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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO TAXATION - LOCAL TAXES

Introduced By: Representative Scott Slater

Date Introduced: March 26, 2015

Referred To: House Municipal Government

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 44-5-12.1 of the General Laws in Chapter 44-5 entitled "Levy and Assessment of Local Taxes" is hereby amended to read as follows:

44-5-12.1. Assessment of tangible personal property. -- (a) All tangible personal property subject to taxation shall be assessed for taxation based on the original purchase price (new or used) including all costs such as freight and installation. Assets will be classified and depreciated as defined in this section. (b) The following classification and depreciation table shall be used in determining the assessed value of tangible personal property.

State of Rhode Island Property Tangible Property Classification

	Class I	Class II	Class III
Class of Assets	Short Life	Mid-Life	Long Life
Age	1-5 yrs	6-12	13+ yrs
1	95	95	95
2	80	90	90
3	60	80	85
4	30	70	80
5	20	60	75
6	20	50	70
7	20	40	65
8	20	30	60

1	9	20	30	55
2	10	20	30	50
3	11	20	30	45
4	12	20	30	40
5	13	20	30	35
6	14	20	30	30
7	15+	20	30	30

8 Assets Shall Not be Trended

9 (c) Assets shall be classified on an annual basis by the Rhode Island Association of
10 Assessing Officers' Personal Property Committee based on the following table:

11	INDUSTRY GROUP IN YEARS	CLASS
12	Aerospace industry	II
13	Agriculture machinery and equipment	II
14	cotton ginning	II
15	Aircraft and all helicopters	II
16	Amusement and theme parks	II
17	Apparel and fabricated textile manufacturing	II
18	Automobile repair shops	II
19	Bakeries and confectionery production	II
20	Barber and beauty shops	II
21	Billboards	II III
22	Brewery equipment (<u>if not used directly in manufacturing</u>)	II
23	Cable television, headend facilities	II
24	microwave systems	II
25	program origination	II
26	service and test	II
27	subscriber connection and distribution	II
28	<u>Cable television: All equipment including set top boxes,</u>	
29	<u>remotes, and other related equipment</u>	II
30	<u>Aerial, underground, and drops (Including MDUS)</u>	III
31	Canneries and frozen food production	II
32	Cement manufacture <u>processing</u>	III
33	Chemical and allied production	II
34	Clay products manufacturing	III

1	Clocks and watches, manufacturing	II
2	electronic instrumentation	I
3	Cold storage and ice-making equipment	III
4	Cold storage warehouse equipment	II
5	Computers, personal computers (PC), laptops, tablets, cell phones,	
6	mainframe/servers, peripherals, keyboard, mouse, etc.	I
7	Mainframe	I/II
8	peripherals	I
9	Condiments, manufacturing and processing	II
10	Construction equipment, general construction	II
11	Backhoes, forklifts, loaders, cranes, unregistered vehicles etc.	II
12	Dairy products manufacturing processing	II
13	Data handling equipment, except computers	II
14	Ex. Printers, copiers, bridges, routers, and gateways	II
15	Distilling	II
16	Electrical equipment not used in manufacturing	II
17	Electronic companies, steam production	III
18	other production, combined cycle	III
19	gas turbines	III
20	nuclear production	III
21	transmission	III
22	distribution	III
23	Electronic equipment manufacturing	I
24	Fabricated metal products special tools	II
25	special tools	I
26	Fishing equipment, excluding boats, and barges lines and nets, etc	I
27	Food and beverage production	II
28	special handling devices	I
29	Fur processing	II
30	Gas distribution, total distribution equipment	III
31	Optional—for equipment by category:	
32	mains and services, plastic	III
33	mains and services, steel	III
34	meters, regulators, installations	III

1	other distribution equipment	III
2	Glass and glass products, <u>special tools</u>	II
3	special tools	I
4	Grain and grain mill products manufacture <u>processing</u>	III
5	Gypsum products	III
6	Hand tools	I <u>II</u>
7	Hospital furnishings and equipment	II
8	Hotel and motel furnishings and equipment	II
9	Jewelry products and pens	II
10	Knitwear and knit products, <u>ex. work uniforms</u>	I
11	Laundry equipment	II
12	Leather and leather products	II
13	Logging, timber cutting	I/II
14	Machinery manufacturing, except, as otherwise listed	II
15	Marine construction	II
16	Meatpacking	II
17	Medical and dental supply production	II
18	Metalworking machinery manufacturing	II
19	Mining and quarrying	II
20	Motion picture and television production	II
21	Motor vehicle and parts manufacturing <u>special tools</u>	II
22	special tools	I
23	Office furniture and equipment	II
24	Optical lenses and instrument manufacturing <u>processing</u>	II
25	Paints and varnishes	I
26	Paper and pulp manufacturing	II
27	converted paper, paperboard and pump	II
28	Petroleum and natural gas, drilling, onshore	II
29	drilling, offshore	II
30	exploration and production	II
31	petroleum refining	III
32	pipeline transportation	III
33	Plastics manufacturing	I/II
34	Plastic products manufacturing <u>processing/special tools</u>	II

1	special tools	I
2	Primary metals production, nonferrous and foundry products	III
3	special tools	I
4	Primary steel mill products	III
5	Printing and publishing	II
6	Professional and scientific instruments	II
7	Radio and television, broadcasting	I/II
8	Railroad transportation equipment manufacturing	II
9	locomotive manufacturing	II
10	Recreation and amusement	II
11	Retail trades, fixtures and equipment	II
12	Residential furniture	II
13	Restaurant and bar equipment	II
14	Restaurant equipment, fast foods	II
15	Rubber products manufacturing processing/special tools	II
16	special tools	I
17	Sawmills, permanent, portable	II
18	portable	I
19	Service establishments	II
20	Ship and boat building machinery and equipment/ special tools	II
21	special tools	I
22	Soft drink manufacture and bottling	II
23	Steam production and distribution	III
24	Stone products manufacturing processing	III
25	Sugar and sugar products manufacturing	III
26	Telecommunications, local exchange and Interstate	II
27	Analog/ digital switching	I/II
28	digital switching	I/II
29	circuit, digital analog optic	I/II
30	circuit, analog	II
31	circuit, optic	I/II
32	other central office equipment	I/II
33	information/origination equipment	I/II
34	smart phones	I

1	metallic cable	II
2	fiber cable poles, conduit	III
3	poles	III
4	conduit	III
5	Telecommunications, interstate interexchange	
6	analog switching	I/II
7	digital switching	I/II
8	metallic cable	II
9	fiber cable	III
10	poles	III
11	conduit	III
12	all other equipment	I/II
13	Telecommunications, cellular	
14	analog/ digital switching	I/II
15	digital switching	I/II
16	radio frequency channel and control	I/II
17	power equipment	II
18	antennae	II
19	towers	III
20	transmission equipment	I/II
21	cellular phones	I
22	Textile products, including finishing and dyeing	II
23	manufacture of nonwoven fabrics	II
24	manufacture of yarn, thread and woven fabrics	II
25	manufacture of textured yarns	II
26	Theater equipment	II
27	Tobacco and tobacco products	III
28	Vegetable oil products	III
29	Utilities/Power production	III
30	Generation, transmission, or distribution equipment	III
31	Waste reduction and resource recovery	II
32	Water transportation	III
33	vessels, barges and tugs	III
34	Water utilities	III

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| 1 | Wharves, docks and piers | III |
| 2 | Wholesale trade fixtures and equipment | II |
| 3 | Wood products and furniture manufacturing | II |
| 4 | <u>Any industry group or asset not listed above, will be classified as Class II.</u> | |
| 5 | SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage. | |

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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- 1 This act would make changes in the classification of taxable property for local taxation
- 2 purposes.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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