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HOUSE BILL NO. 1990

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-3511 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the situs for taxation of tangible personal property.

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Referred to Committee on Finance

10 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

11 1. That § 58.1-3511 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

12 § 58.1-3511. Situs for assessment; nonresident exception; refund of tax paid to city or county; 13 apportioned assessment.

14 A. The situs for the assessment and taxation of tangible personal property, merchants' capital and 15 machinery and tools shall in all cases be the county, district, town or city in which such property may 16 be physically located on the tax day. However, the situs for purposes of assessment of motor vehicles, travel trailers, boats and airplanes as personal property shall be the county, district, town or city where 17 18 the vehicle is normally garaged, docked or parked. Any person domiciled in another state, whose motor vehicle is principally garaged or parked in this Commonwealth during the tax year, shall not be subject 19 20 to a personal property tax on such vehicle upon a showing of sufficient evidence that such person has 21 paid a personal property tax on the vehicle in the state in which he is domiciled. In the event it cannot 22 be determined where such personal property, described herein, is normally garaged, stored or parked, the 23 situs shall be the domicile of the owner of such personal property. However, in the event the owner of 24 the motor vehicle is a *full-time* student attending an institution of higher education, the situs shall be the 25 domicile of such student, provided the student has presented sufficient evidence that he has paid a 26 personal property tax on the motor vehicle in his domicile. Any person who shall pay a personal 27 property tax on a motor vehicle to a county or city in this Commonwealth and a similar tax on the same 28 vehicle in the state of his domicile may apply to such county or city for a refund of such tax payment. 29 Upon a showing of sufficient evidence that such person has paid the tax for the same year in the state 30 in which he is domiciled, the county or city may refund the amount of such payment.

B. The assessment of motor vehicles, travel trailers, boats or airplanes operating over interstate routes, in the rendition of a common, contract or other private carrier service which are subject to property taxation in any other state on the basis of an apportioned assessment, shall be apportioned in the same percentage as the total number of miles traveled in the Commonwealth by such vehicle bears to the total number of miles traveled by such vehicle.