VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2020 SESSION

CHAPTER 249

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 17 of Title 58.1 a section numbered 58.1-1718.01, relating to taxes on wills and administrations; exemption for victims of the Virginia Beach mass shooting; emergency.

[H 839]

Approved March 10, 2020

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 3 of Chapter 17 of Title 58.1 a section numbered 58.1-1718.01 as follows:
 - § 58.1-1718.01. Exemption for victims of the Virginia Beach mass shooting.
- A. As used in this section, "Virginia Beach mass shooting" means the mass shooting that occurred on May 31, 2019, at the Virginia Beach Municipal Center in the City of Virginia Beach.
- B. No tax shall be imposed under this article on the probate of a will or grant of administration of the estate of an individual who died as a result of the Virginia Beach mass shooting.
- 2. That if, prior to the effective date of this act, the Commonwealth or a locality imposed a tax pursuant to Article 3 (§ 58.1-1711 et seq.) of Chapter 17 of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia or Article 2 (§ 58.1-3805 et seq.) of Chapter 38 of Title 58.1 of the Code of Virginia on the probate of a will or grant of administration of the estate of an individual who died or was wounded as a result of the Virginia Beach mass shooting, as defined in § 58.1-1718.01 of the Code of Virginia, as created by this act, and such tax was paid, the Commonwealth or such locality, as applicable, shall refund such tax paid.
- 3. That an emergency exists and this act is in force from its passage.