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Introduced by:
(AGE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR THE
COST OF HOME HEALTH CARE.***

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (20) of subsection (a) of
2 section 12-701 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage and applicable to taxable*
4 *years commencing on or after January 1, 2021*):

5 (B) There shall be subtracted therefrom:

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

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

11 (iii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
12 income tax purposes, the amount of any refund or credit for
13 overpayment of income taxes imposed by this state, or any other state
14 of the United States or a political subdivision thereof, or the District of

15 Columbia;

16 (iv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
17 income tax purposes and not otherwise subtracted from federal
18 adjusted gross income pursuant to clause (x) of this subparagraph in
19 computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, any tier 1 railroad
20 retirement benefits;

21 (v) To the extent any additional allowance for depreciation under
22 Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code for property placed in
23 service after September 27, 2017, was added to federal adjusted gross
24 income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ix) of this subdivision in
25 computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, twenty-five per cent of
26 such additional allowance for depreciation in each of the four
27 succeeding taxable years;

28 (vi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
29 income tax purposes, any interest income from obligations issued by or
30 on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision thereof,
31 or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar
32 public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut;

33 (vii) To the extent properly includable in determining the net gain or
34 loss from the sale or other disposition of capital assets for federal income
35 tax purposes, any gain from the sale or exchange of obligations issued
36 by or on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision
37 thereof, or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or
38 similar public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut,
39 in the income year such gain was recognized;

40 (viii) Any interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase
41 or carry obligations or securities the interest on which is subject to tax
42 under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that
43 such interest on indebtedness is not deductible in determining federal
44 adjusted gross income and is attributable to a trade or business carried
45 on by such individual;

46 (ix) Ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the
47 taxable year for the production or collection of income which is subject
48 to taxation under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, or
49 the management, conservation or maintenance of property held for the
50 production of such income, and the amortizable bond premium for the
51 taxable year on any bond the interest on which is subject to tax under
52 this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that such
53 expenses and premiums are not deductible in determining federal
54 adjusted gross income and are attributable to a trade or business carried
55 on by such individual;

56 (x) (I) For taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 2019, for a
57 person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried
58 individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is
59 less than fifty thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing
60 separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is
61 less than fifty thousand dollars, or for a husband and wife who file a
62 return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly
63 whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than
64 sixty thousand dollars or a person who files a return under the federal
65 income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income
66 for such taxable year is less than sixty thousand dollars, an amount
67 equal to the Social Security benefits includable for federal income tax
68 purposes;

69 (II) For taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 2019, for a
70 person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried
71 individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is
72 fifty thousand dollars or more, or as a married individual filing
73 separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is
74 fifty thousand dollars or more, or for a husband and wife who file a
75 return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly
76 whose federal adjusted gross income from such taxable year is sixty
77 thousand dollars or more or for a person who files a return under the
78 federal income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross

79 income for such taxable year is sixty thousand dollars or more, an
80 amount equal to the difference between the amount of Social Security
81 benefits includable for federal income tax purposes and the lesser of
82 twenty-five per cent of the Social Security benefits received during the
83 taxable year, or twenty-five per cent of the excess described in Section
84 86(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code;

85 (III) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2019, and each
86 taxable year thereafter, for a person who files a return under the federal
87 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross
88 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars,
89 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross
90 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars,
91 or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax
92 as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross
93 income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars
94 or a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head of
95 household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is
96 less than one hundred thousand dollars, an amount equal to the Social
97 Security benefits includable for federal income tax purposes; and

98 (IV) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2019, and each
99 taxable year thereafter, for a person who files a return under the federal
100 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross
101 income for such taxable year is seventy-five thousand dollars or more,
102 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross
103 income for such taxable year is seventy-five thousand dollars or more,
104 or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax
105 as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross
106 income from such taxable year is one hundred thousand dollars or more
107 or for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head
108 of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year
109 is one hundred thousand dollars or more, an amount equal to the
110 difference between the amount of Social Security benefits includable for
111 federal income tax purposes and the lesser of twenty-five per cent of the

112 Social Security benefits received during the taxable year, or twenty-five
113 per cent of the excess described in Section 86(b)(1) of the Internal
114 Revenue Code;

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

118 (xii) To the extent properly includable in the gross income for federal
119 income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, any distribution to
120 such beneficiary from any qualified state tuition program, as defined in
121 Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, established and
122 maintained by this state or any official, agency or instrumentality of the
123 state;

124 (xiii) To the extent allowable under section 12-701a, contributions to
125 accounts established pursuant to any qualified state tuition program, as
126 defined in Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, established and
127 maintained by this state or any official, agency or instrumentality of the
128 state;

129 (xiv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
130 income tax purposes, the amount of any Holocaust victims' settlement
131 payment received in the taxable year by a Holocaust victim;

132 (xv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
133 income tax purposes of an account holder, as defined in section 31-
134 51ww, interest earned on funds deposited in the individual
135 development account, as defined in section 31-51ww, of such account
136 holder;

137 (xvi) To the extent properly includable in the gross income for federal
138 income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, as defined in section
139 3-123aa, interest, dividends or capital gains earned on contributions to
140 accounts established for the designated beneficiary pursuant to the
141 Connecticut Homecare Option Program for the Elderly established by

142 sections 3-123aa to 3-123ff, inclusive;

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

149 (xviii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
150 income tax purposes for the taxable year, any income from the discharge
151 of indebtedness in connection with any reacquisition, after December
152 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument or
153 instruments, as those terms are defined in Section 108 of the Internal
154 Revenue Code, as amended by Section 1231 of the American Recovery
155 and Reinvestment Act of 2009, to the extent any such income was added
156 to federal adjusted gross income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(xi) of
157 this subdivision in computing Connecticut adjusted gross income for a
158 preceding taxable year;

159 (xix) To the extent not deductible in determining federal adjusted
160 gross income, the amount of any contribution to a manufacturing
161 reinvestment account established pursuant to section 32-9zz in the
162 taxable year that such contribution is made;

163 (xx) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
164 income tax purposes, (I) for the taxable year commencing January 1,
165 2015, ten per cent of the income received from the state teachers'
166 retirement system, (II) for the taxable years commencing January 1,
167 2016, to January 1, 2020, inclusive, twenty-five per cent of the income
168 received from the state teachers' retirement system, and (III) for the
169 taxable year commencing January 1, 2021, and each taxable year
170 thereafter, fifty per cent of the income received from the state teachers'
171 retirement system or the percentage, if applicable, pursuant to clause
172 (xxi) of this subparagraph;

173 (xxi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
174 income tax purposes, except for retirement benefits under clause (iv) of
175 this subparagraph and retirement pay under clause (xvii) of this
176 subparagraph, for a person who files a return under the federal income
177 tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for
178 such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or as a
179 married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross
180 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars,
181 or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such
182 taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or for a husband
183 and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married
184 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such
185 taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable
186 year commencing January 1, 2019, fourteen per cent of any pension or
187 annuity income, (II) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2020,
188 twenty-eight per cent of any pension or annuity income, (III) for the
189 taxable year commencing January 1, 2021, forty-two per cent of any
190 pension or annuity income, (IV) for the taxable year commencing
191 January 1, 2022, fifty-six per cent of any pension or annuity income, (V)
192 for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2023, seventy per cent of any
193 pension or annuity income, (VI) for the taxable year commencing
194 January 1, 2024, eighty-four per cent of any pension or annuity income,
195 and (VII) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2025, and each
196 taxable year thereafter, any pension or annuity income;

197 (xxii) The amount of lost wages and medical, travel and housing
198 expenses, not to exceed ten thousand dollars in the aggregate, incurred
199 by a taxpayer during the taxable year in connection with the donation
200 to another person of an organ for organ transplantation occurring on or
201 after January 1, 2017;

202 (xxiii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
203 income tax purposes, the amount of any financial assistance received
204 from the Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund or paid to or on
205 behalf of the owner of a residential building pursuant to sections 8-442

206 and 8-443;

207 (xxiv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
208 income tax purposes, the amount calculated pursuant to subsection (b)
209 of section 12-704g for income received by a general partner of a venture
210 capital fund, as defined in 17 CFR 275.203(l)-1, as amended from time to
211 time; [and]

212 (xxv) To the extent any portion of a deduction under Section 179 of
213 the Internal Revenue Code was added to federal adjusted gross income
214 pursuant to subparagraph (A)(xiv) of this subdivision in computing
215 Connecticut adjusted gross income, twenty-five per cent of such
216 disallowed portion of the deduction in each of the four succeeding
217 taxable years;

218 (xxvi) To the extent not deductible in determining federal adjusted
219 gross income, ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred for the
220 care of any person seventy years of age or older related by blood,
221 adoption or marriage to the taxpayer during the taxable year in an
222 amount not to exceed sixty thousand dollars for the cost of full-time
223 home health care, including, but not limited to, the cost of medical
224 supplies and in-home services provided by a homemaker-companion
225 agency as defined in section 20-670 and a home health agency as defined
226 in section 19a-490; and

227 (xxvii) To the extent not deductible in determining federal adjusted
228 gross income or under any other provision of this subsection, ordinary
229 and necessary expenses paid or incurred for the care of a qualifying
230 individual, as defined in Sections 21(b)(1)(B) and 21(b)(1)(C) of the
231 Internal Revenue Code, in an amount not to exceed sixty thousand
232 dollars for the cost of full-time home health care, including, but not
233 limited to, the cost of medical supplies and in-home services provided
234 by a homemaker-companion agency as defined in section 20-670 and a
235 home health agency as defined in section 19a-490.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2021</i>	12-701(a)(20)(B)

Statement of Purpose:

To allow a state income tax deduction of up to sixty thousand dollars for the cost of full-time home health care.

[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.]

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