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SENATE BILL NO. 630

Offered January 17, 2022

A BILL to amend and reenact § 58.1-301 of the Code of Virginia, relating to income tax; rolling conformity; report.

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Referred to Committee on Finance and Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 58.1-301 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 58.1-301. Conformity to Internal Revenue Code.

A. Any term used in this chapter shall have the same meaning as when used in a comparable context in the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes, unless a different meaning is clearly required.

B. Any reference in this chapter to the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes shall mean the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, and amendments thereto, and other provisions of the laws of the United States relating to federal income taxes, as they existed on December 31, 2020, except for:

1. The special depreciation allowance for certain property provided for under §§ 168(k), 168(l), 168(m), 1400L, and 1400N of the Internal Revenue Code;

2. The carry-back of certain net operating losses for five years under § 172(b)(1)(H) of the Internal Revenue Code;

3. The original issue discount on applicable high yield discount obligations under § 163(e)(5)(F) of the Internal Revenue Code;

4. The deferral of certain income under § 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code. For Virginia income tax purposes, income from the discharge of indebtedness in connection with the reacquisition of an "applicable debt instrument" (as defined under § 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code) reacquired in the taxable year shall be fully included in the taxpayer's Virginia taxable income for the taxable year, unless the taxpayer elects to include such income in the taxpayer's Virginia taxable income ratably over a three-taxable-year period beginning with taxable year 2009 for transactions completed in taxable year 2009, or over a three-taxable-year period beginning with taxable year 2010 for transactions completed in taxable year 2010 on or before April 21, 2010. For purposes of such election, all other provisions of § 108(i) of the Internal Revenue Code shall apply mutatis mutandis. No other deferral shall be allowed for income from the discharge of indebtedness in connection with the reacquisition of an "applicable debt instrument";

5. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, the suspension of the overall limitation on itemized deductions under § 68(f) of the Internal Revenue Code;

6. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2017, but before January 1, 2018, and for taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, the 7.5 percent of federal adjusted gross income threshold set forth in § 213(a) of the Internal Revenue Code that is used for purposes of computing the deduction allowed for expenses for medical care pursuant to § 213 of the Internal Revenue Code. For such taxable years, the threshold utilized for Virginia income tax purposes to compute the deduction allowed for expenses for medical care pursuant to § 213 of the Internal Revenue Code shall be 10 percent of federal adjusted gross income;

7. The provisions of §§ 2303(a) and 2303(b) of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136 (2020), related to the net operating loss limitation and carryback;

8. The provisions of § 2304(a) of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136 (2020), related to a loss limitation applicable to taxpayers other than corporations;

9. The provisions of § 2306 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136 (2020), related to the limitation on business interest; and

10. The provisions of §§ 276(a), 276(b)(2), 276(b)(3), 278(a)(2), 278(a)(3), 278(b)(2), 278(b)(3), 278(c)(2), 278(c)(3), 278(d)(2), and 278(d)(3) of the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, P.L. 116-260 (2020), related to deductions, tax attributes, and basis increases for certain loan forgiveness and other business financial assistance; and

11. a. For taxable years beginning on and after January 1, 2022, (i) any amendment with a projected impact that would increase or decrease general fund revenues by greater than 0.3 percent in the fiscal year in which the amendment was enacted or any of the succeeding four fiscal years and (ii) all amendments adopted during the taxable year if the aggregate projected impact of such amendments

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59 would increase or decrease general fund revenues by greater than 0.6 percent in the fiscal year in
60 which the amendments were enacted or any of the succeeding four fiscal years. The provisions of this
61 subdivision shall not apply to any amendment to the Internal Revenue Code that is subsequently adopted
62 by the General Assembly.

63 b. For purposes of this subdivision 11, "amendment" means a single amendment to the Internal
64 Revenue Code or a group of such amendments enacted in the same act of Congress that collectively
65 surpass the threshold impact.

66 c. The Secretary of Finance, in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Finance
67 and Appropriations and the House Committees on Appropriations and Finance, shall be responsible for
68 determining whether any amendment to the Internal Revenue Code meets the criteria of subdivision a.

69 The Secretary of Finance shall annually provide a report on the fiscal impact of amendments to the
70 Internal Revenue Code occurring since the adjournment of the prior year's regular session of the
71 General Assembly to the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations and the
72 House Committees on Appropriations and Finance. The report shall be presented no later than 60 days
73 prior to the regular session of the General Assembly. The Secretary of Finance shall also provide
74 updates to the same chairmen on any further amendments to the Internal Revenue Code occurring
75 between presentation of the required report and the first day of the subsequent regular session of the
76 General Assembly.

77 C. The Department of Taxation is hereby authorized to develop procedures or guidelines for
78 implementation of the provisions of this section, which procedures or guidelines shall be exempt from
79 the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq.).