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1	SENATE BILL NO. 5005
1 2 3	Offered April 2, 2004
3	A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 3.1-1111, 30-133, 58.1-611.1, 58.1-3523, 58.1-3534, 58.1-3535,
4	58.1-3912, and 58.1-3916 of the Code of Virginia, to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a
5	section numbered 58.1-3523.1, and to repeal §§ 15.2-1636.20, 58.1-3524, 58.1-3525, 58.1-3526,
6	58.1-3527, 58.1-3528, 58.1-3529, 58.1-3530, 58.1-3531, 58.1-3532, 58.1-3533, 58.1-3536, and
7	58.1-3916.01 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the revenues of the Commowealth.
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10	Referred to Committee on Finance
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12	Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
13	1. That §§ 3.1-1111, 30-133, 58.1-611.1, 58.1-3523, 58.1-3534, 58.1-3535, 58.1-3912, and 58.1-3916 of
14	the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted, and that the Code of Virginia is amended by
15	adding a section numbered 58.1-3523.1 as follows:
16	§ 3.1-1111. Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization Fund; tax credits for technology
17 18	industries in tobacco-dependent localities. A. Money received by the Commonwealth pursuant to the Master Settlement Agreement shall be
10 19	deposited into the state treasury subject to the special nonreverting funds established by subsection B
20	and by §§ 3.1-1109.1 and 32.1-360. However, in no case shall the amount received by the Endowment
21	and Fund be included in general fund revenue calculations for purposes of subsection C of § 58.1-3524
22	and subsection B of § 58.1-3536.
23	B. There is created in the state treasury a special nonreverting fund to be known as the Tobacco
24	Indemnification and Community Revitalization Fund. The Fund shall be established on the books of the
25	Comptroller. Subject to the sale of all or any portion of the Commission Allocation, fifty percent of the
26	annual amount received by the Commonwealth from the Master Settlement Agreement shall be paid into
27	the state treasury and credited to the Fund. In the event of such sale (i) the Commission Allocation shall
28 29	be paid in accordance with the agreement for the period of sale and (ii) the Fund shall receive the amounts withdrawn from the Endowment in accordance with § 3.1-1109.1. Interest earned on moneys in
29 30	the Fund shall remain in the Fund and be credited to it. Any moneys remaining in the Fund, including
31	interest thereon, at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund but shall remain in the
32	Fund. Moneys in the Fund shall be used solely for the purposes described in this chapter; however,
33	starting with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2000, through December 31, 2009, the Commission may
34	deposit moneys from the Fund into the Technology Initiative in Tobacco-Dependent Localities Fund,
35	established under § 58.1-439.15, for purposes of funding the tax credits provided in §§ 58.1-439.13 and
36	58.1-439.14 and the grants provided in § 58.1-439.17. Expenditures and disbursements from the Fund
37	shall be made by the State Treasurer on warrants issued by the Comptroller upon written authorization
38	signed by the chairman of the Commission or his designee. The Fund shall also consist of other moneys
39 40	received by the Commission, from any source, for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this
40 41	C. The obligations of the Commission shall not be a debt or grant or loan of credit of the
42	Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Commonwealth shall not be liable thereon, nor shall such
43	obligations be payable out of any funds other than those credited to the Fund.
44	§ 30-133. Duties and powers generally.
45	A. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall audit all the accounts of every state department, officer,
46	board, commission, institution or other agency handling any state funds. In the performance of such
47	duties and the exercise of such powers he may employ the services of certified public accountants,
48	provided the cost thereof shall not exceed such sums as may be available out of the appropriation
<b>49</b>	provided by law for the conduct of his office.
50 51	B. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall review the information required in § 2.2-1501 to determine that state agencies are providing and reporting appropriate information on financial and performance
51 52	that state agencies are providing and reporting appropriate information on financial and performance measures, and the Auditor shall review the accuracy of the management systems used to accumulate and
52 53	report the results. The Auditor shall report annually to the General Assembly the results of such audits
54	and make recommendations, if indicated, for new or revised accountability or performance measures to

be implemented for the agencies audited.
C. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall prepare, by November 1, a summary of the results of all of
the audits and other oversight responsibilities performed for the most recently ended fiscal year. The
Auditor of Public Accounts shall present this summary to the Senate Finance, House Appropriations and

59 House Finance Committees on the day the Governor presents to the General Assembly the Executive 60

Budget in accordance with §§ 2.2-1508 and 2.2-1509 or at the direction of the respective Chairman of 61 the Senate Finance, House Appropriations or House Finance Committees at one of their committee

62 meetings prior to the meeting above.

63 D. As part of his normal oversight responsibilities, the Auditor of Public Accounts shall incorporate 64 into his audit procedures and processes a review process to ensure that the Commonwealth's payments for qualifying vehicles, as defined in § 58.1-3523, are consistent with the provisions of §§ 58.1-3525 and 65 58.1-3526. The Auditor of Public Accounts shall report to the Governor and the Chairman of the Senate 66 Finance Committee annually any material failure by a locality or the Commonwealth to comply with the 67

provisions of Chapter 35.1 (§ 58.1-3523 et seq.) of Title 58.1. 68

ED. The Auditor of Public Accounts when called upon by the Governor shall examine the accounts 69 of any institution maintained in whole or in part by the Commonwealth and, upon the direction of the 70 Comptroller, shall examine the accounts of any officer required to settle his accounts with him; and 71 upon the direction of any other state officer at the seat of government he shall examine the accounts of 72 73 any person required to settle his accounts with such officer.

74  $\mathbf{F}E$ . Upon the written request of any member of the General Assembly, the Auditor of Public 75 Accounts shall furnish the requested information and provide technical assistance upon any matter 76 requested by such member.

77 GF. In compliance with the provisions of the federal Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, Public 78 Law 104-156, the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission may authorize the Auditor of Public 79 Accounts to audit biennially the accounts pertaining to federal funds received by state departments, 80 officers, boards, commissions, institutions or other agencies. 81

§ 58.1-611.1. Rate of tax on sales of food purchased for human consumption.

A. Subject to the conditions of subsections D and E, the tax imposed by §§ 58.1-603 and 58.1-604 82 83 on food purchased for human consumption shall be levied and distributed as follows:

1. From On and after January 1, 2000, through March 31, 2001, the tax rate on such food shall be 84 three percent of the gross sales price. The revenue from the tax shall be distributed as follows: (i) the 85 revenue from the tax at the rate of one-half percent shall be distributed as provided in subsection A of 86 87 § 58.1-638, (ii) the revenue from the tax at the rate of one percent shall be distributed as provided in 88 subsections B, C and D of § 58.1-638, and (iii) the revenue from the tax at the rate of one and one-half 89 percent shall be used for general fund purposes.

90 2. From April 1, 2001, through March 31, 2002, the tax rate on such food shall be two and one-half 91 percent of the gross sales price. The revenue from the tax shall be distributed as follows: (i) the revenue 92 from the tax at the rate of one-half percent shall be distributed as provided in subsection A of 93 § 58.1-638, (ii) the revenue from the tax at the rate of one percent shall be distributed as provided in 94 subsections B, C and D of § 58.1-638, and (iii) the revenue from the tax at the rate of one percent shall 95 be used for general fund purposes.

3. From April 1, 2002, through March 31, 2003, the tax rate on such food shall be two percent of 96 97 the gross sales price. The revenue from the tax shall be distributed as follows: (i) the revenue from the 98 tax at the rate of one-half percent shall be distributed as provided in subsection A of § 58.1-638, (ii) the 99 revenue from the tax at the rate of one percent shall be distributed as provided in subsections B. C and 100 D of § 58.1-638, and (iii) the revenue from the tax at the rate of one-half percent shall be used for 101 general fund purposes.

102 4. On and after April 1, 2003, the tax rate on such food shall be one and one-half percent of the 103 gross sales price. The revenue from the tax shall be distributed as follows: (i) the revenue from the tax at the rate of one-half percent shall be distributed as provided in subsection A of § 58.1-638 and (ii) the 104 revenue from the tax at the rate of one percent shall be distributed as provided in subsections B, C and 105 D of § 58.1-638. 106

107 B. The provisions of this section shall not affect the imposition of tax on food purchased for human 108 consumption pursuant to §§ 58.1-605 and 58.1-606.

109 C. As used in this section, "food purchased for human consumption" has the same meaning as "food" defined in the Food Stamp Act of 1977, 7 U.S.C. § 2012, as amended, and federal regulations adopted 110 pursuant to that Act, except it shall not include seeds and plants which produce food for human 111 consumption. For the purpose of this section, "food purchased for human consumption" shall not include 112 113 food sold by any retail establishment where the gross receipts derived from the sale of food prepared by 114 such retail establishment for immediate consumption on or off the premises of the retail establishment constitutes more than 80 percent of the total gross receipts of that retail establishment, including but not 115 limited to motor fuel purchases, regardless of whether such prepared food is consumed on the premises 116 of that retail establishment. For purposes of this section, "retail establishment" means each place of business for which any "dealer," as defined in § 58.1-612, is required to apply for and receive a 117 118 119 certificate of registration pursuant to § 58.1-613.

D. Notwithstanding the tax rates set forth in subsection A, the rate of tax on sales of food purchased 120

for human consumption for any 12-month period beginning on or after April 1, 2001, shall not be 121 122 reduced below the rate then in effect for the Commonwealth's current fiscal year if:

123 1. Actual general fund revenues for the fiscal year preceding a fiscal year in which a rate reduction 124 is contemplated in subsection A do not exceed the official general fund revenue estimates for such 125 preceding fiscal year, as estimated in the most recently enacted and approved general appropriation act, 126 by at least one percent; or

127 2. Any of the events listed in subsection C of § 58.1-3524 or subsection B of § 58.1-3536 have 128 occurred during the then current fiscal year.

129 E. If the tax rate on food purchased for human consumption remains the same for the period January 130 1, 2000, through March 31, 2001, and the subsequent 12-month period beginning on April 1, 2001, or 131 with respect to any consecutive 12-month periods beginning on and after April 1, 2001, the tax rate on 132 such food shall remain the same unless none of the conditions described in subsection D have occurred, 133 in which event the tax rate on food purchased for human consumption for the immediately following 134 12-month period shall be equal to the next lowest tax rate listed in subsection A.

CHAPTER 35.1.

## LOCAL-OPTION PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF.

137 § 58.1-3523. Definitions.

138 As used in this chapter:

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139 "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

**140** "Commissioner of the revenue" means the same as that set forth in § 58.1-3100. For purposes of this 141 chapter, in a county or city which does not have an elected commissioner of the revenue, "commissioner 142 of the revenue" means the officer who is primarily responsible for assessing motor vehicles for the 143 purposes of tangible personal property taxation.

144 "Department" means the Department of Motor Vehicles.

145 "Effective tax rate" means the tax rate imposed by a locality on tangible personal property on the 146 applicable class of tangible personal property multiplied by the assessment ratio. 147

"Leased" means leased by a natural person as lessee and used for nonbusiness purposes.

148 "Percentage level" means the percentage of the reimbursable amount to be reimbursed or paid by the 149 Commonwealth.

"Privately owned" means owned by a natural person and used for nonbusiness purposes.

151 "Qualifying vehicle" means any passenger car, motorcycle, and pickup or panel truck, as those terms 152 are defined in § 46.2-100, that is determined by the commissioner of the revenue of the county or city 153 in which the vehicle has situs as provided by § 58.1-3511 to be (i) privately owned or (ii) leased 154 pursuant to a contract requiring the lessee to pay the tangible personal property tax on such vehicle. In 155 determining whether a vehicle is a qualifying vehicle, the commissioner of revenue may rely on the 156 registration of such vehicle with the Department pursuant to Chapter 6 (§ 46.2-600 et seq.) of Title 46.2.

157 "Reimbursable Tax relief amount" means the value of a qualifying vehicle, up to the first \$20,000 of 158 value, multiplied by the effective tax rate in effect in the locality on July 1, 1997, or August 1, 1997, 159 whichever is greater.

160 "Tangible personal property tax" means the tax levied pursuant to Article 1 (§ 58.1-3500 et seq.) of 161 Chapter 35 of Title 58.1.

162 "Treasurer" means the same as that set forth in § 58.1-3123, when used herein with respect to a 163 county or city. When used herein with respect to a town, "treasurer" means the officer who is primarily 164 responsible for the billing and collection of tangible personal property taxes levied upon motor vehicles 165 by such town, and means the treasurer of the county or counties in which such town is located if such 166 functions are performed for the town by the county treasurer or treasurers.

167 "Used for nonbusiness purposes" means the preponderance of use is for other than business purposes. 168 The preponderance of use for other than business purposes shall be deemed not to be satisfied if: (i) the 169 motor vehicle is expensed on the taxpayer's federal income tax return pursuant to Internal Revenue Code 170 § 179; (ii) more than fifty percent of the basis for depreciation of the motor vehicle is depreciated for 171 federal income tax purposes; or (iii) the allowable expense of total annual mileage in excess of fifty 172 percent is deductible for federal income tax purposes or reimbursed pursuant to an arrangement between 173 an employer and employee.

174 "Value" means the fair market value determined by the method prescribed in § 58.1-3503 and used 175 by the locality as of August 1, 1997, in valuing the qualifying vehicle.

176 § 58.1-3523.1. Tax relief on qualifying vehicles.

177 The local governing body of every county, city, or town is authorized to reduce the rate of its 178 tangible personal property tax on qualifying vehicles in order to provide annual personal property tax 179 relief on such vehicles in an amount approximately equal to 70 percent of the computed tax relief amount. If the governing body of any county, city, or town, by ordinance, elects to provide such tax 180 relief, the commissioner of the revenue of the locality shall identify each qualifying vehicle and its value 181

**182** to the treasurer of the locality.

**183** § 58.1-3534. Department to furnish information to commissioners of revenue.

184 The Department shall provide to the commissioners of revenue such data or information it has available which is needed for the by commissioners of revenue to comply with the for purposes of implementing the provisions of this chapter. Such data or information shall be made available in a manner which will allow for compliance with the provisions of this chapter.

188 § 58.1-3535. Commissioner of the revenue to furnish information to the treasurer.

**189** The commissioner of the revenue shall timely provide to the treasurer such data or information as **190** may be required for by the treasurer to comply with for implementation of the provisions of this chapter. **191**  $\S$  58.1-3912. Treasurers to mail certain bills to taxpayers; penalties; electronic transmission.

192 A. The treasurer of every city and county shall, as soon as reasonably possible in each year, but not 193 later than fourteen 14 days prior to the due date of the taxes, send or cause to be sent by United States 194 mail to each taxpayer assessed with taxes and levies for that year a bill or bills setting forth the amounts 195 due. The treasurer may elect not to send a bill amounting to twenty dollars or less as shown by an 196 assessment book in such treasurer's office. The treasurer may employ the services of a mailing service or 197 other vendor for fulfilling the requirements of this section. The failure of any such treasurer to comply 198 with this section shall be a Class 4 misdemeanor. Such treasurer shall be deemed in compliance with 199 this section as to any taxes due on real estate if, upon certification by the obligee of any note or other 200 evidence of debt secured by a mortgage or deed of trust on such real estate that an agreement has been 201 made with the obligor in writing within the mortgage or deed of trust instrument that such arrangements 202 be made, he mails the bill for such taxes to the obligee thereof. Upon nonpayment of taxes by either the 203 obligee or obligor, a past-due tax bill will be sent to the taxpayer. No governing body shall publish the 204 name of a taxpayer in connection with a tax debt for which a bill was not sent, without first sending a 205 notice of deficiency to his last known address at least two weeks before such publication.

B. The governing body of any county, city or town may attach to or mail with all real estate and
tangible personal property tax bills, prepared for taxpayers in such locality, information indicating how
the tax rate charged upon such property and revenue derived therefrom is apportioned among the various
services and governmental functions provided by the locality.

C. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, in any county which has adopted
the urban county executive form of government, and in any county contiguous thereto which has
adopted the county executive form of government, tangible personal property tax bills shall be mailed
not later than thirty days prior to the due date of such taxes.

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, any county and town, the governing bodies of which mutually agree, shall be allowed to send, to each taxpayer assessed with taxes, by United States mail no later than fourteen days prior to the due date of the taxes, a single real property tax bill and a single tangible personal property tax bill.

E. Beginning with tax year 1999, in addition to all other information currently appearing on tangible personal property tax bills, each such bill required to be sent pursuant to subsection A shall state on its face (i) whether the vehicle is a qualifying vehicle as defined in § 58.1-3523; (ii) a deduction for the amount to be paid by the Commonwealth as determined by § 58.1-3524; (iii) the vehicle's registration number pursuant to § 46.2-604; (iv) the amount of tangible personal property tax levied on the vehicle; and (v) if the locality prorates personal property tax pursuant to § 58.1-3516, the number of months for which a bill is being sent.

F. Beginning with tax year 1999 and through the end of tax year 2002, the treasurer shall include a statement, prepared by the Department, with or as part of the tangible personal property tax bills for such qualifying vehicles. The statement shall explain how the deduction for the percentage of the reimbursable amount was calculated, how the deduction shall be calculated in future years, and the taxpayer's liability for tangible personal property taxes on qualifying vehicles.

230 GE. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A, the treasurer, consistent with guidelines 231 promulgated by the Department of Taxation implementing the provisions of subdivision 2 of 232 § 58.1-1820, may convey, with the written consent of the taxpayer, any tax bill by electronic means 233 chosen by the taxpayer, including without limitation facsimile transmission or electronic mail (e-mail), in 234 lieu of posting such bill by first-class mail. The treasurer conveying a bill by means authorized in this 235 subsection shall maintain a copy (in written form or electronic media) of the bill reflecting the date of 236 transmission until such time as the bill has been satisfied or otherwise removed from the treasurer's 237 books by operation of law. Transmission of a bill pursuant to this subsection shall have the same force 238 and effect for all purposes arising under this subtitle as mailing to the taxpayer by first-class mail on the 239 date of transmission.

\$ 58.1-3916. Counties, cities and towns may provide dates for filing returns, set penalties, interest, etc.

242 Notwithstanding provisions contained in §§ 58.1-3518, 58.1-3900, 58.1-3913, 58.1-3915 and
243 58.1-3918, the governing body of any county, city or town may provide by ordinance the time for filing

244 local license applications and annual returns of taxable tangible personal property, machinery and tools 245 and merchants' capital. The governing body may also by ordinance establish due dates for the payment of local taxes; may provide that payment be made in a single installment or in two equal installments 246 247 but shall, beginning with its tax year starting in calendar year 2005, provide for the payment of tangible 248 personal property taxes no less frequently than semiannually except in the case where such taxes are 249 levied for less than the full year; may offer options, which may include coupon books and payroll 250 deductions, which allow the taxpayer to determine whether to pay the tangible personal property tax 251 through monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, or semiannual installments or in a lump sum, provided such 252 taxes are paid in full by the final due date; may provide by ordinance penalties for failure to file such 253 applications and returns and for nonpayment in time; may provide for payment of interest on delinquent 254 taxes; and may provide for the recovery of reasonable attorney's or collection agency's fees actually contracted for, not to exceed twenty percent of the delinquent taxes and other charges so collected. A locality that provides for payment of interest on delinquent taxes shall provide for interest at the same 255 256 257 rate on overpayments due to erroneously assessed taxes to be paid to the taxpayer, provided that no 258 interest shall be required to be paid on such refund if (i) the amount of the refund is ten dollars or less 259 or (ii) the refund is the result of proration pursuant to § 58.1-3516. A court that finds that an 260 overpayment of local taxes has been made in an action brought pursuant to § 58.1-3984 shall award 261 interest at the appropriate rate, notwithstanding the failure of the locality to conform its ordinance to the 262 requirements of this section.

263 No tax assessment or tax bill shall be deemed delinquent and subject to the collection procedures 264 prescribed herein during the pendency of any administrative appeal under § 58.1-3980, so long as the 265 appeal is filed within minety 90 days of the date of the assessment, and for thirty days after the date of 266 the final determination of the appeal, provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to preclude the assessment or refund, following the final determination of such appeal, of such interest as 267 268 otherwise may be provided by general law as to that portion of a tax bill which has remained unpaid or 269 was overpaid during the pendency of such appeal and is determined in such appeal to be properly due 270 and owing.

271 Interest may commence not earlier than the first day following the day such taxes are due by ordinance to be filed, at a rate not to exceed ten percent per year. The governing body may impose 272 273 interest at a rate not to exceed the rate of interest established pursuant to § 6621 of the Internal Revenue 274 Code of 1954, as amended, or ten percent annually, whichever is greater, for the second and subsequent 275 years of delinquency. No penalty for failure to pay a tax or installment shall exceed (i) ten percent of 276 the tax past due on such property, (ii) in the case of delinquent tangible personal property tax more than 277 thirty days past due on property classified pursuant to subdivision A 13, A 14 or A 18 of § 58.1-3506, 278 which remains unpaid after ten days' written notice sent by United States mail to the taxpayer of the 279 intention to impose a penalty pursuant hereto, the penalty shall not exceed an amount equal to the 280 difference between the tax due and owing with respect to such property and the tax that would have 281 been due and owing if the property in question had been classified as general tangible personal property 282 pursuant to § 58.1-3503, (iii) in the case of delinquent tangible personal property tax more than thirty 283 days past due, twenty-five percent of the tax past due on such tangible personal property, or (iv) ten 284 dollars, whichever is greater. No penalty for failure to file a return shall be greater than ten percent of 285 the tax assessable on such return or ten dollars, whichever is greater; provided, however, that the penalty 286 shall in no case exceed the amount of the tax assessable. The assessment of such penalty shall not be 287 deemed a defense to any criminal prosecution for failing to make return of taxable property as may be 288 required by law or ordinance. Penalty for failure to file an application or return may be assessed on the 289 day after such return or application is due; penalty for failure to pay any tax may be assessed on the 290 day after the first installment is due. Any such penalty when so assessed shall become a part of the tax.

291 No penalty for failure to pay any tax shall be imposed for any assessment made later than two weeks
292 prior to the day on which the taxes are due, if such assessment is made thereafter through the fault of a
293 local official, and if such assessment is paid within two weeks after the notice thereof is mailed.

In the event a transfer of real property ownership occurs after January 1 of a tax year and a real estate tax bill has been mailed pursuant to §§ 58.1-3281 and 58.1-3912, the treasurer or other appropriate local official designated by ordinance of the local governing body in jurisdictions not having a treasurer, upon ascertaining that a property transfer has occurred, may invalidate a bill sent to the prior owner and reissue the bill to the new owner as permitted by § 58.1-3912, and no penalty for failure to pay any tax for any such assessment shall be imposed if the tax is paid within two weeks after the notice thereof is mailed.

Penalty and interest for failure to file a return or to pay a tax shall not be imposed if such failure
was not the fault of the taxpayer, or was the fault of the commissioner of revenue or the treasurer, as
the case may be. The failure to file a return or to pay a tax due to the death of the taxpayer or a
medically determinable physical or mental impairment on the date the return or tax is due shall be

305 presumptive proof of lack of fault on the taxpayer's part, provided the return is filed or the taxes are paid within thirty days of the due date; however, if there is a committee, legal guardian, conservator or 306 307 other fiduciary handling the individual's affairs, such return shall be filed or such taxes paid within 120 308 days after the fiduciary qualifies or begins to act on behalf of the taxpayer. Interest on such taxes shall 309 accrue until paid in full. Any such fiduciary shall, on behalf of the taxpayer, by the due date, file any 310 required returns and pay any taxes which come due after the 120-day period. The treasurer shall make 311 determinations of fault relating exclusively to failure to pay a tax, and the commissioner of the revenue shall make determinations of fault relating exclusively to failure to file a return. In jurisdictions not 312 313 having a treasurer or commissioner of the revenue, the governing body may delegate to the appropriate 314 local tax officials the responsibility to make the determination of fault.

315 The governing body may further provide by resolution for reasonable extensions of time, not to exceed ninety 90 days, for the payment of real estate and personal property taxes and for filing returns 316 317 on tangible personal property, machinery and tools and merchants' capital, and the business, professional, and occupational license tax, whenever good cause exists. The official granting such extension shall 318 keep a record of every such extension. If any taxpayer who has been granted an extension of time for 319 filing his return fails to file his return within the extended time, his case shall be treated the same as if 320 321 no extension had been granted.

This section shall be the sole authority for local ordinances setting due dates of local taxes and 322 323 penalty and interest thereon, and shall supersede the provisions of any charter or special act.

324 2. That an amount equal to 90 percent of the total amount distributed to local governments under 325 the Personal Property Tax Relief Program during the Commonwealth's fiscal year that began on July 1, 2003, shall be appropriated for public education-related purposes in each fiscal year beginning with the Commonwealth's fiscal year starting on July 1, 2005. 326

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3. That §§ 15.2-1636.20, 58.1-3524, 58.1-3525, 58.1-3526, 58.1-3527, 58.1-3528, 58.1-3529, 58.1-3530, 328

329 58.1-3531, 58.1-3532, 58.1-3533, 58.1-3536, and 58.1-3916.01 of the Code of Virginia are repealed 330 effective January 1, 2005.

331 4. That the provisions of this act shall become effective on January 1, 2005.