field of study. The Department may require an investment fund to provide documentation of the 496 investor's training, education, or experience as deemed necessary by the Department to determine 497 substantial equivalency. If the Department determines that the investment fund employs at least one 498 investor with the experience set forth herein, the Department shall certify the investment fund as a 499 Virginia venture capital account at such time as the investment fund actually invests at least 50 percent 500 of the capital committed to its fund in qualified portfolio companies.

26. a. Income attributable to an investment in a Virginia real estate investment trust. To qualify for a subtraction under this subdivision, the investment shall be made on or after January 1, 2019, but before December 31, 2024. No subtraction shall be allowed for an investment in a trust that is managed by an affiliate of the taxpayer. No subtraction shall be allowed under this subdivision for a taxpayer who has claimed a subtraction under subdivision C 24 or 25 for the same investment.

506 b. As used in this subdivision 26:

507 "Distressed" means satisfying the criteria applicable to a locality described in subdivision E 2 of § 2.2-115.

509 "Double distressed" means satisfying the criteria applicable to a locality described in subdivision E 3 **510** of § 2.2-115.

511 'Virginia real estate investment trust" means a real estate investment trust, as defined in 26 U.S.C. 512 § 856, that has been certified by the Department as a Virginia real estate investment trust. In order to be 513 certified as a Virginia real estate investment trust, the trustee shall register the trust with the Department prior to December 31, 2024, indicating that it intends to invest at least 90 percent of trust funds in 514 515 Virginia and at least 40 percent of trust funds in real estate in localities that are distressed or double 516 distressed. If the Department determines that the trust satisfies the preceding criteria, the Department 517 shall certify the trust as a Virginia real estate investment trust at such time as the trust actually invests 518 at least 90 percent of trust funds in Virginia and at least 40 percent of trust funds in real estate in 519 localities that are distressed or double distressed.

520 D. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2006, there shall be subtracted from federal
521 taxable income contract payments to a producer of quota tobacco or a tobacco quota holder as provided
522 under the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-357) as follows:

523 1. If the payment is received in installment payments, then the recognized gain, including any gain
 524 recognized in taxable year 2005, may be subtracted in the taxable year immediately following the year
 525 in which the installment payment is received.

526 2. If the payment is received in a single payment, then 10 percent of the recognized gain may be
527 subtracted in the taxable year immediately following the year in which the single payment is received.
528 The taxpayer may then deduct an equal amount in each of the nine succeeding taxable years.

529 E. Adjustments to federal taxable income shall be made to reflect the transitional modifications 530 provided in § 58.1-315.

531 F. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the income from any disposition of real property 532 which is held by the taxpayer for sale to customers in the ordinary course of the taxpayer's trade or 533 business, as defined in § 453(1)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code, of property made on or after 534 January 1, 2009, may, at the election of the taxpayer, be recognized under the installment method 535 described under § 453 of the Internal Revenue Code, provided that (i) the election relating to the dealer 536 disposition of the property has been made on or before the due date prescribed by law (including 537 extensions) for filing the taxpayer's return of the tax imposed under this chapter for the taxable year in 538 which the disposition occurs, and (ii) the dealer disposition is in accordance with restrictions or 539 conditions established by the Department, which shall be set forth in guidelines developed by the 540 Department. Along with such restrictions or conditions, the guidelines shall also address the recapture of 541 such income under certain circumstances. The development of the guidelines shall be exempt from the 542 Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).

543 G. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2018, there shall be deducted to the extent 544 included in and not otherwise subtracted from federal taxable income 20 percent of business interest 545 disallowed as a deduction pursuant to § 163(j) of the Internal Revenue Code. For purposes of this

546 subsection, "business interest" means the same as that term is defined under § 163(j) of the Internal **547** Revenue Code.

- 548 2. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.
- 549 3. That the provisions of this act amending § 58.1-301 of the Code of Virginia shall be effective 550 only for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2018.
- 4. That in addition to any refund due pursuant to § 58.1-309 of the Code of Virginia, and for 551 552 taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2018, but before January 1, 2019, an individual 553 filing a final return before July 1, 2019, or married persons filing a final joint return before July 554 1, 2019, shall be issued a refund out of the Taxpayer Relief Fund (the Fund) established in the fifth enactment of this act in an amount up to \$110 for an individual, or \$220 for married persons 555 filing a joint return. The Governor, in consultation with the State Comptroller and the Tax 556 Commissioner, shall certify to the General Assembly on or before September 1, 2019, the 557 558 estimated amount available in the Fund for the issuance of such refunds after taking into account 559 the amounts in the Fund necessary to fund the tax policy changes set forth in the first enactment 560 of this act for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2018, but before January 1, 2019. If such estimated amount is insufficient to issue refunds of \$110 for an individual, or \$220 for 561 married persons filing a joint return, then such refunds shall be reduced and prorated based on 562 the amount of available funds. An individual shall only be allowed a refund pursuant to this 563 564 enactment up to the amount of such individual's tax liability after the application of any 565 deductions, subtractions, or credits to which the individual is entitled pursuant to Chapter 3 566 (§ 58.1-300 et seq.) of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia. Married persons filing a joint return shall only be allowed a refund pursuant to this enactment up to the amount of such married persons' 567 568 tax liability after the application of any deductions, subtractions, or credits to which the married persons are entitled pursuant to Chapter 3 of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia. Any refund issued 569 570 pursuant to this enactment shall be subject to collection under the provisions of the Setoff Debt Collection Act (§ 58.1-520 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). Refunds due pursuant to this enactment 571 shall be issued on or after October 1, 2019, but before October 15, 2019. 572
- 573 5. That there is hereby established a special nonreverting fund to be known as the "Taxpayer Relief Fund" (the Fund). Any revenues generated by the individual reform provisions contained in 574 Subtitle A of Title I and §§ 13611-13613 of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, P.L. 115-97 (2017), 575 576 from the collection of taxes during Fiscal Years 2019 through 2025, estimated to be approximately 577 \$450 million annually, beyond those revenues reasonably expected to be collected due to general 578 economic growth and absent the federal policy changes, less the estimated reduction in revenues 579 needed to implement the tax policy changes set forth in the first enactment of this act for the 580 relevant fiscal year, shall be transferred to the Fund. The Governor, in consultation with the State Comptroller and the Tax Commissioner, shall certify to the General Assembly on or before 581 582 September 1 each year the estimated amount to be transferred to the Fund pursuant to this act. 583 The amount certified shall take into account changes in taxpayer behavior and changes in general revenue collections unrelated to federal tax policy changes. The amount certified shall also take 584 into account and be adjusted accordingly for additional tax policy changes adopted by the federal 585 586 government after January 1, 2019, that may be reasonably expected to positively or negatively 587 impact revenues of the Commonwealth. The General Assembly shall appropriate any revenues in 588 the Fund to effectuate permanent or temporary tax reform measures.