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**TECHNICAL INFORMATION RELEASE
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2020 Legislative Session in Review

The purpose of this Technical Information Release (TIR) is to provide taxpayers and tax practitioners with a convenient reference guide of relevant statutory changes made during the 2020 Legislative Session by the New Hampshire General Court impacting various taxes administered by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). This TIR is for informational purposes only and is intended to provide a summary or synopsis of enacted legislation. It is not intended to be relied upon as a full and complete text or as a substitute for the actual state law. Please refer to the applicable statutes and rules to determine how this information applies to specific persons or situations.

BUSINESS TAX

HB 1558 (Chapter 38, Sections 3-7) clarifies the timing and procedure for the Commissioner of Business and Economic Affairs to certify applications for Economic Revitalization Zone Tax Credits. Extends the prospective repeal of the Economic Revitalization Zone Tax Credit program from July 1, 2020 to January 1, 2028.

Statute Amended: RSA 162-N

Effective Date: June 30, 2020 (Sections 6 and 7), July 1, 2020 (Sections 3-5)

MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY

HB 130 (Chapter 1) clarifies the applicability of the Veterans' Property Tax Exemption to those veterans who are 100 percent permanently and totally disabled pursuant to federal regulations governing total and permanent disability ratings.

Statute Amended: RSA 72:36-a

Effective Date: April 1, 2020

HB 1111 (Chapter 28) provides for the establishment of communications districts (under new Chapter RSA 53-G) for the purpose of contracting and bonding the creation or maintenance of communications infrastructure and for contracting with service providers and grants communications districts to issue broadband infrastructure bonds.

Statutes Amended: RSA 33:3-g, RSA 33-B:1, RSA 38:38

Statutes Added: RSA 53-G

Effective Date: July 22, 2020 (Sections 4-8), September 20, 2020 (Sections 1-3)

HB 1129 (Chapter 8, Sections 2-3) temporarily modifies municipal spending authority due to the COVID-19 state of emergency to permit towns and districts with a June 30 fiscal year end to make expenditures between July 1 and the date a budget is adopted which are reasonable in light of prior year's appropriations and expenditures during the same time period. Permits towns, village districts, and school districts that are unable to hold in-person annual meetings in 2020 or 2021 due to COVID-19 to conduct such meetings virtually and sets forth procedures for holding such virtual annual meetings.

Statute Amended: N/A

Effective Date: July 10, 2020

HB 1182 (Chapter 33, Section 6) modifies the timeline and procedure for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to provide municipal assessing officials a copy of any lease or other agreement, the terms of which provide for the use or occupation by others of real or personal property owned by the state.

Statute Amended: RSA 72:23

Effective Date: January 1, 2021

HB 1558 (Chapter 38, Sections 19-22 and 25) modifies the vote required to authorize the issuance of certain municipal bonds or notes from 2/3 to 3/5. Increases the amount of the year-end unassigned fund balance a school district may retain from 2.5% to 5% of the current fiscal year's net assessment under RSA 198:5, expands the purposes for which such funds may be retained, and modifies the approvals necessary.

Statutes Amended: RSA 33:8, RSA 374-B, RSA 198:4-b

Effective Date: September 27, 2020

SB 558 (Chapter 7) extends the reporting date of the Commission to Study School Funding from September 1, 2020 to January 10, 2021.

Statute Amended: RSA 198-E:2-e

Effective Date: May 10, 2020

MISCELLANEOUS

HB 1245 (Chapter 37, Section 100) creates a legislative commission to study the identification of unregistered animal feed products being sold remotely in New Hampshire. The members of the commission include the commissioner of the DRA, or designee.

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