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Referred to Committee on FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING

Introduced by: (FIN)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL AND OTHER REVISIONS TO THE TAX AND RELATED STATUTES.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 12-15 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes
- 2 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 3 *October 1, 2024*):
- 4 (a) No officer or employee, including any former officer or former
- 5 employee, of the state or of any other person who has or had access to
- 6 returns or return information in accordance with subdivision (12) of
- 7 subsection (b) of this section shall disclose or inspect any return or
- 8 return information, except as provided in this section.
- 9 (b) The commissioner may disclose:
- 10 (1) [returns] Returns or return information to (A) an authorized
- 11 representative of another state agency or office, upon written request by
- 12 the head of such agency or office, when required in the course of duty

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13 or when there is reasonable cause to believe that any state law is being 14 violated, or (B) an authorized representative of an agency or office of the 15 United States, upon written request by the head of such agency or office, 16 when required in the course of duty or when there is reasonable cause 17 to believe that any federal law is being violated, provided no such 18 agency or office shall disclose such returns or return information, other 19 than in a judicial or administrative proceeding to which such agency or 20 office is a party pertaining to the enforcement of state or federal law, as 21 the case may be, in a form which can be associated with, or otherwise 22 identify, directly or indirectly, a particular taxpayer except that the 23 names and addresses of jurors or potential jurors and the fact that the 24 names were derived from the list of taxpayers pursuant to chapter 884 25 may be disclosed by the Judicial Branch;

(2) [returns] <u>Returns</u> or return information to the Auditors of Public Accounts, when required in the course of duty under chapter 23;

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- 28 (3) [returns] Returns or return information to tax officers of another 29 state or of a Canadian province or of a political subdivision of such other 30 state or province or of the District of Columbia or to any officer of the 31 United States Treasury Department or the United States Department of 32 Health and Human Services, authorized for such purpose in accordance 33 with an agreement between this state and such other state, province, 34 political subdivision, the District of Columbia or department, 35 respectively, when required in the administration of taxes imposed 36 under the laws of such other state, province, political subdivision, the 37 District of Columbia or the United States, respectively, and when a 38 reciprocal arrangement exists;
 - (4) [returns] Returns or return information in any action, case or proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction, when the commissioner or any other state department or agency is a party, and when such information is directly involved in such action, case or proceeding;
- 44 (5) [returns] Returns or return information to a taxpayer or its

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authorized representative, upon written request for a return filed by or return information on such taxpayer;

- (6) [returns] <u>Returns</u> or return information to a successor, receiver, trustee, executor, administrator, assignee, guardian or guarantor of a taxpayer, when such person establishes, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, that such person has a material interest which will be affected by information contained in such returns or return information;
- (7) [information] <u>Information</u> to the assessor or an authorized representative of the chief executive officer of a Connecticut municipality, when the information disclosed is limited to (A) a list of real or personal property that is or may be subject to property taxes in such municipality, or (B) a list containing the name of each person who is issued any license, permit or certificate which is required, under the provisions of this title, to be conspicuously displayed and whose address is in such municipality;
- (8) [real] Real estate conveyance tax return information or controlling interest transfer tax return information to the town clerk or an authorized representative of the chief executive officer of a Connecticut municipality to which the information relates;
- (9) [estate] Estate tax returns and estate tax return information to the Probate Court Administrator or to the court of probate for the district within which a decedent resided at the date of the decedent's death, or within which the commissioner contends that a decedent resided at the date of the decedent's death or, if a decedent died a nonresident of this state, in the court of probate for the district within which real estate or tangible personal property of the decedent is situated, or within which the commissioner contends that real estate or tangible personal property of the decedent is situated;
- (10) [returns] <u>Returns</u> or return information to the (A) Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for purposes of subsection (b) of section 12-7a, and (B) Office of Fiscal Analysis for purposes of, and subject to the provisions of, subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of section

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- (11) [return] <u>Return</u> information to the Jury Administrator or Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, when the information disclosed is limited to the names, addresses, federal Social Security numbers and dates of birth, if available, of residents of this state, as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 12-701;
 - (12) [returns] <u>Returns</u> or return information to any person to the extent necessary in connection with the processing, storage, transmission or reproduction of such returns or return information, and the programming, maintenance, repair, testing or procurement of equipment, or the providing of other services, for purposes of tax administration;
 - (13) [without] Without written request and unless the commissioner determines that disclosure would identify a confidential informant or seriously impair a civil or criminal tax investigation, returns and return information which may constitute evidence of a violation of any civil or criminal law of this state or the United States to the extent necessary to apprise the head of such agency or office charged with the responsibility of enforcing such law, in which event the head of such agency or office may disclose such return information to officers and employees of such agency or office to the extent necessary to enforce such law;
 - (14) [names] <u>Names</u> and addresses of operators, as defined in section 12-407, to tourism districts, as defined in section 10-397;
 - (15) [names] <u>Names</u> of each licensed dealer, as defined in section 12-285, and the location of the premises covered by the dealer's license;
 - (16) [to] <u>To</u> a tobacco product manufacturer that places funds into escrow pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of section 4-28i, return information of a distributor licensed under the provisions of chapter 214 or chapter 214a, provided the information disclosed is limited to information relating to such manufacturer's sales to consumers within this state, whether directly or through a distributor,

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- 108 dealer or similar intermediary or intermediaries, of cigarettes, as
- defined in section 4-28h, and further provided there is reasonable cause
- to believe that such manufacturer is not in compliance with section 4-
- 111 28i;
- 112 (17) [returns] <u>Returns</u> or return information to the State Elections
- 113 Enforcement Commission, upon written request by said commission,
- when necessary to investigate suspected violations of state election
- 115 laws;
- 116 (18) [returns] Returns or return information for purposes of, and
- subject to the conditions of, subsection (e) of section 5-240;
- 118 (19) [to] To the extent allowable under federal law, return
- information to another state agency or to support a data request
- 120 submitted through CP20 WIN, established in section 10a-57g, in
- accordance with the policies and procedures of CP20 WIN for the
- 122 purposes of evaluation or research, provided the recipient of such data
- 123 enters into a data sharing agreement pursuant to section 4-67aa if such
- 124 recipient is not a state agency; and
- 125 (20) [return] Return information to the Connecticut Health Insurance
- 126 Exchange pursuant to section 12-156.
- 127 (c) Any federal returns or return information made available to the
- 128 commissioner in accordance with a written agreement between the
- 129 commissioner and the Internal Revenue Service concerning exchange of
- 130 information for tax administration purposes, shall not be open to
- inspection by or disclosed to any individual or disclosed in any manner
- other than as permitted under the provisions of Section 6103 of the
- 133 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding
- 134 internal revenue code of the United States, as from time to time
- 135 amended.
- 136 (d) (1) The commissioner may, upon request, verify whether or not
- any license, permit or certificate required under the provisions of this
- title to be conspicuously displayed has been issued by the commissioner

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to any particular person.

- (2) The commissioner may make public the names and municipality of residence or postal district of persons entitled to tax refunds for purposes of notifying them when the commissioner, after reasonable effort and lapse of time, has been unable to locate such persons.
- (e) The commissioner may refuse to open to inspection or disclose to any person any returns or return information made available to the commissioner by any tax officer of another state, a Canadian province or political subdivision of such other state or province or of the District of Columbia or by any officer of the United States Treasury Department or the United States Department of Health and Human Services in accordance with a written agreement between this state and such other state, province, political subdivision, the District of Columbia or department, respectively, which agreement provides that the disclosure of such returns or return information by the commissioner is prohibited. In addition, he may refuse to open to inspection or disclosure to any state or United States agency or office described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section, returns or return information unless such agency or office shall have:
- (1) Established and maintained, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, a permanent system of standardized records with respect to any request, the reason for such request, and the date of such request made by or of it and any disclosure or inspection of returns or return information made by or to it;
 - (2) [established] <u>Established</u> and maintained, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, a secure area or place in which such returns or return information shall be stored;
 - (3) [restricted] Restricted, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, access to the returns or return information only to persons whose duties or responsibilities require access and to whom disclosure may be made under this section or by whom inspection may be made under this section;

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(4) [provided] <u>Provided</u> such other safeguards which the commissioner prescribes as necessary or appropriate to protect the confidentiality of the returns or return information;

- (5) [furnished] <u>Furnished</u> a report to the commissioner, at such time and containing such information as the commissioner may prescribe, which describes the procedures established and utilized by such agency or office for ensuring the confidentiality of returns and return information required by this subsection; and
- (6) [upon] <u>Upon</u> completion of use of such returns or return information, returned to the commissioner such returns or return information, along with any copies made therefrom, or makes such returns or return information undisclosable in such manner as the commissioner may prescribe and furnishes a written report to the commissioner identifying the returns or return information that were made undisclosable.
- (f) Returns and return information shall, without written request, be open to inspection by or disclosure to: (1) Officers and employees of the Department of Revenue Services whose official duties require such inspection or disclosure for tax administration purposes; (2) officers or employees of an agency or office in accordance with subdivision (1) or (13) of subsection (b) of this section whose official duties require such inspection; and (3) officers or employees of any person in accordance with subdivision (12) of subsection (b) of this section, whose duties require such inspection or disclosure.
- (g) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.
- (h) For purposes of this section:
- (1) "Return" means any tax or information return, declaration of estimated tax, claim for refund, license application, permit application, registration application or other application required by, or provided

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for or permitted under, the provisions of this or any other title which is filed with the commissioner by, on behalf of, or with respect to any person, and any amendment or supplement thereto, including supporting schedules, attachments, or lists which are supplemental to, or part of, the return so filed.

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- 207 (2) "Return information" means a taxpayer's identity, the nature, 208 source, or amount of the taxpayer's income, payments, receipts, 209 deductions, exemptions, credits, assets, liabilities, net worth, tax 210 liability, tax collected or withheld, tax underreportings, tax 211 overreportings, or tax payments, whether the taxpayer's return was, is 212 being, or will be examined or subjected to other investigation or 213 processing, or any other data received by, recorded by, prepared by, 214 furnished to, or collected by the commissioner with respect to a return 215 or with respect to the determination of the existence, or possible 216 existence, of liability of any person for any tax, penalty, interest, fine, 217 forfeiture, or other imposition, or offense. "Return information" does not 218 include data in a form which cannot be associated with, or otherwise 219 identify, directly or indirectly, a particular taxpayer. Nothing in the 220 preceding sentence, or in any other provision of law, shall be construed 221 to require the disclosure of standards used or to be used for the selection 222 of returns for examination, or data used or to be used for determining 223 such standards or the disclosure of the identity of a confidential 224 informant, whether or not a civil or criminal tax investigation has been 225 undertaken or completed.
- 226 (3) "Disclosure" means the making known to any person, in any 227 manner whatever, a return or return information.
- 228 (4) "Inspection" means any examination of a return or return 229 information.
- 230 (5) "Tax administration" means the administration, management, 231 conduct, direction and supervision of the execution and application of 232 the tax laws of this state, and the development and formulation of tax 233 policy relating to existing or proposed tax laws of this state, and includes

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- assessment, collection, enforcement, litigation, publication and statistical gathering functions under such laws.
- Sec. 2. Subsection (h) of section 12-62r of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
- 238 1, 2024):
- (h) Nothing in this section shall change the assessment of apartment property created or converted by the Capital Region Development
- 241 Authority created pursuant to section [20-601] <u>32-601</u>. Such apartment
- 242 manager shall continue to be accessed as used antial manager.
- 242 property shall continue to be assessed as residential property.
- Sec. 3. Subsection (h) of section 12-170aa of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*)
- 245 1, 2024):
- 246 (h) Any person who is the owner of a residential dwelling on leased
- land, including any such person who is a sublessee under terms of the
- lease agreement applicable to such land, shall be entitled to claim tax
- relief under the provisions of this section, subject to all requirements
- 250 therein except as provided in this subsection, with respect to property
- 251 taxes paid by such person on the assessed value of such dwelling,
- 252 provided (1) the dwelling is such person's principal place of residence,
- 253 (2) such lease or sublease requires that such person as the lessee or
- sublessee, whichever is applicable, pay all property taxes related to the
- dwelling, and (3) such lease or sublease is recorded in the land records
- of the town.
- Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 12-217qq of the
- 258 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 259 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):
- 260 (d) (1) A qualified small business may apply to the commissioner in 261 accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2) of this subsection to
- 262 exchange any credit allowed under subsection (b) of this section for a
- 263 credit refund equal to the value of the credit. Any amount of credit
- 264 refunded under this subsection shall be refunded to the qualified small

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business in accordance with the provisions of this chapter or chapter 265

- 266 207, as applicable. No interest shall be allowed or paid on any amount
- 267 of credit refunded under this subsection. Any amount of credit refunded
- 268 under this subsection shall be subject to the provisions of section [12-
- 269 39h] <u>12-39g</u>.
- 270 Sec. 5. Subdivision (5) of subsection (a) of section 12-217zz of the 2024
- 271 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
- 272 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):
- 273 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (2) of this
- 274 subsection, for income years commencing on or after January 1, 2024, 275
- the aggregate amount allowable of tax credits and any remaining credits
- 276 available under section 12-217j or 12-217n or subparagraph (B) of 277
- subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of section 12-217x, after tax credits are 278 utilized in accordance with [said] subdivision (2) of this subsection shall
- 279 not exceed seventy per cent of the amount of tax due from such taxpayer
- 280 under this chapter with respect to any such income year of the taxpayer
- 281 prior to the application of such credit or credits.
- 282 Sec. 6. Section 12-263x of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 283 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

284 The amount of any tax, penalty, interest or fee, due and unpaid under 285 the provisions of sections 12-263q to 12-263v, inclusive, may be collected 286 under the provisions of section 12-35. The warrant [provided under

287 section 12-35] therein provided for shall be signed by the commissioner

288 or the commissioner's authorized agent. The amount of any such tax,

- 289 penalty, interest or fee shall be a lien on the real estate of the taxpayer
- 290 from the last day of the month next preceding the due date of such tax
- 291 until such tax is paid. The commissioner may record such lien in the
- 292 records of any town in which the real estate of such taxpayer is situated
- 293 but no such lien shall be enforceable against a bona fide purchaser or
- 294 qualified encumbrancer of such real estate. When any tax or fee with
- 295 respect to which a lien has been recorded under the provisions of this
- 296 subsection has been satisfied, the commissioner shall, upon request of

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any interested party, issue a certificate discharging such lien, which certificate shall be recorded in the same office in which the lien was recorded. Any action for the foreclosure of such lien shall be brought by the Attorney General in the name of the state in the superior court for the judicial district in which the property subject to such lien is situated, or, if such property is located in two or more judicial districts, in the superior court for any one such judicial district, and the court may limit the time for redemption or order the sale of such property or make such other or further decree as it judges equitable. For purposes of section 12-39g, a fee under this section shall be treated as a tax.

Sec. 7. Subsections (d) to (f), inclusive, of section 12-294 of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1*, 2024):

- (d) Failure of the commissioner to mail the notice referred to in subsection (c) of this section shall release the successor or assignee from any further obligation to withhold the purchase price as provided in subsection (b) of this section. The period within which the obligation of the successor or assignee may be enforced shall commence on the date the distributor or dealer sells out his or her business or stock of goods or quits the business or on the date [that] the assessment against such distributor or dealer becomes final, whichever event occurs later, and shall end three years after such date.
 - (e) The certificate provided for in subsection (c) of this section may be issued after the payment of all amounts due under this chapter, according to the records of the department as of the date of the certificate, or after the payment of the amounts is secured to the satisfaction of the commissioner.
 - (f) The obligation of the successor or assignee shall be enforced by serving a notice of successor liability on the successor or assignee. [The] Any such notice shall be [served in the manner prescribed under section 12-309 for service of a notice of assessment,] <u>issued</u> not later than three years after the date the commissioner is notified by the successor or

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assignee of the purchase of the business or stock of goods. The successor or assignee may protest the assessment in the manner provided in section 12-311, as amended by this act. [Sixty days after the date on which a notice of assessment is mailed, an assessment shall become final except for any amount as to which the successor or assignee has filed a written protest with the commissioner, as provided in section 12-311]

- 335 <u>Upon the issuance of an order by the commissioner pursuant to section</u>
- 336 <u>12-311</u>, as amended by this act, the successor or assignee may appeal
- 337 <u>such order in accordance with the provisions of section 12-312</u>.

- Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 12-309 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October* 1, 2024):
 - (a) (1) Each distributor and each dealer shall keep complete and accurate records of all cigarettes manufactured, produced, purchased and sold. Such records shall be of such kind and in such form as the Commissioner of Revenue Services may prescribe and shall be safely preserved for three years in such manner as to [insure] ensure permanency and accessibility for inspection by the commissioner and [his] the commissioner's authorized agents. The commissioner and [his] the commissioner's authorized agents may examine the books, papers and records of any distributor or dealer in this state for the purpose of determining whether the tax imposed by this chapter has been fully paid, and may investigate and examine the stock of cigarettes in or upon any premises where such cigarettes are possessed, stored or sold for the purpose of determining whether the provisions of this chapter are being obeyed.
 - (2) If, after an examination of the invoices, books and records of a licensed distributor or dealer, or if, from any other information obtained by [him or his] the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agents, the commissioner determines that the report of any licensed distributor or licensed dealer is incorrect, and that the licensed distributor or licensed dealer has not purchased sufficient stamps to cover [his] such distributor's or dealer's receipts and sales or other

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disposition of unstamped cigarettes, [he] the commissioner shall thereupon assess the deficiency in tax. Such amount shall bear interest at the rate of one per cent per month or fraction thereof from the date when the original tax was due and payable. In any case where a licensed distributor or licensed dealer cannot produce evidence of sufficient stamp purchases to cover the receipt of unstamped cigarettes, it shall be presumed that such cigarettes were sold without having the proper stamps affixed.

(3) When it appears that any part of the deficiency for which a deficiency assessment is made is due to negligence or intentional disregard of the provisions of this chapter or regulations promulgated thereunder, there shall be imposed a penalty equal to ten per cent of the amount of such deficiency assessment, or fifty dollars, whichever is greater. When it appears that any part of the deficiency for which a deficiency assessment is made is due to fraud or intent to evade the provisions of this chapter or regulations promulgated thereunder, there shall be imposed a penalty equal to twenty-five per cent of the amount of such deficiency assessment. No taxpayer shall be subject to more than one penalty under this subsection in relation to the same tax period.

(4) The amount of any tax, penalty or interest due and unpaid under the provisions of this chapter may be collected under the provisions of section 12-35. The warrant therein provided for shall be signed by the commissioner or [his] the commissioner's authorized agent. The amount of any such tax, penalty and interest shall be a lien, from the last day of the month next preceding the due date of such tax until discharged by payment, against all real estate of the taxpayer within the state, and a certificate of such lien signed by the commissioner may be filed for record in the office of the clerk of any town in which such real estate is situated, provided no such lien shall be effective as against any bona fide purchaser or qualified encumbrancer of any interest in any such property. When any tax with respect to which a lien has been recorded under the provisions of this section has been satisfied, the commissioner, upon request of any interested party, shall issue a certificate discharging such lien, which certificate shall be recorded in

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396 the same office in which the lien is recorded. Any action for the 397 foreclosure of such lien shall be brought by the Attorney General in the 398 name of the state in the superior court for the judicial district in which the property subject to such lien is situated, or, if such property is 399 400 located in two or more judicial districts, in the superior court for any one 401 such judicial district, and the court may limit the time for redemption or 402 order the sale of such property or make such other or further decree as 403 it judges equitable.

Sec. 9. Section 12-311 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

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Any person aggrieved by any action under this chapter of the commissioner or [his] the commissioner's authorized agent, for which hearing is not elsewhere provided, may apply to the commissioner <u>for</u> a hearing, in writing, [within] not later than sixty days after the notice of such action is delivered or mailed to [him, for a hearing] such person, setting forth the reasons why such hearing should be granted and the manner of relief sought. The commissioner shall promptly consider each such application and may grant or deny the hearing requested. If the hearing is denied, the applicant shall be notified thereof forthwith; if it is granted, the commissioner shall notify the applicant of the time and place fixed for such hearing. After such hearing, the commissioner may make such order in the premises as appears to [him] the commissioner just and lawful and shall furnish a copy of such order to the applicant. The commissioner may, by notice in writing, at any time, order a hearing on [his] the commissioner's own initiative and require the taxpayer or any other individual whom [he] the commissioner believes to be in possession of information concerning any manufacture, importation or sale of cigarettes [which] that have escaped taxation to appear before [him or his] the commissioner or the commissioner's authorized agent with any specific books of account, papers or other documents, for examination relative thereto.

Sec. 10. Subdivision (5) of subsection (e) of section 12-410 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu

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thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

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- 430 (5) For purposes of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the sale of 431 services described in subdivision (37) of subsection (a) of section 12-407 432 shall be considered a sale for resale if such services are subsequently 433 resold as an integral, inseparable component part of digital goods sold 434 by the purchaser of the services to an ultimate consumer of the digital 435 goods. The purchaser of the services described in subdivision (37) of 436 subsection (a) of section 12-407 for resale shall maintain, in such form as 437 the commissioner requires, records that substantiate: (A) From whom 438 the services described in subdivision (37) of subsection (a) of section 12-439 407 were purchases and to whom the digital goods were sold, licensed, 440 or leased, (B) the purchase prices of the services described in subdivision 441 (37) of subsection (a) of section 12-407, and (C) the nature of the 442 transaction with the ultimate consumer.
- Sec. 11. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 12-418 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):
 - (a) (1) Any person against whom an assessment or a reassessment is made under section 12-414a, 12-415, 12-416 or 12-424 or any person directly interested may file a written protest not later than sixty days after service upon such person of notice thereof. If a [petition for reassessment] written protest is not filed within the sixty-day period, the assessment or reassessment becomes final at the expiration of the period.
- Sec. 12. Subsection (f) of section 12-699 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):
 - (f) (1) Each person that is subject to the tax imposed under chapter 229 and is a member of an affected business entity shall be entitled to a credit against the tax imposed under said chapter, other than the [tax] <u>liability</u> imposed [under] <u>by</u> section 12-707. Such credit shall be in an amount equal to such person's direct and indirect share of the tax due

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and paid under this section by any affected business entity of which such person is a member multiplied by eighty-seven and one-half per cent. If the amount of the credit allowed pursuant to this subdivision exceeds such person's tax liability for the tax imposed under said chapter, the commissioner shall treat such excess as an overpayment and, except as provided in section 12-739 or 12-742, shall refund the amount of such excess, without interest, to such person.

- (2) Each person that is subject to the tax imposed under chapter 229 as a resident or a part-year resident of this state and is a member of an affected business entity shall also be entitled to a credit against the tax imposed under said chapter, other than the [tax] <u>liability</u> imposed [under] <u>by</u> section 12-707, for such person's direct and indirect share of taxes paid to another state of the United States or the District of Columbia, on income of any affected business entity of which such person is a member that is derived therefrom, provided the taxes paid to another state of the United States or the District of Columbia results from a tax that is substantially similar to the tax imposed under this section. Any such credit shall be calculated in a manner consistent with the provisions of section 12-704.
- Sec. 13. Subdivisions (7) and (8) of section 7-425 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):
- 483 (7) "Fund" [and] <u>or</u> "fund B" means the Connecticut Municipal 484 Employees' Retirement Fund B;
 - (8) "Continuous service" [and] or "service" means active service as a member, or active service prior to becoming a member if such service (A) was in a department for which participation was subsequently accepted and not subsequently withdrawn, (B) was continuous to the date of becoming a member except service for which credit is granted pursuant to section 7-436a, and (C) would have been as a member if the department had then been participating, all subject to the provisions of section 7-434;

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Sec. 14. Subsection (c) of section 7-436 of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

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- (c) On and after January 1, 2002, except as provided in subsection (h) of this section, the following formula shall be used for the purpose of calculating the monthly allowance of each member covered by the Old Age and Survivors Insurance System on the first of the month after such member attains the age at which such member first becomes eligible to receive Social Security benefits or qualifies for a Social Security disability award, if earlier: One-twelfth of one and one-half per cent of such member's average annual pay for the three highest-paid years of service up to the breakpoint for the year in which such member separated from service, plus one-twelfth of two per cent of such member's final average annual pay in excess of the breakpoint for the year in which such member separated from service, multiplied by such member's years of retirement credit and fractions thereof. Such allowance shall be reduced in recognition of any optional form of retirement income elected in accordance with section 7-439g. For the purposes of this section, "breakpoint" has the same meaning as "year's breakpoint" as provided in section 5-192f.
- Sec. 15. Subparagraph (G) of subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 7-439b of the 2024 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):
- (G) Each member of the Municipal Employees' Retirement Fund who retires on or after July 1, 2029, shall receive a cost of living adjustment beginning on the first July first following the completion of twelve months of retirement and on each subsequent July first. If the national consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers increases by two per cent or less for the twelve-month period immediately preceding any such adjustment, such adjustment shall equal the actual percentage change in such index. If the national consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers increases by more than two per cent for the twelve-month period

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immediately preceding any such adjustment, such adjustment shall be equal to the higher of [(1)] (i) two per cent, or [(2)] (ii) sixty per cent of the amount of such increase for the first six per cent plus seventy-five per cent of the amount of such increase over six per cent, provided any such adjustment shall not exceed seven and one-half per cent. In the event a member who retires on or after July 1, 2029, becomes deceased, such cost of living adjustment shall be applied to the allowance of the annuitant, if any.

Sec. 16. Subdivision (2) of subsection (m) of section 45a-107 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2024*):

- (2) If a tax return or a copy of a tax return required under subparagraph (D) of subdivision (3) of subsection (b) of section 12-392 is not filed with a Probate Court by the due date for such return or copy under subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 12-392 or by the date an extension under subdivision [(4)] (6) of subsection (b) of section 12-392 expires, the fees that would have been due under this section if such return or copy had been filed by such due date or expiration date shall bear interest at the rate of one-half of one per cent per month or portion thereof from the date that is thirty days after such due date or expiration date, whichever is later, until paid. If a return or copy is filed with a Probate Court on or before such due date or expiration date, whichever is later, the fees assessed shall bear interest as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection. No interest shall accrue under this subdivision on any portion of the fees that are based on damages recovered for injuries resulting in death;
- Sec. 17. Subsection (a) of section 1-2a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 555 (a) For purposes of sections 1-206, [3-114i,] 4-147, 9-23g, 9-153b, 9-311, 5-56 9-608, 10-183g, 12-146, 20-429, 31-241, 31-248, 31-249a, 33-603, 33-663, 33-557 929, 33-1003, 33-1053, 33-1219, 38a-716 and 42-243 (1) any reference to

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558 the United States mail or a postmark shall be treated as including a 559 reference to any delivery service designated by the Secretary of the 560 Treasury of the United States pursuant to Section 7502 of the Internal 561 Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal 562 revenue code of the United States, as from time to time amended, (2) 563 any reference to a postmark made by the United States Postal Service 564 shall be treated as including a reference to any date recorded or marked 565 in the manner described in said Section 7502 of said Internal Revenue 566 Code by a designated delivery service, and (3) any equivalent of 567 registered or certified mail designated by the Secretary of the Treasury 568 of the United States pursuant to said Section 7502 of said Internal 569 Revenue Code shall be included within the meaning of registered or 570 certified mail.

Sec. 18. Section 17b-10b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

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The Commissioner of Social Services, pursuant to section 17b-10, may implement policies and procedures necessary to administer the provisions of sections [3-114r,] 17b-321, 17b-340a and 17b-340b, while in the process of adopting such policies and procedures in regulation form, provided the commissioner prints notice of intent to adopt regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal not later than twenty days after the date of implementation. Such policies and procedures shall remain valid for three years following the date of publication in the Connecticut Law Journal unless otherwise provided for by the General Assembly. Notwithstanding the time frames established in subsection (c) of section 17b-10, the commissioner shall submit such policies and procedures in proposed regulation form to the legislative regulation review committee not later than three years following the date of publication of its intent to adopt regulations as provided for in this subsection. In the event that the commissioner is unable to submit proposed regulations prior to the expiration of the three-year time period as provided for in this subsection, the commissioner shall submit written notice, not later than thirty-five days prior to the date of expiration of such time period, to the legislative regulation review committee and the joint standing

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committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies indicating that the department will not be able to submit the proposed regulations on or before such date and shall include in such notice (1) the reasons why the department will not submit the proposed regulations by such date, and (2) the date by which the department will submit the proposed regulations. The legislative regulation review committee may require the department to appear before the committee at a time prescribed by the committee to further explain such reasons and to respond to any questions by the committee about the policy. The legislative regulation review committee may request the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services to review the department's policy, the department's reasons for not submitting the proposed regulations by the date specified in this section and the date by which the department will submit the proposed regulations. Said joint standing committee may review the policy, such reasons and such date, may schedule a hearing thereon and may make a recommendation to the legislative regulation review committee.

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Sec. 19. Sections 3-114i and 3-114p to 3-114r, inclusive, of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:			
Section 1	October 1, 2024	12-15	
Sec. 2	October 1, 2024	12-62r(h)	
Sec. 3	October 1, 2024	12-170aa(h)	
Sec. 4	October 1, 2024	12-217qq(d)(1)	
Sec. 5	October 1, 2024	12-217zz(a)(5)	
Sec. 6	October 1, 2024	12-263x	
Sec. 7	October 1, 2024	12-294(d) to (f)	
Sec. 8	October 1, 2024	12-309(a)	
Sec. 9	October 1, 2024	12-311	
Sec. 10	October 1, 2024	12-410(e)(5)	
Sec. 11	October 1, 2024	12-418(a)(1)	
Sec. 12	October 1, 2024	12-699(f)	

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Sec. 13	October 1, 2024	7-425(7) and (8)
Sec. 14	October 1, 2024	7-436(c)
Sec. 15	October 1, 2024	7-439b(b)(1)(G)
Sec. 16	October 1, 2024	45a-107(m)(2)
Sec. 17	from passage	1-2a(a)
Sec. 18	from passage	17b-10b
Sec. 19	from passage	Repealer section

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