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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY - CHAPTER

2 An Act to amend and reenact § 58.1-3980 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia 3 by adding a section numbered 58.1-3903.1, relating to the statute of limitations for the correction 4 and voluntary extension of local taxes.

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Approved

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7 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

8 1. That § 58.1-3980 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of 9 Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 58.1-3903.1 as follows:

10 § 58.1-3903.1. Waiver of time limitation on assessment of local taxes.

11 Before the expiration of the time prescribed for the assessment of any local tax, if both the commissioner of the revenue or other assessing official and the taxpayer have consented in writing to 12 13 the tax assessment after such time, the tax may be assessed at any time prior to the expiration of the period agreed upon. The period so agreed upon may be extended by subsequent agreements in writing 14 15 made before the expiration of the period previously agreed upon.

16 Whenever such an extension is agreed upon, it shall likewise extend the period relating to the collection of local taxes pursuant to § 58.1-3940 and applications for correction pursuant to 17 18 § 58.1-3980. 19

§ 58.1-3980. Application to commissioner of the revenue or other official for correction.

20 A. Any person, firm or corporation assessed by a commissioner of the revenue or other official 21 performing the duties imposed on commissioners of the revenue under this title with local taxes on tangible personal property, machinery and tools, or merchants' capital, or a local license tax, aggrieved 22 23 by any such assessment, may, within three years from the last day of the tax year for which such 24 assessment is made, or within one year from the date of the assessment, whichever is later, apply to the 25 commissioner of the revenue or such other official who made the assessment for a correction thereof.

26 Sections 58.1-3980 through 58.1-3983 shall also apply to erroneous assessments of real estate if the 27 error sought to be corrected in any case was made by the commissioner of the revenue or such other 28 official to whom the application is made.

29 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, an unpaid tangible personal property tax 30 assessment may be appealed to the commissioner of the revenue or other assessing official at any time 31 during which such assessment is collectible under § 58.1-3940, provided the taxpayer can demonstrate 32 by clear factual evidence that he was not subject to the tax for the year in question. If the assessing 33 official is satisfied that the assessment is erroneous, he shall order the treasurer or other collecting 34 official to discharge such assessment.

35 In the case of an erroneous assessment that has been satisfied in whole or in part through an 36 involuntary payment, an appeal to the assessing official must be made within one year from the date of 37 the involuntary payment. If the assessing official is satisfied that the assessment is erroneous, he shall order the treasurer or other collecting official to issue a refund for the amount of the involuntary payment. For purposes of this section, "involuntary payment" means a payment received pursuant to 38 39 40 § 58.1-3952 or § 58.1-520 et seq. (Setoff Debt Collection Act).

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