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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by: (PS)

## AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL TAX ABATEMENT FOR SURVIVING DOMESTIC PARTNERS OF POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS AND ALLOWING A PERSONAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR STIPENDS PAID TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, VOLUNTEER FIRE POLICE OFFICERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE MEMBERS.

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

- Section 1. Section 12-81x of the general statutes is repealed and the
   following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):
- The legislative body of any municipality may establish, by ordinance, a program to abate all or a portion of the property taxes due with respect to real property owned and occupied as the principal residence of the surviving spouse <u>or domestic partner</u>, as defined by such ordinance, of a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician who dies while in the performance of such officer's, firefighter's or technician's duties.

10 Sec. 2. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (20) of subsection (a) of 11 section 12-701 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2026, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2026*):

14 (B) There shall be subtracted therefrom:

(i) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
income tax purposes, any income with respect to which taxation by any
state is prohibited by federal law;

(ii) To the extent allowable under section 12-718, exempt dividendspaid by a regulated investment company;

(iii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
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
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;

30 (v) To the extent any additional allowance for depreciation under 31 Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code for property placed in 32 service after September 27, 2017, was added to federal adjusted gross 33 income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ix) of this subdivision in 34 computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, twenty-five per cent of 35 such additional allowance for depreciation in each of the four 36 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

41 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;

55 (ix) Ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the 56 taxable year for the production or collection of income which is subject 57 to taxation under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, or 58 the management, conservation or maintenance of property held for the 59 production of such income, and the amortizable bond premium for the 60 taxable year on any bond the interest on which is subject to tax under 61 this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that such 62 expenses and premiums are not deductible in determining federal 63 adjusted gross income and are attributable to a trade or business carried 64 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 72 whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than 73 sixty thousand dollars or a person who files a return under the federal 74 income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income 75 for such taxable year is less than sixty thousand dollars, an amount 76 equal to the Social Security benefits includable for federal income tax 77 purposes;

78 (II) For taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 2019, for a 79 person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried 80 individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is 81 fifty thousand dollars or more, or as a married individual filing 82 separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is 83 fifty thousand dollars or more, or for a husband and wife who file a 84 return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly 85 whose federal adjusted gross income from such taxable year is sixty 86 thousand dollars or more or for a person who files a return under the 87 federal income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross 88 income for such taxable year is sixty thousand dollars or more, an 89 amount equal to the difference between the amount of Social Security 90 benefits includable for federal income tax purposes and the lesser of 91 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 92 93 86(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code;

94 (III) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2019, and each 95 taxable year thereafter, for a person who files a return under the federal 96 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross 97 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, 98 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross 99 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, 100 or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax 101 as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross 102 income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars 103 or a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head of 104 household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is

less than one hundred thousand dollars, an amount equal to the SocialSecurity benefits includable for federal income tax purposes; and

107 (IV) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2019, and each 108 taxable year thereafter, for a person who files a return under the federal 109 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross 110 income for such taxable year is seventy-five thousand dollars or more, 111 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross 112 income for such taxable year is seventy-five thousand dollars or more, 113 or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax 114 as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross 115 income from such taxable year is one hundred thousand dollars or more 116 or for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head 117 of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year 118 is one hundred thousand dollars or more, an amount equal to the 119 difference between the amount of Social Security benefits includable for 120 federal income tax purposes and the lesser of twenty-five per cent of the 121 Social Security benefits received during the taxable year, or twenty-five 122 per cent of the excess described in Section 86(b)(1) of the Internal 123 Revenue Code;

(xi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
income tax purposes, any amount rebated to a taxpayer pursuant to
section 12-746;

(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
Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, established and
maintained by this state or any official, agency or instrumentality of the
state;

(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 thestate;

(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;

(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
Connecticut Homecare Option Program for the Elderly established by
sections 3-123aa to 3-123ff, inclusive;

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

153 (xvii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 154 income tax purposes for the taxable year, any income from the discharge 155 of indebtedness in connection with any reacquisition, after December 156 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument or 157 instruments, as those terms are defined in Section 108 of the Internal 158 Revenue Code, as amended by Section 1231 of the American Recovery 159 and Reinvestment Act of 2009, to the extent any such income was added 160 to federal adjusted gross income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(xi) of 161 this subdivision in computing Connecticut adjusted gross income for a 162 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;

167 (xix) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 168 income tax purposes, (I) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 169 2015, ten per cent of the income received from the state teachers' 170 retirement system, (II) for the taxable years commencing January 1, 171 2016, to January 1, 2020, inclusive, twenty-five per cent of the income 172 received from the state teachers' retirement system, and (III) for the 173 taxable year commencing January 1, 2021, and each taxable year 174 thereafter, fifty per cent of the income received from the state teachers' 175 retirement system or, for a taxpayer whose federal adjusted gross 176 income does not exceed the applicable threshold under clause (xx) of 177 this subparagraph, the percentage pursuant to said clause of the income 178 received from the state teachers' retirement system, whichever 179 deduction is greater;

180 (xx) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 181 income tax purposes, except for retirement benefits under clause (iv) of 182 this subparagraph and retirement pay under clause (xvi) of this 183 subparagraph, for a person who files a return under the federal income 184 tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for 185 such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or as a 186 married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross 187 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, 188 or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such 189 taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or for a husband 190 and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married 191 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such 192 taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable 193 year commencing January 1, 2019, fourteen per cent of any pension or 194 annuity income, (II) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2020, 195 twenty-eight per cent of any pension or annuity income, (III) for the 196 taxable year commencing January 1, 2021, forty-two per cent of any 197 pension or annuity income, and (IV) for the taxable years commencing 198 January 1, 2022, and January 1, 2023, one hundred per cent of any 199 pension or annuity income;

200 (xxi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 201 income tax purposes, except for retirement benefits under clause (iv) of 202 this subparagraph and retirement pay under clause (xvi) of this 203 subparagraph, any pension or annuity income for the taxable year 204 commencing on or after January 1, 2024, and each taxable year 205 thereafter, in accordance with the following schedule, for a person who 206 files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual 207 whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than 208 one hundred thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is 209 210 less than one hundred thousand dollars, or as a head of household 211 whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than 212 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%
Т5	\$80,000 but not over \$82,499	55.0%
T6	\$82,500 but not over \$84,999	40.0%
T7	\$85,000 but not over \$87,499	25.0%
Τ8	\$87,500 but not over \$89,999	10.0%
Т9	\$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%

(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 220 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such

221 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
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;

(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
time;

237 (xxvi) 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;

243 (xxvii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 244 income tax purposes, for a person who files a return under the federal 245 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross 246 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, 247 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross 248 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, 249 or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such 250 taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or for a husband 251 and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married 252 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such 253 taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, for the taxable 254 year commencing January 1, 2023, twenty-five per cent of any 255 distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth 256 individual retirement account;

257 (xxviii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 258 income tax purposes, for a person who files a return under the federal 259 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross 260 income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, 261 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross 262 income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, 263 or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such 264 taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable 265 year commencing January 1, 2024, fifty per cent of any distribution from 266 an individual retirement account other than a Roth individual 267 retirement account, (II) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2025, 268 seventy-five per cent of any distribution from an individual retirement 269 account other than a Roth individual retirement account, and (III) for 270 the taxable year commencing January 1, 2026, and each taxable year

271 thereafter, any distribution from an individual retirement account other

- than a Roth individual retirement account. The subtraction under this
- 273 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%

274 (xxix) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 275 income tax purposes, for married individuals who file a return under 276 the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose 277 federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than one 278 hundred fifty thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable year commencing 279 January 1, 2024, fifty per cent of any distribution from an individual 280 retirement account other than a Roth individual retirement account, (II) 281 for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2025, seventy-five per cent 282 of any distribution from an individual retirement account other than a 283 Roth individual retirement account, and (III) for the taxable year 284 commencing January 1, 2026, and each taxable year thereafter, any 285 distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth 286 individual retirement account. The subtraction under this clause shall 287 be made in accordance with the following schedule:

134	Federal Adjusted Gross Income	Deduction
T35	Less than \$100,000	100.0%

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\$100,000 but not over \$104,999	85.0%
\$105,000 but not over \$109,999	70.0%
\$110,000 but not over \$114,999	55.0%
\$115,000 but not over \$119,999	40.0%
\$120,000 but not over \$124,999	25.0%
\$125,000 but not over \$129,999	10.0%
\$130,000 but not over \$139,999	5.0%
\$140,000 but not over \$149,999	2.5%
\$150,000 and over	0.0%
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288 (xxx) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 289 income tax purposes, for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2022, 290 the amount or amounts paid or otherwise credited to any eligible 291 resident of this state under (I) the 2020 Earned Income Tax Credit 292 enhancement program from funding allocated to the state through the 293 Coronavirus Relief Fund established under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, 294 and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136, and (II) the 2021 Earned 295 Income Tax Credit enhancement program from funding allocated to the 296 state pursuant to Section 9901 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American 297 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2;

298 (xxxi) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2023, and each 299 taxable year thereafter, for a taxpayer licensed under the provisions of 300 chapter 420f or 420h, the amount of ordinary and necessary expenses 301 that would be eligible to be claimed as a deduction for federal income 302 tax purposes under Section 162(a) of the Internal Revenue Code but that 303 are disallowed under Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code 304 because marijuana is a controlled substance under the federal 305 Controlled Substance Act;

(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

310 defined in section 12-217ss;

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

- 314 (xxxiv) Contributions to an ABLE account established pursuant to 315 sections 3-39k to 3-39q, inclusive, not to exceed five thousand dollars for 316 each individual taxpayer or ten thousand dollars for taxpayers filing a
- 317 joint return; [and]
- 318 (xxxv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
  319 income tax purposes, the amount of any payment received pursuant to
  320 subsection (c) of section 3-122a; and
- 321 (xxxvi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
- 322 <u>income tax purposes, any qualified payment, as defined in Section 139B</u>
- 323 of the Internal Revenue Code, not to exceed two thousand dollars in the
- 324 <u>aggregate</u>.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2025	12-81x
Sec. 2	January 1, 2026, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2026	12-701(a)(20)(B)

## Statement of Purpose:

To (1) provide that a municipality may abate property taxes due with respect to real property owned and occupied as the principal residence of the surviving domestic partner of a police officer, firefighter or emergency medical technician who dies while in the performance of such officer's, firefighter's or technician's duties, and (2) allow a personal income tax deduction for a stipend paid by a municipality to a volunteer firefighter, volunteer fire police officer or volunteer ambulance member.

[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.]