
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1208

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING A ONE-YEAR DELAY TO CERTAIN CHANGES IN STATUTES CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR PROPERTY TAXATION.

SUMMARY

This bill delays, by one year, provisions in a 2022 law that made various changes to motor vehicle taxation and assessment procedures (PA 22-118, §§ 497-509). Under current law, these changes take effect for assessment years beginning on and after October 1, 2023. The bill delays their effective date by one year, to assessment years beginning on and after October 1, 2024. Primarily, they do the following:

1. exempt from property tax snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, and utility trailers used exclusively for personal purposes (§ 11);
2. require municipalities to value motor vehicles based on their manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) and a 20-year depreciation schedule, rather than the schedule of values annually recommended by the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) (§§ 3 & 4);
3. move up (from December 1 to November 1) the date by which the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) must give municipalities annual reports on motor vehicles registered in the municipality and increase the frequency with which DMV must give them supplemental reports updating this information (§ 2);
4. modify the timeline for supplemental property taxes due on motor vehicles registered after each assessment year starts and extend the supplemental tax bill requirement to vehicles registered in August and September of each assessment year (§ 8);

5. extend the period during which taxpayers may claim a property tax credit for motor vehicles that were stolen, sold, totaled, or moved out of state (§ 9);
6. require taxpayers to include on personal property declarations motor vehicles that are included in a schedule of motor vehicle plate classes established by OPM (§§ 5-7);
7. prohibit DMV from issuing a vehicle registration or renewal to anyone who owes property taxes on any taxable motor vehicle, rather than only registered vehicles (§ 1); and
8. eliminate a requirement that municipalities issue a validation sticker showing property taxes have been paid on certain commercial motor vehicles used for construction, paving, or other similar purpose (§ 7).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023, and applicable to assessment years starting on or after October 1, 2024.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 21 Nay 0 (03/24/2023)