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SENATE BILL DRS35159-MCf-27

Short Title: Property Tax Modifications. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Moffitt, Hanig, and B. Newton (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE MACHINERY ACT OF NORTH CAROLINA.  
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 105-275 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 105-275. Property classified and excluded from the tax base.**

6 The following classes of property are designated special classes under Article V, Sec. 2(2),  
7 of the North Carolina Constitution and are excluded from tax:

8 ...

9 (16) ~~Non-business-Qualified Personal Property.~~ —As used in this subdivision, the  
10 term "~~non-business-~~qualified personal property" means (i) personal property  
11 that is used by the owner of the property for a purpose other than the  
12 production of income and is not used in connection with a ~~business.~~ The term  
13 includes household furnishings, clothing, pets, lawn tools, and lawn  
14 equipment. ~~business~~ and (ii) personal property used by the owner of the  
15 property for production of income or in connection with a business, or both,  
16 provided the value of the property at the time of acquisition is equal to or less  
17 than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000). The term does not include the  
18 following items:

- 19 a. ~~motor vehicles, mobile homes, aircraft, watercraft, or engines for~~  
20 ~~watercraft.~~ Motor vehicles, as defined in G.S. 20-4.01, that are  
21 registered pursuant to G.S. 20-50 and not otherwise exempt under this  
22 section.  
23 b. Mobile homes.  
24 c. Aircraft and watercraft required to be registered pursuant to State or  
25 federal law and not otherwise exempt under this section.

26 ...."

27 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 105-308 reads as rewritten:

28 "**§ 105-308. Duty to list; penalty for failure.**

29 Every person in whose name any property is to be listed under the terms of this Subchapter  
30 shall list any changes, additions, or subtractions with respect to the property with the assessor  
31 within the time allowed by law on an abstract setting forth the information required by this  
32 Subchapter. If a person does not timely list property, there is a presumption that no changes,  
33 additions, or subtractions with respect to the property to be listed have occurred.

34 In addition to all other penalties prescribed by law, any person whose duty it is to list any  
35 changes, additions, or subtractions with respect to property who willfully fails or refuses to list  
36 the same within the time prescribed by law shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. ~~The~~ If there



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1 is a duty to list under this section, the failure to list shall be prima facie evidence that the failure  
2 was willful.

3 Any person who willfully attempts, or who willfully aids or abets any person to attempt, in  
4 any manner to evade or defeat the taxes imposed under this Subchapter, whether by removal or  
5 concealment of property or otherwise, shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor."

6 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding G.S. 105-285 and G.S. 105-317, a county may  
7 change the value of real property after January 1, 2023, effective for the taxable year beginning  
8 July 1, 2023, based upon the schedule of values used to appraise real property in the county for  
9 its last reappraisal if the county adopted a resolution to postpone a 2023 reappraisal between  
10 January 1, 2023, and June 30, 2023. This authorization does not affect the requirement in  
11 G.S. 105-286 to reappraise property at least once every eight years. If a county changes its values  
12 of real property pursuant to this section, the schedule of values adopted by the board of county  
13 commissioners and used to appraise real property in the county for its last reappraisal will remain  
14 the schedule of values to be used to appraise real property until the county reappraises all real  
15 property in accordance with G.S. 105-286.

16 **SECTION 4.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act are effective for taxes imposed for taxable  
17 years beginning on or after July 1, 2023. The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes  
18 law.