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Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by: (AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES.

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

- 1 Section 1. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (20) of subsection (a) of
- 2 section 12-701 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
- 3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage, and applicable to taxable*
- 4 years commencing on or after January 1, 2023):
- 5 (B) There shall be subtracted therefrom:
- 6 (i) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
- 7 income tax purposes, any income with respect to which taxation by
- 8 any state is prohibited by federal law;
- 9 (ii) To the extent allowable under section 12-718, exempt dividends
- 10 paid by a regulated investment company;
- 11 (iii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
- 12 income tax purposes, the amount of any refund or credit for
- overpayment of income taxes imposed by this state, or any other state
- of the United States or a political subdivision thereof, or the District of

15 Columbia;

- (iv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes and not otherwise subtracted from federal adjusted gross income pursuant to clause (x) of this subparagraph in computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, any tier 1 railroad retirement benefits;
 - (v) To the extent any additional allowance for depreciation under Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code for property placed in service after September 27, 2017, was added to federal adjusted gross income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ix) of this subdivision in computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, twenty-five per cent of such additional allowance for depreciation in each of the four succeeding taxable years;
 - (vi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, any interest income from obligations issued by or on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision thereof, or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut;
 - (vii) To the extent properly includable in determining the net gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of capital assets for federal income tax purposes, any gain from the sale or exchange of obligations issued by or on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision thereof, or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut, in the income year such gain was recognized;
 - (viii) Any interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry obligations or securities the interest on which is subject to tax under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that such interest on indebtedness is not deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income and is attributable to a trade or business carried on by such individual;

(ix) Ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year for the production or collection of income which is subject to taxation under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, or the management, conservation or maintenance of property held for the production of such income, and the amortizable bond premium for the taxable year on any bond the interest on which is subject to tax under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that such expenses and premiums are not deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income and are attributable to a trade or business carried on by such individual;

- (x) (I) For taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 2019, for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than fifty thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than fifty thousand dollars, or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than sixty thousand dollars or a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than sixty thousand dollars, an amount equal to the Social Security benefits includable for federal income tax purposes;
- (II) For taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 2019, for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is fifty thousand dollars or more, or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is fifty thousand dollars or more, or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income from such taxable year is sixty thousand dollars or more or for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head of household

whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is sixty thousand dollars or more, an amount equal to the difference between the amount of Social Security benefits includable for federal income tax purposes and the lesser of twenty-five per cent of the Social Security benefits received during the taxable year, or twenty-five per cent of the excess described in Section 86(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code;

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(III) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2019, and each taxable year thereafter, for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars or a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, an amount equal to the Social Security benefits includable for federal income tax purposes; and

(IV) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2019, and each taxable year thereafter, for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is seventy-five thousand dollars or more, or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is seventy-five thousand dollars or more, or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income from such taxable year is one hundred thousand dollars or more or for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is one hundred thousand dollars or more, an amount equal to the difference between the amount of Social

- 112 Security benefits includable for federal income tax purposes and the
- lesser of twenty-five per cent of the Social Security benefits received
- during the taxable year, or twenty-five per cent of the excess described
- in Section 86(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- 116 (xi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
- income tax purposes, any amount rebated to a taxpayer pursuant to
- 118 section 12-746;
- 119 (xii) To the extent properly includable in the gross income for
- 120 federal income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, any
- 121 distribution to such beneficiary from any qualified state tuition
- 122 program, as defined in Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code,
- 123 established and maintained by this state or any official, agency or
- instrumentality of the state;
- 125 (xiii) To the extent allowable under section 12-701a, contributions to
- accounts established pursuant to any qualified state tuition program,
- as defined in Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, established
- and maintained by this state or any official, agency or instrumentality
- 129 of the state;
- 130 (xiv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
- income tax purposes, the amount of any Holocaust victims' settlement
- payment received in the taxable year by a Holocaust victim;
- 133 (xv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
- income tax purposes of an account holder, as defined in section 31-
- 135 51ww, interest earned on funds deposited in the individual
- development account, as defined in section 31-51ww, of such account
- 137 holder;
- 138 (xvi) To the extent properly includable in the gross income for
- 139 federal income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, as defined in
- 140 section 3-123aa, interest, dividends or capital gains earned on
- 141 contributions to accounts established for the designated beneficiary
- 142 pursuant to the Connecticut Homecare Option Program for the Elderly

established by sections 3-123aa to 3-123ff, inclusive;

144 (xvii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 145 income tax purposes, any income received from the United States 146 government as retirement pay for a retired member of (I) the Armed 147 Forces of the United States, as defined in Section 101 of Title 10 of the 148 United States Code, or (II) the National Guard, as defined in Section 149 101 of Title 10 of the United States Code;

(xviii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes for the taxable year, any income from the discharge of indebtedness in connection with any reacquisition, after December 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument or instruments, as those terms are defined in Section 108 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended by Section 1231 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, to the extent any such income was added to federal adjusted gross income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(xi) of this subdivision in computing Connecticut adjusted gross income for a preceding taxable year;

(xix) To the extent not deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income, the amount of any contribution to a manufacturing reinvestment account established pursuant to section 32-9zz in the taxable year that such contribution is made;

(xx) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, (I) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2015, ten per cent of the income received from the state teachers' retirement system, (II) for the taxable years commencing January 1, 2016, to January 1, 2020, inclusive, twenty-five per cent of the income received from the state teachers' retirement system, and (III) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2021, and each taxable year thereafter, fifty per cent of the income received from the state teachers' retirement system or, for a taxpayer whose federal adjusted gross income does not exceed the applicable threshold under clause (xxi) of this subparagraph, the percentage pursuant to said clause of the

175 income received from the state teachers' retirement system, whichever deduction is greater;

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(xxi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, except for retirement benefits under clause (iv) of this subparagraph and retirement pay under clause (xvii) of this subparagraph, for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2019, fourteen per cent of any pension or annuity income, (II) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2020, twenty-eight per cent of any pension or annuity income, (III) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2021, fortytwo per cent of any pension or annuity income, and (IV) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2022, and each taxable year thereafter, one hundred per cent of any pension or annuity income;

(xxii) The amount of lost wages and medical, travel and housing expenses, not to exceed ten thousand dollars in the aggregate, incurred by a taxpayer during the taxable year in connection with the donation to another person of an organ for organ transplantation occurring on or after January 1, 2017;

(xxiii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, the amount of any financial assistance received from the Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund or paid to or on behalf of the owner of a residential building pursuant to sections 8-442 and 8-443;

(xxiv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, the amount calculated pursuant to subsection (b) of section 12-704g for income received by a general partner of a venture capital fund, as defined in 17 CFR 275.203(l)-1, as amended from time to time;

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(xxv) To the extent any portion of a deduction under Section 179 of the Internal Revenue Code was added to federal adjusted gross income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(xiv) of this subdivision in computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, twenty-five per cent of such disallowed portion of the deduction in each of the four succeeding taxable years;

(xxvi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2023, twenty-five per cent of any distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth individual retirement account, (II) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2024, fifty per cent of any distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth individual retirement account, (III) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2025, seventy-five per cent of any distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth individual retirement account, and (IV) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2026, and each taxable year thereafter, any distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth individual retirement account; [and]

- (xxvii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 240 241 income tax purposes, for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2022, 242 the amount or amounts paid or otherwise credited to any eligible 243 resident of this state under (I) the 2020 Earned Income Tax Credit 244 enhancement program from funding allocated to the state through the 245 Coronavirus Relief Fund established under the Coronavirus Aid, 246 Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136, and (II) the 2021 247 Earned Income Tax Credit enhancement program from funding 248 allocated to the state pursuant to Section 9901 of Subtitle M of Title IX 249 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2; and
- 250 (xxviii) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2023, and each 251 taxable year thereafter, the amount of any premiums paid in the 252 taxable year for a long-term care insurance policy issued pursuant to 253 section 38a-475, 38a-501, as amended by this act, or 38a-528, as 254 amended by this act.
- Sec. 2. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 38a-501 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

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- (2) (A) Any insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center that files a rate filing for an increase in premium rates for a long-term care policy that is for twenty per cent or more shall spread the increase over a period of not less than three years and not file a rate filing for an increase in premium rates for the long-term care policy during the period chosen. Such company, society, corporation or center shall use a periodic rate increase that is actuarially equivalent to a single rate increase and a current interest rate for the period chosen.
- (B) Prior to implementing a premium rate increase, each such company, society, corporation or center shall:
- 269 (i) Notify its policyholders of such premium rate increase and make 270 available to such policyholders the additional choice of reducing the

policy benefits to reduce the premium rate or electing coverage that reflects the minimum set of affordable benefit options developed by the commissioner pursuant to section 38a-475a. Such notice shall include a description of such policy benefit reductions and minimum set of affordable benefit options. The premium rates for any benefit reductions shall be based on the new premium rate schedule;

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- (ii) Provide policyholders not less than thirty calendar days to elect a reduction in policy benefits or coverage that reflects the minimum set of affordable benefit options developed by the commissioner pursuant to section 38a-475a; and
- (iii) Include a statement in such notice that if a policyholder fails to elect a reduction in policy benefits or coverage that reflects the minimum set of affordable benefit options developed by the commissioner pursuant to section 38a-475a by the end of the notice period and has not cancelled the policy, the policyholder will be deemed to have elected to retain the existing policy benefits.
- (C) Prior to implementing a premium rate increase exceeding ten per cent, each such company, society, corporation or center shall hold a public hearing. Policyholders shall be provided notice of the date and time of such hearing not less than fourteen days in advance of such date.
 - Sec. 3. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 38a-528 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):
 - (2) (A) Any insurance company, fraternal benefit society, hospital service corporation, medical service corporation or health care center that files a rate filing for an increase in premium rates for a long-term care policy that is for twenty per cent or more shall spread the increase over a period of not less than three years and not file a rate filing for an increase in premium rates for the long-term care policy during the period chosen. Such company, society, corporation or center shall use a

- periodic rate increase that is actuarially equivalent to a single rate increase and a current interest rate for the period chosen.
 - (B) Prior to implementing a premium rate increase, each such company, society, corporation or center shall:
 - (i) Notify its certificate holders of such premium rate increase and make available to such certificate holders the additional choice of reducing the policy benefits to reduce the premium rate or electing coverage that reflects the minimum set of affordable benefit options developed by the commissioner pursuant to section 38a-475a. Such notice shall include a description of such policy benefit reductions and minimum set of affordable benefit options. The premium rates for any benefit reductions shall be based on the new premium rate schedule;
- (ii) Provide certificate holders not less than thirty calendar days to elect a reduction in policy benefits or coverage that reflects the minimum set of affordable benefit options developed by the commissioner pursuant to section 38a-475a; and
 - (iii) Include a statement in such notice that if a certificate holder fails to elect a reduction in policy benefits or coverage that reflects the minimum set of affordable benefit options developed by the commissioner pursuant to section 38a-475a by the end of the notice period and has not cancelled the policy, the certificate holder will be deemed to have elected to retain the existing policy benefits.
- (C) Prior to implementing a premium rate increase exceeding ten per
 cent, each such company, society, corporation or center shall hold a
 public hearing. Policyholders shall be provided notice of the date and
 time of such hearing not less than fourteen days in advance of such
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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Section 1	from passage, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2023	12-701(a)(20)(B)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2023	38a-501(b)(2)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2023	38a-528(b)(2)

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