

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 14, 2025

<u>TO:</u>

The Granby Board of Selectmen

FROM:

Mike Walsh, Town Manager

REGARDING:

State Provided Local Option – Assessment of Motor Vehicles

As you may have heard or read, the Connecticut General Assembly for the Grand List Year October 1, 2024 changed the method that an Assessor uses to value motor vehicles. The new method of valuation will use the MSRP (Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price) and apply a depreciation scheduled beginning at 85% to annually arrive at the assessment used for taxation.

The change has resulted in a dramatic decline in the Grand List related to motor vehicles in every City and Town (see the attached OPM narrative). In Granby, the overall decline in the value of motor vehicles was \$16 million, or 12.36% costing the Town \$519,000 of tax revenue.

To add more complexity to the local taxation issue, another change adding a full disability tax reduction to certain veterans resulted in \$155,000 of reduced tax revenue with those assessment exemptions further reducing the Grand List.

Recognizing the breadth of budget variability created by these changes, the Legislature went into Special Session in January and attempted to address the issue by providing each City and Town with the ability to opt into a Local Option whereby the Town can recapture 5% of the lost value, or about 1/3 of lost revenue (estimated to be \$185,000) if the Board of Selectmen approve the use of the Local Option. Please see a copy of the statutory changes attached.

Due to the mill rate cap on motor vehicles, this reduction in motor vehicle value basically translates into an increase in the real estate and personal property mill rate.

While the budget process is underway and fluid, we believe the difference in mill rates without adopting the Local Option (leaving the motor vehicle values at 85%) would raise the non-motor vehicle mill rate by .69, or 2%. Conversely, by adopting the Local Option (recapturing 5% of the motor vehicle values) would lower the non-motor vehicle mill rate by .69, or 2%.

Apologies on the urgency of the need for a final decision, but when the Legislative action is overlayed on the Granby's budget cycle, including considerations for work needed to reprice 12,000 motor vehicles, I respectfully request the following motion be considered to allow the Town to move this process forward one way or the other.

Proposed Motion:

Move that the Board of Selectmen elect the Local Option to apply a modified schedule of depreciation (90%) with respect to motor vehicles based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price of such motor vehicles, provided no motor vehicle shall be assessed at an amount less than five hundred dollars.



MOTOR VEHICLE ASSESSMENT CHANGES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

Pursuant to <u>Public Act 22-118</u> and <u>June Special Session Public Act 24-1</u>, municipal Assessors will be valuing registered/non-registered passenger motor vehicles differently than they have in the past.

Effective with the October 1, 2024 Grand List, Assessors will utilize the Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) of your vehicle and apply the statutory depreciation schedule to calculate the depreciated value of your vehicle.

The depreciated value will then be multiplied by the statewide assessment ratio of 70%, producing the assessed value of your vehicle for taxation.

The assessed value of your vehicle will automatically decrease according to the depreciation schedule. Your vehicle will be assessed at no less than \$500 for taxation purposes at any time.

Example based on a 2020 Honda Accord LX (estimate only)

OLD VALUATION METHOD

100% average retail price/clean retail value = \$20,325 (JD Power Clean Retail) \$20,325 x 70% Assessment Ratio = \$14,227.50 x 32.46 motor vehicle mill rate = \$461.83 tax bill

NEW VALUATION METHOD

MSRP \$24,020 X 65% depreciation from schedule = \$15,613 \$15,613 x 70% Assessment Ratio = \$10,929.10 \$10,929.10 x 32.46 motor vehicle mill rate = \$354.76 tax bill

New Personal Use Exemptions pursuant to <u>Section 12-81 (82)</u> of the CT General Statutes

- Any snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle or residential utility trailer, provided such property is exclusively for personal use is exempt for assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024.
- A utility trailer is defined under <u>Section 14-1</u> as a trailer designed and used to transport
 personal property, materials or equipment, whether or not permanently affixed to the bed of
 the trailer.
- While still required to be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles, these types of vehicles will be treated as personal possessions and no longer subject to local property taxation.

Board of Assessment Appeals pursuant to Section 12-117a of the CT General Statutes:

- Motor vehicles are assessed based on MSRP without factors such as high mileage, salvage vehicles, and rebuilt titles.
- The only grounds for appeal for a taxpayer is if the Assessor did not base the assessment from the vehicle's MSRP.
- Vehicle owners may appeal the MSRP determination to the Board of Assessment Appeals at their next successive meeting.

Depreciation Schedule pursuant to <u>Section 12–63</u> of the CT General Statutes:

Age of Vehicle	Percentage of MSRP	
Up to year one	Eighty-five per cent	
Year two	Eighty per cent	
Year three	Seventy-five per cent	
Year four	Seventy per cent	
Year five	Sixty-five per cent	
Year six	Sixty per cent	
Year seven	Fifty-five per cent	
Year eight	Fifty per cent	
Year nine	Forty-five per cent	
Year ten	Forty per cent	
Year eleven	Thirty-five per cent	
Year twelve	Thirty per cent	
Year thirteen	Twenty-five per cent	
Year fourteen	Twenty per cent	
Years fifteen to nineteen	Fifteen per cent	
Years twenty and beyond	Not less than \$500	

provided no motor vehicle shall be assessed at an amount less than five hundred dollars

For additional information contact your municipal Assessor's office.

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General Assembly

Bill No. 7067

January Session, 2025

LCO No. 5302



Referred to Committee on No Committee

Introduced by:

REP. RITTER, 1st Dist.

SEN. LOONEY, 11th Dist.

REP. ROJAS, 9th Dist.

SEN. DUFF, 25th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING AN EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION PROCESS FOR TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP OF HOSPITALS THAT HAVE FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION, THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR PROPERTY TAXATION, A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS WHO ARE PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED AND FUNDING OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXCESS COST GRANT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective from passage) (a) Notwithstanding any
 - provision of sections 19a-630 to 19a-639f, inclusive, of the general
- 3 statutes, any transacting parties involved in any transfer of ownership,
- 4 as defined in section 19a-630 of the general statutes, of a hospital
- 5 requiring a certificate of need pursuant to section 19a-638 of the general
- 6 statutes in which (1) the hospital subject to the transfer of ownership has
- 7 filed for bankruptcy protection in any court of competent jurisdiction,
- 8 and (2) a potential purchaser for such hospital has been or is required to
- 9 be approved by a bankruptcy court, may, at the discretion of the

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Commissioner of Health Strategy, apply for an emergency certificate of need through the emergency certificate of need application process described in this section. An emergency certificate of need issued by the Health Systems Planning Unit of the Office of Health Strategy pursuant to the provisions of this section and any conditions imposed on such issuance shall apply to the applicant applying for the emergency certificate of need, the hospital subject to the transfer of ownership and any subsidiary or group practice that would otherwise require a 17 certificate of need pursuant to the provisions of section 19a-638 of the 18 general statutes and that is also subject to the transfer of ownership as 19 part of the bankruptcy proceeding. The availability of the emergency 20 certificate of need application process described in this section shall not 21 affect any existing certificate of need issued pursuant to the provisions 22 of sections 19a-630 to 19a-639f, inclusive, of the general statutes. 23

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(b) (1) The unit shall develop an emergency certificate of need application, which shall identify any data required to be submitted with such application that the unit deems necessary to analyze the effects of a hospital's transfer of ownership on health care costs, quality and access in the affected market. If a potential purchaser of a hospital, described in subsection (a) of this section, is a for-profit entity, the unit's emergency certificate of need application may require additional information or data intended to ensure that the ongoing operation of the hospital after the transfer of ownership will be maintained in the public interest. The commissioner shall post any emergency certificate of need application developed pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision on the Office of Health Strategy's Internet web site and may modify any data required to be submitted with an emergency certificate of need application, provided the commissioner posts any such modification to the office's Internet web site not later than fifteen days before such a modification becomes effective.

(2) An applicant seeking an emergency certificate of need shall submit an emergency certificate of need application to the unit in a form and manner prescribed by the commissioner.

LCO No. 5302 2 of 16 (3) An emergency certificate of need application shall be deemed complete on the date the unit determines that an applicant has submitted a complete application, including data required by the unit pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. The unit shall determine whether an application is complete not later than three business days after an applicant submits an application. If, after making such a determination, the unit deems an application incomplete, the unit shall, not more than three business days after deeming such application incomplete, notify the applicant that such application is incomplete and identify any application or data elements that were not adequately addressed by the applicant. The unit shall not review such an application until the applicant submits any such application or data elements to the unit.

- (4) The unit may hold a public hearing on an emergency certificate of need application, provided (A) the unit holds such public hearing not later than thirty days after such application is deemed complete, and (B) the unit notifies the applicant of such public hearing not less than five days before the date of the public hearing. Any such public hearing or any other proceeding related to the emergency certificate of need application process described in this section shall not be considered a contested case pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes. Members of the public may submit public comments at any time during the emergency certificate of need application process and may request the unit to exercise its discretion to hold a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision.
- (5) When evaluating an emergency certificate of need application, the unit may consult any person and consider any relevant information, provided, unless prohibited by federal or state law, the unit includes any opinion or information gathered from consulting any such person and any such relevant information considered in the record relating to the emergency certificate of need application and cites any such opinion or information and any such relevant information considered in its final decision on the emergency certificate of need application. The unit may

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contract with one or more third-party consultants, at the expense of the applicant, to analyze (A) the anticipated effect of the hospital's transfer of ownership on access, cost and quality of health care in the affected community, and (B) any other issue arising from the application review process. The aggregate cost of any such third-party consultations shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars. Any reports or analyses generated by any such third-party consultant that the unit considers in issuing its final decision on an emergency certificate of need application shall, unless otherwise prohibited by federal or state law, be included in the record relating to the emergency certificate of need application. The provisions of chapter 57 of the general statutes and sections 4-212 to 4-219, inclusive, and 4e-19 of the general statutes shall not apply to any retainer agreement executed pursuant to this subsection.

- (c) (1) The unit shall issue a final decision on an emergency certificate of need application not later than sixty days after such application is deemed complete. The unit's final decision shall articulate the anticipated effect of the hospital's transfer of ownership on access, cost and quality of health care in the affected community, including an assessment of the effect on health care market concentration and health care access for Medicaid recipients. When issuing a final decision, the unit shall consider the effect of the hospital's bankruptcy on the patients and communities served by the hospital and the applicant's plans to restore financial viability.
- (2) The unit may impose any condition on an approval of an emergency certificate of need application, provided any such condition is consistent with the purposes of sections 19a-630 to 19a-639f, inclusive, of the general statutes. Before imposing any condition, the unit shall weigh the value of imposing such condition in promoting the purposes of sections 19a-630 to 19a-639f, inclusive, of the general statutes with the cumulative burden of imposing such condition on the applicant and any other transacting parties in the hospital's transfer of ownership. If the unit imposes any condition on an approval of an emergency certificate of need application, the unit's final decision shall include a concise

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- statement of (A) the legal and factual basis for such condition, and (B) 109 which criterion of health care cost, quality or access in the affected area 110 that the unit intends such condition to promote. Each condition shall be 111 reasonably tailored in time and scope. The applicant and any other 112 transacting parties in the hospital's transfer of ownership may request 113 an amendment to or relief from any condition, in a form and manner 114 prescribed by the unit, due to changed circumstances, hardship or for 115 other good cause. The unit may grant or deny any such request. 116
- 117 (d) The unit's final decision on an emergency certificate of need 118 application, including any conditions imposed on the approval of such 119 an application, shall not be subject to appeal.
- Sec. 2. Subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of section 12-63 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024):
- 124 (7) [For] (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, for assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, the following schedule of depreciation shall be applicable with respect to motor vehicles based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price of such motor vehicles, provided no motor vehicle shall be assessed at an amount less than five hundred dollars:

T1		Percentage of
T2		Manufacturer's Suggested
T3	Age of Vehicle	Retail Price
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T5	Up to year one	Eighty-five per cent
T6	Year two	Eighty per cent
T7	Year three	Seventy-five per cent
T8	Year four	Seventy per cent
T9	Year five	Sixty-five per cent
T10	Year six	Sixty per cent

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T11	Year seven	Fifty-five per cent	
T12	Year eight	Fifty per cent	
T13	Year nine	Forty-five per cent	
T14	Year ten	Forty per cent	
T15	Year eleven	Thirty-five per cent	
T16	Year twelve	Thirty per cent	
T17	Year thirteen	Twenty-five per cent	
T18	Year fourteen	Twenty per cent	
T19	Years fifteen to nineteen	Fifteen per cent	
T20	Years twenty and beyond	Not less than	
T21		five hundred dollars	
400		amonging on ar after October 1, 2024, any	
130	(B) For assessment years con	mencing on or after October 1, 2024, any	
131	municipality may, by vote or i	ts legislative body, or in a municipality	
132	where the legislative body is a	town meeting, by vote of its board of	
133	selectmen, elect to apply	the following modified schedule of	
134	depreciation with respect to inc	otor vehicles based on the manufacturer's	
135	suggested retail price of such in	notor vehicles, provided no motor vehicle	
136 shall be assessed at an amount less than five hundred dollars:			
T22		Percentage of	
T23		Manufacturer's Suggested	
T24	Age of Vehicle	Retail Price	
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T26	Up to year one	Ninety per cent	
T27	Year two	Eighty-five per cent	
T28	Year three	Eighty per cent	
T29	Year four	Seventy-five per cent	
T30	Year five	Seventy per cent	
T31	Year six	Sixty-five per cent	
T32	Year seven	Sixty per cent	
T33	Year eight	Fifty-five per cent	
T34	Year nine	Fifty per cent	
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T35	Year ten	Forty-five per cent
T36	Year eleven	Forty per cent
T37	Year twelve	Thirty-five per cent
T38	Year thirteen	Thirty per cent
T39	Year fourteen	Twenty-five per cent
T40	Years fifteen to nineteen	Twenty per cent
T41	Years twenty and beyond	Not less than
T42		five hundred dollars

- 137 Any municipality that elects to apply the modified schedule of
- 138 depreciation described in this subparagraph shall, not later than
- 139 fourteen days after such election, notify the Secretary of the Office of
- 140 Policy and Management, in a form and manner prescribed by the
- 141 secretary, of such election and the first assessment year for which such
- 142 <u>schedule shall be effective.</u>
- Sec. 3. (Effective from passage) In each municipality that elects to apply
- 144 the modified schedule of depreciation for motor vehicles described in
- subparagraph (B) of subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of section 12-63 of
- 146 the general statutes, as amended by this act, for the assessment year
- 147 commencing October 1, 2024, in which the grand list for said assessment
- 148 year has been published and lodged for public inspection on or before
- 149 the effective date of this section:
- 150 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-55 of the general
- 151 statutes, such municipality's assessor or board of assessors may
- disregard, adjust and republish said grand list not later than April 15,
- 153 2025;
- 154 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of section 12-110
- of the general statutes, such municipality's board of assessment appeals
- 156 shall meet to hear appeals related to the assessment of property during
- 157 the period commencing forty-five days after the effective date of this
- 158 section and concluding sixty days after the effective date of this section,

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on business days as described in said subsection;

- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 12-111 of the general statutes and section 12-112 of the general statutes, appeals from the doings of such municipality's assessors shall be heard or entertained by such municipality's board of assessment appeals if such appeal is made on or before the thirtieth day after the effective date of this section;
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-111 of the general statutes, such municipality's board of assessment appeals shall notify each taxpayer who filed an appeal, whether to advise of the date, time and place of the appeal hearing or to advise that such board has elected not to conduct an appeal hearing, not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section;
 - (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-120 of the general statutes, such municipality's assessor or board of assessors shall transmit to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section an abstract of the assessment list that has been examined and corrected by the board of assessment appeals; and
 - (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-142 of the general statutes, title 7 of the general statutes, chapter 204 of the general statutes, any special act, any municipal charter or any home rule ordinance, if such municipality has adopted a budget or levied taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, such municipality may, not later than June 15, 2025, (A) amend its budget in the same manner as such budget was originally adopted, and (B) adjust the tax levy and the amount of any remaining installments of such taxes. If such municipality has levied a tax that was due and payable in a single installment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, such municipality may mail or hand deliver to persons liable therefor a supplemental rate bill for any additional tax

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- levy resulting pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision. The amendment to such grand list or budget shall be an amount reflecting such modified schedule of depreciation.
- Sec. 4. Subdivision (83) of section 12-81 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024):

- (83) (A) (i) A dwelling, including a condominium, as defined in section 47-68a, and a unit in a common interest community, as defined in section 47-202, that is (I) owned by any resident of this state who has served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force or Space Force of the United States and has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled based on a service-connected [permanent and total] disability rating [as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs] of one hundred per cent, and (II) occupied by such resident as the resident's primary residence, or (ii) lacking such residence, one motor vehicle owned by such resident and garaged in this state.
- (B) If such resident lacks such dwelling or motor vehicle in such resident's name, the dwelling or motor vehicle, as applicable, belonging to or held in trust for such resident's spouse, who is domiciled with such resident, shall be so exempt. When any resident entitled to an exemption under the provisions of this subdivision has died, the dwelling or motor vehicle, as applicable, belonging to, or held in trust for, such deceased resident's surviving spouse, while such spouse remains a widow or widower, or belonging to or held in trust for such deceased resident's minor children during their minority, or both, while they are residents of this state, shall be so exempt as that to which such resident was or would have been entitled at the time of such resident's death.
- (C) No individual entitled to the exemption under this subdivision and under one or more of subdivisions (19), (22), (23), (25) and (26) of

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this section shall receive more than one exemption.

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(D) (i) No individual shall receive any exemption to which such individual is entitled under this subdivision until such individual has complied with section 12-95, and has submitted proof of such individual's [disability rating, as determined] determination by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, to the assessor of the town in which the exemption is sought. If there is no change to an individual's [disability rating] determination, such proof shall not be required for any assessment year following that for which the exemption under this subdivision is granted initially. If the United States Department of Veterans Affairs modifies an individual's [disability rating] determination to other than permanently and totally disabled based on a service-connected [permanent and total] disability rating of one hundred per cent, such modification shall be deemed a waiver of the right to the exemption under this subdivision. Any such individual whose [disability rating] determination was modified to other than permanently and totally disabled based on a serviceconnected [permanent and total] disability rating of one hundred per cent may seek the exemption under subdivision (20) of this section.

(ii) Any individual who has been unable to submit evidence of [disability rating] such determination by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs in the manner required by this subdivision, or who has failed to submit such evidence as provided in section 12-95, may, when such individual obtains such evidence, make application to the tax collector not later than one year after such individual obtains such proof or not later than one year after the expiration of the time limited in section 12-95, as the case may be, for abatement in case the tax has not been paid, or for refund in case the whole tax or part of the tax has been paid. Such abatement or refund may be granted retroactively to include the assessment day next succeeding the date as of which such individual was entitled to such [disability rating as determined] determination by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, but in no case shall any abatement or refund be made for a period greater than three years.

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(iii) The tax collector shall, after examination of such application, refer the same, with the tax collector's recommendations thereon, to the board of selectmen of a town or to the corresponding authority of any other municipality, and shall certify to the amount of abatement or refund to which the applicant is entitled. Upon receipt of such application and certification, the selectmen or other duly constituted authority shall, in case the tax has not been paid, issue a certificate of abatement or, in case the whole tax or part of the tax has been paid, draw an order upon the treasurer in favor of such applicant for such amount, without interest. Any action so taken by such selectmen or other authority shall be a matter of record and the tax collector shall be notified in writing of such action.

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Sec. 5. Subdivision (20) of section 12-81 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024):

(20) (A) Subject to the provisions hereinafter stated, property not exceeding three thousand five hundred dollars in amount shall be exempt from taxation, which property belongs to, or is held in trust for, any resident of this state who has served, or is serving, in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force or Space Force of the United States and (i) has a disability rating as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs amounting to ten per cent or more of total disability, other than a determination of being permanently and totally disabled based on a service-connected [permanent and total] disability rating of one hundred per cent, provided such exemption shall be two thousand dollars in any case in which such rating is between ten per cent and twenty-five per cent; two thousand five hundred dollars in any case in which such rating is more than twenty-five per cent but not more than fifty per cent; three thousand dollars in any case in which such rating is more than fifty per cent but not more than seventy-five per cent; and three thousand five hundred dollars in any case in which such resident has attained sixty-

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five years of age or such rating is more than seventy-five per cent; or (ii) is receiving a pension, annuity or compensation from the United States because of the loss in service of a leg or arm or that which is considered by the rules of the United States Pension Office or the Bureau of War Risk Insurance the equivalent of such loss.

- (B) If such veteran lacks such amount of property in such veteran's name, so much of the property belonging to, or held in trust for, such veteran's spouse, who is domiciled with such veteran, as is necessary to equal such amount shall also be so exempt. When any veteran entitled to an exemption under the provisions of this subdivision has died, property belonging to, or held in trust for, such deceased veteran's surviving spouse, while such spouse remains a widow or widower, or belonging to or held in trust for such deceased veteran's minor children during their minority, or both, while they are residents of this state, shall be exempt in the same aggregate amount as that to which the disabled veteran was or would have been entitled at the time of such veteran's death.
- (C) No individual entitled to the exemption under this subdivision and under one or more of subdivisions (19), (22), (23), (25) and (26) of this section shall receive more than one exemption.
- (D) (i) No individual shall receive any exemption to which such individual is entitled under this subdivision until such individual has complied with section 12-95 and has submitted proof of such individual's disability rating, as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, to the assessor of the town in which the exemption is sought. If there is no change to an individual's disability rating, such proof shall not be required for any assessment year following that for which the exemption under this subdivision is granted initially. If the United States Department of Veterans Affairs modifies a veteran's disability rating, such modification shall be deemed a waiver of the right to the exemption under this subdivision until proof of disability rating is submitted to the assessor and the right to such

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exemption is established as required initially, except that if such disability rating is modified to a <u>determination that such veteran is permanently and totally disabled based on a service-connected</u>
[permanent and total] disability rating <u>of one hundred per cent</u>, such veteran may seek the exemption under subdivision (83) of this section.

- (ii) Any individual who has been unable to submit evidence of disability rating in the manner required by this subdivision, or who has failed to submit such evidence as provided in section 12-95, may, when such individual obtains such evidence, make application to the tax collector not later than one year after such individual obtains such proof or not later than one year after the expiration of the time limited in section 12-95, as the case may be, for abatement in case the tax has not been paid, or for refund in case the whole tax has been paid, of such part or the whole of such tax as represents the service exemption. Such abatement or refund may be granted retroactively to include the assessment day next succeeding the date as of which such person was entitled to such disability rating as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, but in no case shall any abatement or refund be made for a period greater than three years.
 - (iii) The tax collector shall, after examination of such application, refer the same, with the tax collector's recommendations thereon, to the board of selectmen of a town or to the corresponding authority of any other municipality, and shall certify to the amount of abatement or refund to which the applicant is entitled. Upon receipt of such application and certification, the selectmen or other duly constituted authority shall, in case the tax has not been paid, issue a certificate of abatement or, in case the whole tax has been paid, draw an order upon the treasurer in favor of such applicant for the amount, without interest, that represents the service exemption. Any action so taken by such selectmen or other authority shall be a matter of record and the tax collector shall be notified in writing of such action;

Sec. 6. (Effective from passage) In each municipality in which the grand

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- list for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2024, has been published and lodged for inspection on or before the effective date of this section:
- 354 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-55 of the general 355 statutes, such municipality's assessor or board of assessors may 356 disregard, adjust and republish said grand list not later than April 15, 357 2025;
- 358 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of section 12-110 359 of the general statutes, such municipality's board of assessment appeals 360 shall meet to hear appeals related to the assessment of property during 361 the period commencing forty-five days after the effective date of this 362 section and concluding sixty days after the effective date of this section, 363 on business days as described in said subsection;
- (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 12-111 of the general statutes and section 12-112 of the general statutes, appeals from the doings of such municipality's assessors shall be heard or entertained by such municipality's board of assessment appeals if such appeal is made on or before the thirtieth day after the effective date of this section;

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- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of section 12-111 of the general statutes, such municipality's board of assessment appeals shall notify each taxpayer who filed an appeal, whether to advise of the date, time and place of the appeal hearing or to advise that such board has elected not to conduct an appeal hearing, not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section;
- 377 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-120 of the general 378 statutes, such municipality's assessor or board of assessors shall 379 transmit to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management not 380 later than ninety days after the effective date of this section an abstract 381 of the assessment list that has been examined and corrected by the board

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of assessment appeals; and

(6) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-142 of the general statutes, title 7 of the general statutes, chapter 204 of the general statutes, any special act, any municipal charter or any home rule ordinance, if such municipality has adopted a budget or levied taxes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, such municipality may, not later than June 15, 2025, (A) amend its budget in the same manner as such budget was originally adopted, and (B) adjust the tax levy and the amount of any remaining installments of such taxes. If such municipality has levied a tax that was due and payable in a single installment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, such municipality may mail or hand deliver to persons liable therefor a supplemental rate bill for any additional tax levy resulting pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.

Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) The following sum is appropriated from the GENERAL FUND for the purpose herein specified for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025:

T43	GENERAL FUND	2024-2025
T44	70 14	
T45	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
T4 6	Excess Cost - Student Based	40,000,000
T 47		14
T4 8	TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	40,000,000

This act sha sections:	all take effect as follows and	d shall amend the following
Section 1	from passage	New section
Sec. 2	from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024	12-63(b)(7)
Sec. 3	from passage	New section

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Sec. 4	from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024	12-81(83)
Sec. 5	from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024	12-81(20)
Sec. 6	from passage	New section
Sec. 7	from passage	New section

Certification of Municipal Option - Alternative Motor Vehicle Depreciation Schedule

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District (if applicable)	1) 54.(8
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Motor Vehicle Information	900/
Change effective with Grand List Year October 1,	B. Who dos dos
Percentage of Total Grand List that is Motor Vehicle Assessment	Web ?
Pursuant to Subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of Section 12-63 of	the general statutes;
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(B) Total Motor Vehicle List at 90% start Depreciation Schedu	le Carama a Carama de Carama
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Certification	19
1. I am the Chief Executive Officer for the Municipality/Boro	ugh/District and have authority to
execute this certification on behalf of the Municipality/Bo	prough/District;
2. The Municipality/Borough/District will comply with the pr	ovisions outline in Sections 2 and 3 of
House Bill 7067; and	and the second s
3. The information provided is true, accurate and complete	and the second second
CEO SIGNATURE:	DATE:
RETURN PDF COPY WITHIN 14 DAYS OF LEGISLATIVE BODY V	VOTE TO MARTIN.HEFT@CT.GOV
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March 5, 2025

Chief Executive Officers
Chief Financial Officers
Municipal Assessors
Municipal Tax Collectors
Special Taxing Districts

RE: HOUSE BILL 7067 - AN ACT CONCERNING AN EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION PROCESS FOR TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP OF HOSPITALS THAT HAVE FILED FOR BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION, THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR PROPERTY TAXATION, A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS WHO ARE PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED AND FUNDING OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION EXCESS COST GRANT.

Dear Municipal and District officials:

Pursuant to <u>Bill Notification 2025-1</u>, Governor Lamont signed and line-item vetoed <u>House Bill 7067</u>, IN THE ORIGINAL, on March 3, 2025. The bill implements several provisions including (1) creating an option for municipalities to adopt a modified depreciation schedule for motor vehicles, and (2) adjusting the property tax exemption for permanently and totally disabled veterans. For more detail see <u>Office of Legislative Research Bill Analysis</u>.

MUNICIPAL OPTION MOTOR VEHICLE DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE

Allows municipalities by legislative body vote to adopt a modified depreciation schedule for vehicles. The modified schedule generally increases, by five percentage points, the taxable portion of a vehicle's MSRP that is subject to property tax.

100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS' EXEMPTION

The bill specifies that a veteran qualifies for the exemption if he or she is determined by the U.S. DVA to be permanently and totally disabled based on a 100% service-connected disability rating.

Attached is a timeline chart for compliance and implementing the various measures of the municipal option motor vehicle depreciation schedule and the adjusting for the veterans' tax exemption. Please review with your municipal or district attorney.

Sincerely,

Martin L. Heft, Undersecretary

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MUNICIPAL OPTION ALTERNATIVE MOTOR VEHICLE DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE			
SECTION	ITEM	AFTER EFFECTIVE DATE	DUE
2(7)(B)	Notification to OPM of legislative body vote to apply the modified schedule	14 days after vote of legislative body	14 days after vote of legislative body
3(1)	CGS 12-55 Grand List Adjusted and Republished	xx	4/15/2025
3(2)	CGS 12-110 BAA Meet and Conclude	45 - 60 Days	4/17/2025 - 5/2/2025
3(3)	CGS 12-111 & 112 BAA Appeal Made	30 Days	4/2/2025
3(4)	CGS 12-111 BAA Notification of Hearing	60 Days	5/2/2025
3(5)	CGS 12-120 M13 Reporting	90 Days	6/1/2025
3(6)	CGS 12-142 Adopted Budget Adjustment	XX	6/15/2025

100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS' EXEMPTION			
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All effective days are set in legislative language and there are no exceptions for holidays or weekends in the determination of the due dates

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