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Referred to Committee on VETERANS' AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Introduced by: (VA)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR MILITARY FUNERAL HONOR GUARD DETAIL COMPENSATION.

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- 2 section 12-701 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed
- 3 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July 1, 2024, and
- 4 applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2024):
- 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 any
- 8 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

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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

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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

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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 Security benefits includable for federal income tax purposes and the lesser of twenty-five per cent of the

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- 112 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
- 114 Revenue Code;
- 115 (xi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
- income tax purposes, any amount rebated to a taxpayer pursuant to
- 117 section 12-746;
- 118 (xii) To the extent properly includable in the gross income for federal
- income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, any distribution to
- such beneficiary from any qualified state tuition program, as defined in
- 121 Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, established and
- maintained by this state or any official, agency or instrumentality of the
- 123 state;
- 124 (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 of the
- 128 state;
- 129 (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;
- 132 (xv) To the extent properly includable in the gross income for federal
- income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, as defined in section
- 3-123aa, interest, dividends or capital gains earned on contributions to
- accounts established for the designated beneficiary pursuant to the
- 136 Connecticut Homecare Option Program for the Elderly established by
- 137 sections 3-123aa to 3-123ff, inclusive;
- 138 (xvi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
- income tax purposes, any income received from the United States
- 140 government as retirement pay for a retired member of (I) the Armed
- 141 Forces of the United States, as defined in Section 101 of Title 10 of the
- 142 United States Code, or (II) the National Guard, as defined in Section 101

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of Title 10 of the United States Code;

(xvii) 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;

(xviii) 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;

(xix) 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 (xx) of this subparagraph, the percentage pursuant to said clause of the income received from the state teachers' retirement system, whichever deduction is greater;

(xx) 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 (xvi) of this subparagraph, for a person who files a return under the federal income

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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, forty-two per cent of any pension or annuity income, and (IV) for the taxable years commencing January 1, 2022, and January 1, 2023, one hundred per cent of any pension or annuity income;

(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 (xvi) of this subparagraph, any pension or annuity income for the taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2024, and each taxable year thereafter, in accordance with the following schedule, 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 one hundred thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars:

| T1 | Federal Adjusted Gross Income | Deduction |
|----|--------------------------------|-----------|
| T2 | Less than \$75,000 | 100.0% |
| T3 | \$75,000 but not over \$77,499 | 85.0% |
| T4 | \$77,500 but not over \$79,999 | 70.0% |
| T5 | \$80,000 but not over \$82,499 | 55.0% |

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| T6 | \$82,500 but not over \$84,999 | 40.0% | |
| T7 | \$85,000 but not over \$87,499 | 25.0% | |
| T8 | \$87,500 but not over \$89,999 | 10.0% | |
| T9 | \$90,000 but not over \$94,999 | 5.0% | |
| T10 | \$95,000 but not over \$99,999 | 2.5% | |
| T11 | \$100,000 and over | 0.0% | |

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(xxii) 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 (xvi) of this subparagraph, any pension or annuity income for the taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2024, and each taxable year thereafter, in accordance with the following schedule for married individuals 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 fifty thousand dollars:

| T12 | Federal Adjusted Gross Income | Deduction |
|-----|----------------------------------|-----------|
| T13 | Less than \$100,000 | 100.0% |
| T14 | \$100,000 but not over \$104,999 | 85.0% |
| T15 | \$105,000 but not over \$109,999 | 70.0% |
| T16 | \$110,000 but not over \$114,999 | 55.0% |
| T17 | \$115,000 but not over \$119,999 | 40.0% |
| T18 | \$120,000 but not over \$124,999 | 25.0% |
| T19 | \$125,000 but not over \$129,999 | 10.0% |
| T20 | \$130,000 but not over \$139,999 | 5.0% |
| T21 | \$140,000 but not over \$149,999 | 2.5% |
| T22 | \$150,000 and over | 0.0% |

(xxiii) 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;

(xxiv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, the amount of any financial assistance received

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- 220 from the Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund or paid to or on
- behalf of the owner of a residential building pursuant to sections 8-442
- 222 and 8-443;
- 223 (xxv) 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
- 227 time;
- 228 (xxvi) To the extent any portion of a deduction under Section 179 of
- the Internal Revenue Code was added to federal adjusted gross income
- 230 pursuant to subparagraph (A)(xiv) of this subdivision in computing
- 231 Connecticut adjusted gross income, twenty-five per cent of such
- 232 disallowed portion of the deduction in each of the four succeeding
- 233 taxable years;
- 234 (xxvii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
- income tax purposes, for a person who files a return under the federal
- 236 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
- 239 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
- 242 and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married
- 243 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such
- 244 taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, for the taxable
- 245 year commencing January 1, 2023, twenty-five per cent of any
- 246 distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth
- 247 individual retirement account;
- 248 (xxviii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
- 249 income tax purposes, for a person who files a return under the federal
- 250 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross
- income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars,

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or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, (I) 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, (II) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2025, seventy-five per cent of any distribution from an individual retirement account, and (III) 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. The subtraction under this clause shall be made in accordance with the following schedule:

| T23 | Federal Adjusted Gross Income | Deduction |
|-----|--------------------------------|-----------|
| T24 | Less than \$75,000 | 100.0% |
| T25 | \$75,000 but not over \$77,499 | 85.0% |
| T26 | \$77,500 but not over \$79,999 | 70.0% |
| T27 | \$80,000 but not over \$82,499 | 55.0% |
| T28 | \$82,500 but not over \$84,999 | 40.0% |
| T29 | \$85,000 but not over \$87,499 | 25.0% |
| T30 | \$87,500 but not over \$89,999 | 10.0% |
| T31 | \$90,000 but not over \$94,999 | 5.0% |
| T32 | \$95,000 but not over \$99,999 | 2.5% |
| T33 | \$100,000 and over | 0.0% |
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(xxix) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, for married individuals 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 fifty thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2024, fifty per cent of any distribution from an individual retirement account, (II) 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 other than a Roth individual retirement account, and (III) for the taxable year

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commencing January 1, 2026, and each taxable year thereafter, any distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth individual retirement account. The subtraction under this clause shall be made in accordance with the following schedule:

| T34 | Federal Adjusted Gross Income | Deduction |
|-----|----------------------------------|-----------|
| T35 | Less than \$100,000 | 100.0% |
| T36 | \$100,000 but not over \$104,999 | 85.0% |
| T37 | \$105,000 but not over \$109,999 | 70.0% |
| T38 | \$110,000 but not over \$114,999 | 55.0% |
| T39 | \$115,000 but not over \$119,999 | 40.0% |
| T40 | \$120,000 but not over \$124,999 | 25.0% |
| T41 | \$125,000 but not over \$129,999 | 10.0% |
| T42 | \$130,000 but not over \$139,999 | 5.0% |
| T43 | \$140,000 but not over \$149,999 | 2.5% |
| T44 | \$150,000 and over | 0.0% |

(xxx) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2022, the amount or amounts paid or otherwise credited to any eligible resident of this state under (I) the 2020 Earned Income Tax Credit enhancement program from funding allocated to the state through the Coronavirus Relief Fund established under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136, and (II) the 2021 Earned Income Tax Credit enhancement program from funding allocated to the state pursuant to Section 9901 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2;

(xxxi) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2023, and each taxable year thereafter, for a taxpayer licensed under the provisions of chapter 420f or 420h, the amount of ordinary and necessary expenses that would be eligible to be claimed as a deduction for federal income tax purposes under Section 162(a) of the Internal Revenue Code but that are disallowed under Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code because marijuana is a controlled substance under the federal Controlled Substance Act;

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(xxxii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, for the taxable year commencing on or after January 1, 2025, and each taxable year thereafter, any common stock received by the taxpayer during the taxable year under a share plan, as defined in section 12-217ss;

(xxxiii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, the amount of any student loan reimbursement payment received by a taxpayer pursuant to section 10a-19m; [and]

(xxxiv) Contributions to an ABLE account established pursuant to sections 3-39k to 3-39q, inclusive, not to exceed five thousand dollars for each individual taxpayer or ten thousand dollars for taxpayers filing a joint return; and

(xxxv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, the amount of any compensation received for attending a funeral as a member of an honor guard detail pursuant to section 27-76.

| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
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| Section 1 | July 1, 2024, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2024 | 12-701(a)(20)(B) |

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a personal income tax deduction for compensation received as a result of participation in military funeral honor guard details.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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