



# TOWN OF GRANBY

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 20, 2025

**TO:** The Granby Board of Selectmen

**FROM:** Mike Walsh, Town Manager

**REGARDING:** State Provided Local Option – Assessment of Motor Vehicles

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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 schedule 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 [Public Act 22-118](#) and [June Special Session Public Act 24-1](#), 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

\$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 [Section 12-81 \(82\)](#) 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 [Section 14-1](#) 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 [Section 12-63](#) 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](#).**



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

**Bill No. 7067**

LCO No. 5302



Referred to Committee on No Committee

Introduced by:

REP. RITTER, 1<sup>st</sup> Dist.

SEN. LOONEY, 11<sup>th</sup> Dist.

REP. ROJAS, 9<sup>th</sup> Dist.

SEN. DUFF, 25<sup>th</sup> 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
- 2 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

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

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

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

43       (3) An emergency certificate of need application shall be deemed  
44 complete on the date the unit determines that an applicant has  
45 submitted a complete application, including data required by the unit  
46 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection. The unit shall determine  
47 whether an application is complete not later than three business days  
48 after an applicant submits an application. If, after making such a  
49 determination, the unit deems an application incomplete, the unit shall,  
50 not more than three business days after deeming such application  
51 incomplete, notify the applicant that such application is incomplete and  
52 identify any application or data elements that were not adequately  
53 addressed by the applicant. The unit shall not review such an  
54 application until the applicant submits any such application or data  
55 elements to the unit.

56       (4) The unit may hold a public hearing on an emergency certificate of  
57 need application, provided (A) the unit holds such public hearing not  
58 later than thirty days after such application is deemed complete, and (B)  
59 the unit notifies the applicant of such public hearing not less than five  
60 days before the date of the public hearing. Any such public hearing or  
61 any other proceeding related to the emergency certificate of need  
62 application process described in this section shall not be considered a  
63 contested case pursuant to the provisions of chapter 54 of the general  
64 statutes. Members of the public may submit public comments at any  
65 time during the emergency certificate of need application process and  
66 may request the unit to exercise its discretion to hold a public hearing  
67 pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision.

68       (5) When evaluating an emergency certificate of need application, the  
69 unit may consult any person and consider any relevant information,  
70 provided, unless prohibited by federal or state law, the unit includes  
71 any opinion or information gathered from consulting any such person  
72 and any such relevant information considered in the record relating to  
73 the emergency certificate of need application and cites any such opinion  
74 or information and any such relevant information considered in its final  
75 decision on the emergency certificate of need application. The unit may

76 contract with one or more third-party consultants, at the expense of the  
77 applicant, to analyze (A) the anticipated effect of the hospital's transfer  
78 of ownership on access, cost and quality of health care in the affected  
79 community, and (B) any other issue arising from the application review  
80 process. The aggregate cost of any such third-party consultations shall  
81 not exceed two hundred thousand dollars. Any reports or analyses  
82 generated by any such third-party consultant that the unit considers in  
83 issuing its final decision on an emergency certificate of need application  
84 shall, unless otherwise prohibited by federal or state law, be included in  
85 the record relating to the emergency certificate of need application. The  
86 provisions of chapter 57 of the general statutes and sections 4-212 to 4-  
87 219, inclusive, and 4e-19 of the general statutes shall not apply to any  
88 retainer agreement executed pursuant to this subsection.

89 (c) (1) The unit shall issue a final decision on an emergency certificate  
90 of need application not later than sixty days after such application is  
91 deemed complete. The unit's final decision shall articulate the  
92 anticipated effect of the hospital's transfer of ownership on access, cost  
93 and quality of health care in the affected community, including an  
94 assessment of the effect on health care market concentration and health  
95 care access for Medicaid recipients. When issuing a final decision, the  
96 unit shall consider the effect of the hospital's bankruptcy on the patients  
97 and communities served by the hospital and the applicant's plans to  
98 restore financial viability.

99 (2) The unit may impose any condition on an approval of an  
100 emergency certificate of need application, provided any such condition  
101 is consistent with the purposes of sections 19a-630 to 19a-639f, inclusive,  
102 of the general statutes. Before imposing any condition, the unit shall  
103 weigh the value of imposing such condition in promoting the purposes  
104 of sections 19a-630 to 19a-639f, inclusive, of the general statutes with the  
105 cumulative burden of imposing such condition on the applicant and any  
106 other transacting parties in the hospital's transfer of ownership. If the  
107 unit imposes any condition on an approval of an emergency certificate  
108 of need application, the unit's final decision shall include a concise

109 statement of (A) the legal and factual basis for such condition, and (B)  
 110 which criterion of health care cost, quality or access in the affected area  
 111 that the unit intends such condition to promote. Each condition shall be  
 112 reasonably tailored in time and scope. The applicant and any other  
 113 transacting parties in the hospital's transfer of ownership may request  
 114 an amendment to or relief from any condition, in a form and manner  
 115 prescribed by the unit, due to changed circumstances, hardship or for  
 116 other good cause. The unit may grant or deny any such request.

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.

120 Sec. 2. Subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of section 12-63 of the general  
 121 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
 122 *(Effective from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or*  
 123 *after October 1, 2024):*

124 (7) [For] (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this  
 125 subdivision, for assessment years commencing on or after October 1,  
 126 2024, the following schedule of depreciation shall be applicable with  
 127 respect to motor vehicles based on the manufacturer's suggested retail  
 128 price of such motor vehicles, provided no motor vehicle shall be  
 129 assessed at an amount less than five hundred dollars:

T1	Age of Vehicle	Percentage of Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price
T2		
T3		
T4		
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



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

(B) For assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024, any municipality may, by vote of its legislative body, or in a municipality where the legislative body is a town meeting, by vote of its board of selectmen, elect to apply the following modified schedule of depreciation 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:

T22		<u>Percentage of</u>
T23		<u>Manufacturer's Suggested</u>
T24	<u>Age of Vehicle</u>	<u>Retail Price</u>
T25		
T26	<u>Up to year one</u>	<u>Ninety per cent</u>
T27	<u>Year two</u>	<u>Eighty-five per cent</u>
T28	<u>Year three</u>	<u>Eighty per cent</u>
T29	<u>Year four</u>	<u>Seventy-five per cent</u>
T30	<u>Year five</u>	<u>Seventy per cent</u>
T31	<u>Year six</u>	<u>Sixty-five per cent</u>
T32	<u>Year seven</u>	<u>Sixty per cent</u>
T33	<u>Year eight</u>	<u>Fifty-five per cent</u>
T34	<u>Year nine</u>	<u>Fifty per cent</u>

T35	<u>Year ten</u>	<u>Forty-five per cent</u>
T36	<u>Year eleven</u>	<u>Forty per cent</u>
T37	<u>Year twelve</u>	<u>Thirty-five per cent</u>
T38	<u>Year thirteen</u>	<u>Thirty per cent</u>
T39	<u>Year fourteen</u>	<u>Twenty-five per cent</u>
T40	<u>Years fifteen to nineteen</u>	<u>Twenty per cent</u>
T41	<u>Years twenty and beyond</u>	<u>Not less than</u>
T42		<u>five hundred dollars</u>

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 schedule shall be effective.

143 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) In each municipality that elects to apply  
 144 the modified schedule of depreciation for motor vehicles described in  
 145 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  
 152 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  
 155 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,

159 on business days as described in said subsection;

160 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection  
161 (a) of section 12-111 of the general statutes and section 12-112 of the  
162 general statutes, appeals from the doings of such municipality's  
163 assessors shall be heard or entertained by such municipality's board of  
164 assessment appeals if such appeal is made on or before the thirtieth day  
165 after the effective date of this section;

166 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of  
167 subsection (a) of section 12-111 of the general statutes, such  
168 municipality's board of assessment appeals shall notify each taxpayer  
169 who filed an appeal, whether to advise of the date, time and place of the  
170 appeal hearing or to advise that such board has elected not to conduct  
171 an appeal hearing, not later than sixty days after the effective date of this  
172 section;

173 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-120 of the general  
174 statutes, such municipality's assessor or board of assessors shall  
175 transmit to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management not  
176 later than ninety days after the effective date of this section an abstract  
177 of the assessment list that has been examined and corrected by the board  
178 of assessment appeals; and

179 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-142 of the general  
180 statutes, title 7 of the general statutes, chapter 204 of the general statutes,  
181 any special act, any municipal charter or any home rule ordinance, if  
182 such municipality has adopted a budget or levied taxes for the fiscal  
183 year ending June 30, 2026, such municipality may, not later than June  
184 15, 2025, (A) amend its budget in the same manner as such budget was  
185 originally adopted, and (B) adjust the tax levy and the amount of any  
186 remaining installments of such taxes. If such municipality has levied a  
187 tax that was due and payable in a single installment for the fiscal year  
188 ending June 30, 2026, such municipality may mail or hand deliver to  
189 persons liable therefor a supplemental rate bill for any additional tax

190 levy resulting pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision. The  
191 amendment to such grand list or budget shall be an amount reflecting  
192 such modified schedule of depreciation.

193 Sec. 4. Subdivision (83) of section 12-81 of the general statutes is  
194 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
195 *passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1,*  
196 *2024*):

197 (83) (A) (i) A dwelling, including a condominium, as defined in  
198 section 47-68a, and a unit in a common interest community, as defined  
199 in section 47-202, that is (I) owned by any resident of this state who has  
200 served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force or  
201 Space Force of the United States and has been determined by the United  
202 States Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally  
203 disabled based on a service-connected [permanent and total] disability  
204 rating [as determined by the United States Department of Veterans  
205 Affairs] of one hundred per cent, and (II) occupied by such resident as  
206 the resident's primary residence, or (ii) lacking such residence, one  
207 motor vehicle owned by such resident and garaged in this state.

208 (B) If such resident lacks such dwelling or motor vehicle in such  
209 resident's name, the dwelling or motor vehicle, as applicable, belonging  
210 to or held in trust for such resident's spouse, who is domiciled with such  
211 resident, shall be so exempt. When any resident entitled to an exemption  
212 under the provisions of this subdivision has died, the dwelling or motor  
213 vehicle, as applicable, belonging to, or held in trust for, such deceased  
214 resident's surviving spouse, while such spouse remains a widow or  
215 widower, or belonging to or held in trust for such deceased resident's  
216 minor children during their minority, or both, while they are residents  
217 of this state, shall be so exempt as that to which such resident was or  
218 would have been entitled at the time of such resident's death.

219 (C) No individual entitled to the exemption under this subdivision  
220 and under one or more of subdivisions (19), (22), (23), (25) and (26) of

221 this section shall receive more than one exemption.

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

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

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

266 Sec. 5. Subdivision (20) of section 12-81 of the general statutes is  
267 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
268 *passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1,*  
269 *2024*):

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

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

292 (B) If such veteran lacks such amount of property in such veteran's  
293 name, so much of the property belonging to, or held in trust for, such  
294 veteran's spouse, who is domiciled with such veteran, as is necessary to  
295 equal such amount shall also be so exempt. When any veteran entitled  
296 to an exemption under the provisions of this subdivision has died,  
297 property belonging to, or held in trust for, such deceased veteran's  
298 surviving spouse, while such spouse remains a widow or widower, or  
299 belonging to or held in trust for such deceased veteran's minor children  
300 during their minority, or both, while they are residents of this state, shall  
301 be exempt in the same aggregate amount as that to which the disabled  
302 veteran was or would have been entitled at the time of such veteran's  
303 death.

304 (C) No individual entitled to the exemption under this subdivision  
305 and under one or more of subdivisions (19), (22), (23), (25) and (26) of  
306 this section shall receive more than one exemption.

307 (D) (i) No individual shall receive any exemption to which such  
308 individual is entitled under this subdivision until such individual has  
309 complied with section 12-95 and has submitted proof of such  
310 individual's disability rating, as determined by the United States  
311 Department of Veterans Affairs, to the assessor of the town in which the  
312 exemption is sought. If there is no change to an individual's disability  
313 rating, such proof shall not be required for any assessment year  
314 following that for which the exemption under this subdivision is  
315 granted initially. If the United States Department of Veterans Affairs  
316 modifies a veteran's disability rating, such modification shall be deemed  
317 a waiver of the right to the exemption under this subdivision until proof  
318 of disability rating is submitted to the assessor and the right to such



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

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

338 (iii) The tax collector shall, after examination of such application, refer  
339 the same, with the tax collector's recommendations thereon, to the board  
340 of selectmen of a town or to the corresponding authority of any other  
341 municipality, and shall certify to the amount of abatement or refund to  
342 which the applicant is entitled. Upon receipt of such application and  
343 certification, the selectmen or other duly constituted authority shall, in  
344 ~~case the tax has not been paid,~~ issue a certificate of abatement or, in case  
345 the whole tax has been paid, draw an order upon the treasurer in favor  
346 of such applicant for the amount, without interest, that represents the  
347 service exemption. Any action so taken by such selectmen or other  
348 authority shall be a matter of record and the tax collector shall be  
349 notified in writing of such action;

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



351 list for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2024, has been  
352 published and lodged for inspection on or before the effective date of  
353 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;

364 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection  
365 (a) of section 12-111 of the general statutes and section 12-112 of the  
366 general statutes, appeals from the doings of such municipality's  
367 assessors shall be heard or entertained by such municipality's board of  
368 assessment appeals if such appeal is made on or before the thirtieth day  
369 after the effective date of this section;

370 (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (1) and (2) of  
371 subsection (a) of section 12-111 of the general statutes, such  
372 municipality's board of assessment appeals shall notify each taxpayer  
373 who filed an appeal, whether to advise of the date, time and place of the  
374 appeal hearing or to advise that such board has elected not to conduct  
375 an appeal hearing, not later than sixty days after the effective date of this  
376 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

382 of assessment appeals; and

383 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12-142 of the general  
 384 statutes, title 7 of the general statutes, chapter 204 of the general statutes,  
 385 any special act, any municipal charter or any home rule ordinance, if  
 386 such municipality has adopted a budget or levied taxes for the fiscal  
 387 year ending June 30, 2026, such municipality may, not later than June  
 388 15, 2025, (A) amend its budget in the same manner as such budget was  
 389 originally adopted, and (B) adjust the tax levy and the amount of any  
 390 remaining installments of such taxes. If such municipality has levied a  
 391 tax that was due and payable in a single installment for the fiscal year  
 392 ending June 30, 2026, such municipality may mail or hand deliver to  
 393 persons liable therefor a supplemental rate bill for any additional tax  
 394 levy resulting pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision.

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

T43	GENERAL FUND	2024-2025
T44		
T45	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION	
T46	Excess Cost - Student Based	40,000,000
T47		
T48	TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	40,000,000

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage and applicable to assessment years commencing on or after October 1, 2024</i>	12-63(b)(7)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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

Certification of Municipal Option - Alternative Motor Vehicle Depreciation Schedule

Municipality / Borough  
District (If applicable)  
Chief Executive Officer Name  
Chief Executive Officer Title  
Phone Number  
E-mail Address

Legislative Body Vote  
Date of Legislative Body Vote

Motor Vehicle Information  
Change effective with Grand List Year October 1,

Percentage of Total Grand List that is Motor Vehicle Assessment

Pursuant to Subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of Section 12-63 of the general statutes:

(A) Total Motor Vehicle List at 85% start Depreciation Schedule

(B) Total Motor Vehicle List at 90% start Depreciation Schedule

Certification

- I am the Chief Executive Officer for the Municipality/Borough/District and have authority to execute this certification on behalf of the Municipality/Borough/District;
- The Municipality/Borough/District will comply with the provisions outline in Sections 2 and 3 of House Bill 7067; and
- The information provided is true, accurate and complete.

CEO SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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1) Example in old value

2) Before 85% Rule applied

3) If we use 85%

4) If we use 90%

B. who has done new 2 to N. to 7

C. Total Revenue / MR input 18,200

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 [Bill Notification 2025-1](#), Governor Lamont signed and line-item vetoed [House Bill 7067](#), 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 [Office of Legislative Research Bill Analysis](#).

**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



**HB 7087 - GOVERNOR SIGNED 3.3.2025**

<b>MUNICIPAL OPTION ALTERNATIVE MOTOR VEHICLE DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE</b>			
<b>SECTION</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AFTER EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	<b>DUE</b>
2(7)(8)	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

<b>100% PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS' EXEMPTION</b>			
<b>SECTION</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AFTER EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	<b>DUE</b>
6(1)	CGS 12-55 Grand List Adjusted and Republished	XX	4/15/2025
6(2)	CGS 12-110 BAA Meet and Conclude	45 - 60 Days	4/17/2025 - 5/2/2025
6(3)	CGS 12-111 & 112 BAA Appeal Made	30 Days	4/2/2025
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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