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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5761

AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5761, AS AMENDED, by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the following:

"Section 5. The Property Tax Code is amended by changing Sections 9-195, 15-35, 15-55, 15-60, 15-100, and 15-103 and by adding Section 15-57 as follows:

- 8 (35 ILCS 200/9-195)
- 9 Sec. 9-195. Leasing of exempt property.
- (a) Except as provided in Sections 15-35, 15-55, 15-57, 15-60, 15-100, 15-103, and 15-185, when property which is exempt from taxation is leased to another whose property is not exempt, and the leasing of which does not make the property taxable, the leasehold estate and the appurtenances shall be listed as the property of the lessee thereof, or his or her assignee. Taxes on that property shall be collected in the same

- 1 manner as on property that is not exempt, and the lessee shall
- 2 be liable for those taxes. However, no tax lien shall attach to
- 3 the exempt real estate. The changes made by this amendatory Act
- 4 of 1997 and by this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly
- 5 are declaratory of existing law and shall not be construed as a
- 6 new enactment. The changes made by Public Acts 88-221 and
- 7 88-420 that are incorporated into this Section by this
- 8 amendatory Act of 1993 are declarative of existing law and are
- 9 not a new enactment.
- 10 (b) The provisions of this Section regarding taxation of
- leasehold interests in exempt property do not apply to any
- 12 leasehold interest created pursuant to any transaction
- described in subsection (e) of Section 15-35, item (a) of
- 14 Section 15-35, Section 15-57, subsection (c-5) of Section
- 15 15-60, subsection (b) of Section 15-100, Section 15-103, or
- 16 Section 15-185.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 92-844, eff. 8-23-02; 92-846, eff. 8-23-02;
- 18 93-19, eff. 6-20-03.)
- 19 (35 ILCS 200/15-35)
- Sec. 15-35. Schools. All property donated by the United
- 21 States for school purposes, and all property of schools, not
- 22 sold or leased or otherwise used with a view to profit, is
- 23 exempt, whether owned by a resident or non-resident of this
- 24 State or by a corporation incorporated in any state of the
- 25 United States. Also exempt is:

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- (a) property, along with the leasehold interest in that property, of schools which is leased to the State, a unit of local government, or school district municipality to be used for governmental municipal purposes on a not-for-profit basis;
- (b) property of schools on which the schools are located and any other property of schools used by the schools exclusively for school purposes, including, but not limited to, student residence halls, dormitories and other housing facilities for students and their spouses and children, staff housing facilities, and school-owned and operated dormitory or residence halls occupied in whole or in part by students who belong to fraternities, sororities, or other campus organizations;
- (c) property donated, granted, received or used for public school, college, theological seminary, university, or other educational purposes, whether held in trust or absolutely;
- (d) in counties with more than 200,000 inhabitants which classify property, property (including interests in land and other facilities) on or adjacent to (even if separated by a public street, alley, sidewalk, parkway or other public way) the grounds of a school, if that property is used by an academic, research or professional society, institute, association or organization which serves the advancement of learning in a field or fields of study

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taught by the school and which property is not used with a view to profit;

- (e) property owned by a school district. The exemption under this subsection is not affected by any transaction in which, for the purpose of obtaining financing, the school district, directly or indirectly, leases or otherwise transfers the property to another for which or whom property is not exempt and immediately after the lease or transfer enters into a leaseback or other agreement that directly or indirectly gives the school district a right to use, control, and possess the property. In the case of a conveyance of the property, the school district must retain an option to purchase the property at a future date or, within the limitations period for reverters, the property must revert back to the school district.
 - (1) If the property has been conveyed as described in this subsection, the property is no longer exempt under this Section as of the date when:
 - (A) the right of the school district to use, control, and possess the property is terminated;
 - (B) the school district no longer has an option to purchase or otherwise acquire the property; and
 - (C) there is no provision for a reverter of the property to the school district within the limitations period for reverters.
 - (2) Pursuant to Sections 15-15 and 15-20 of this

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Code, the school district shall notify the chief county assessment officer of any transaction under this subsection. The chief county assessment officer shall determine initial and continuing compliance with the requirements of this subsection for tax exemption. Failure to notify the chief county assessment officer of a transaction under this subsection or to otherwise comply with the requirements of Sections 15-15 and 15-20 of this Code shall, in the discretion of the chief county assessment officer, constitute cause to terminate the exemption, notwithstanding any other provision of this Code.

- (3) No provision of this subsection shall be construed to affect the obligation of the school district to which an exemption certificate has been issued under this Section from its obligation under Section 15-10 of this Code to file an annual certificate of status or to notify the chief county assessment officer of transfers of interest or other changes in the status of the property as required by this Code.
- (4) The changes made by this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly are declarative of existing law and shall not be construed as a new enactment; and
- (f) in counties with more than 200,000 inhabitants which classify property, property of a corporation, which

1 is an exempt entity under paragraph (3) of Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code or its successor law, used by 2 3 the corporation for the following purposes: (1) conducting 4 continuing education for professional development of 5 personnel in energy-related industries; (2) maintaining a library of energy technology information available to 6 students and the public free of charge; and (3) conducting 7 research in energy and environment, which research results 8 9 could be ultimately accessible to persons involved in 10 education.

- 11 (Source: P.A. 91-513, eff. 8-13-99; 91-578, eff. 8-14-99;
- 12 92-16, eff. 6-28-01.)
- 13 (35 ILCS 200/15-55)
- Sec. 15-55. State property.
- 15 (a) All property belonging to the State of Illinois is 16 exempt. However, the State agency holding title shall file the certificate of ownership and use required by Section 15-10, 17 together with a copy of any written lease or agreement, in 18 19 effect on March 30 of the assessment year, concerning parcels 20 of 1 acre or more, or an explanation of the terms of any oral 21 agreement under which the property is leased, subleased or 22 rented.
- 23 The leased property shall be assessed to the lessee and the 24 taxes thereon extended and billed to the lessee, and collected 25 in the same manner as for property which is not exempt. The

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lessee shall be liable for the taxes and no lien shall attach to the property of the State.

For the purposes of this Section, the word "leases" includes licenses, franchises, operating agreements and other arrangements under which private individuals, associations or corporations are granted the right to use property of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority and includes all property of the Authority used by others without regard to the size of the leased parcel.

- (b) However, all property of every kind belonging to the State of Illinois, which is or may hereafter be leased to the Illinois Prairie Path Corporation, shall be exempt from all assessments, taxation or collection, despite the making of any such lease, if it is used for:
 - (1) conservation, nature trail or any other charitable, scientific, educational or recreational purposes with public benefit, including the preserving and aiding in the preservation of natural areas, objects, flora, fauna or biotic communities;
 - (2) the establishment of footpaths, trails and other protected areas;
 - (3) the conservation of the proper use of natural resources or the promotion of the study of plant and animal communities and of other phases of ecology, natural history and conservation;
 - (4) the promotion of education in the fields of nature,

1 preservation and conservation; or

2 (5) similar public recreational activities conducted 3 by the Illinois Prairie Path Corporation.

No lien shall attach to the property of the State. No tax liability shall become the obligation of or be enforceable against Illinois Prairie Path Corporation.

(c) If the State sells the James R. Thompson Center or the Elgin Mental Health Center and surrounding land located at 750 S. State Street, Elgin, Illinois, as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of Section 7.4 of the State Property Control Act, to another entity whose property is not exempt and immediately thereafter enters into a leaseback or other agreement that directly or indirectly gives the State a right to use, control, and possess the property, that portion of the property leased and occupied exclusively by the State shall remain exempt under this Section. For the property to remain exempt under this subsection (c), the State must retain an option to purchase the property at a future date or, within the limitations period for reverters, the property must revert back to the State.

If the property has been conveyed as described in this subsection (c), the property is no longer exempt pursuant to this Section as of the date when:

- (1) the right of the State to use, control, and possess the property has been terminated; or
- (2) the State no longer has an option to purchase or otherwise acquire the property and there is no provision

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for a reverter of the property to the State within the limitations period for reverters.

Pursuant to Sections 15-15 and 15-20 of this Code, the State shall notify the chief county assessment officer of any transaction under this subsection (c). The chief county assessment officer shall determine initial and continuing compliance with the requirements of this Section for tax exemption. Failure to notify the chief county assessment officer of a transaction under this subsection (c) or to otherwise comply with the requirements of Sections 15-15 and 15-20 of this Code shall, in the discretion of the chief county assessment officer, constitute cause to terminate the exemption, notwithstanding any other provision of this Code.

(c-1) If the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority sells the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority headquarters building and surrounding land, located at 2700 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois as provided in subdivision (a)(2) of Section 7.5 of the State Property Control Act, to another entity whose property is not exempt and immediately thereafter enters into a leaseback or other agreement that directly or indirectly gives the State or the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority a right to use, control, and possess the property, that portion of the property leased and occupied exclusively by the State or the Authority shall remain exempt under this Section. For the property to remain exempt under this subsection (c), the Authority must retain an option to purchase

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1 the property at a future date or, within the limitations period for reverters, the property must revert back to the Authority. 2

If the property has been conveyed as described in this subsection (c), the property is no longer exempt pursuant to this Section as of the date when:

- (1) the right of the State or the Authority to use, control, and possess the property has been terminated; or
- (2) the Authority no longer has an option to purchase or otherwise acquire the property and there is no provision for a reverter of the property to the Authority within the limitations period for reverters.

Pursuant to Sections 15-15 and 15-20 of this Code, the Authority shall notify the chief county assessment officer of any transaction under this subsection (c). The chief county assessment officer shall determine initial and continuing compliance with the requirements of this Section for tax exemption. Failure to notify the chief county assessment officer of a transaction under this subsection (c) or to otherwise comply with the requirements of Sections 15-15 and 15-20 of this Code shall, in the discretion of the chief county assessment officer, constitute cause to terminate the exemption, notwithstanding any other provision of this Code.

(d) The fair market rent of each parcel of real property in Will County owned by the State of Illinois for the purpose of developing an airport by the Department of Transportation shall include the assessed value of leasehold tax. The lessee of each

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1 parcel of real property in Will County owned by the State of 2 Illinois for the purpose of developing an airport by the 3 Department of Transportation shall not be liable for the taxes 4 thereon. In order for the State to compensate taxing districts 5 for the leasehold tax under this paragraph the Will County Supervisor of Assessments shall certify, in writing, to the 6 Department of Transportation, the amount of leasehold taxes 7 8 extended for the 2002 property tax year for each such exempt parcel. The Department of Transportation shall pay to the Will 9 10 County Treasurer, from the Tax Recovery Fund, on or before July 11 1 of each year, the amount of leasehold taxes for each such exempt parcel as certified by the Will County Supervisor of 12 13 Assessments. The tax compensation shall terminate on December 14 31, 2020. It is the duty of the Department of Transportation to 15 file with the Office of the Will County Supervisor of 16 Assessments an affidavit stating the termination date for rental of each such parcel due to airport construction. The 17 18 affidavit shall include the property identification number for 19 each such parcel. In no instance shall tax compensation for 20 property owned by the State be deemed delinquent or bear 21 interest. In no instance shall a lien attach to the property of 22 the State. In no instance shall the State be required to pay 23 leasehold tax compensation in excess of the Tax Recovery Fund's 24 balance.

(e) Public Act 81-1026 applies to all leases or agreements entered into or renewed on or after September 24, 1979.

- 1 (f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Code, all property owned by the State that is the Illiana Expressway, 2 3 as defined in the Public Private Agreements for the Illiana 4 Expressway Act, and that is used for transportation purposes 5 and that is leased for those purposes to another entity whose 6 property is not exempt shall remain exempt, and any leasehold interest in the property shall not be subject to taxation under 7 Section 9-195 of this Act. 8
- 9 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this 10 Section, all property owned by the State or the Illinois State 11 Toll Highway Authority that is defined as a transportation Public-Private 12 project under the Partnerships 13 Transportation Act and that is used for transportation purposes 14 and that is leased for those purposes to another entity whose 15 property is not exempt shall remain exempt, and any leasehold 16 interest in the property shall not be subject to taxation under Section 9-195 of this Act. 17
- (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, property
 that is owned by the State and leased to a unit of local
 government or a school district is exempt, and those leasehold
 interests are exempt, from taxation under this Code or any
 other provision of law.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 96-192, eff. 8-10-09; 96-913, eff. 6-9-10;
- 24 97-502, eff. 8-23-11.)

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Sec. 15-60. Taxing district property. All property belonging to any county or municipality used exclusively for the maintenance of the poor is exempt, as is all property owned by a taxing district that is being held for future expansion or development, except if leased by the taxing district to lessees for use for other than public purposes.

Also exempt are:

- (a) all swamp or overflowed lands belonging to any county;
- 19 (b) all public buildings belonging to any county,
 20 township, or municipality, with the ground on which the
 21 buildings are erected;
 - (c) all property owned by any municipality located within its incorporated limits. Any such property leased by a municipality shall remain exempt, and the leasehold interest of the lessee shall be assessed under Section

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9-195 of this Act, (i) for a lease entered into on or after January 1, 1994, unless the lease expressly provides that this exemption shall not apply; (ii) for a lease entered into on or after the effective date of Public Act 87-1280 and before January 1, 1994, unless the lease expressly provides that this exemption shall not apply or unless evidence other than the lease itself substantiates the intent of the parties to the lease that this exemption shall not apply; and (iii) for a lease entered into before the effective date of Public Act 87-1280, if the terms of the lease do not bind the lessee to pay the taxes on the leased property or if, notwithstanding the terms of the lease, the municipality has filed or hereafter files a timely exemption petition or complaint with respect to property consisting of or including the leased property for an assessment year which includes part or all of the first 12 months of the lease period. The foregoing clause (iii) added by Public Act 87-1280 shall not operate to exempt property for any assessment year as to which no timely exemption petition or complaint has been filed by the municipality or as to which an administrative or court decision denying exemption has become final nonappealable. For each assessment year or portion thereof that property is made exempt by operation of the foregoing clause (iii), whether such year or portion is before or after the effective date of Public Act 87-1280, the

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1 leasehold interest of the lessee shall, if necessary, be considered omitted property for purposes of this Act;

- (c-5) Notwithstanding clause (i) of subsection (c), all property owned by a municipality with a population of over 500,000 that is used for toll road or toll bridge purposes and that is leased for those purposes to another entity whose property is not exempt shall remain exempt, and any leasehold interest in the property shall not be subject to taxation under Section 9-195 of this Act;
- (d) all property owned by any municipality located outside its incorporated limits but within the same county when used as a tuberculosis sanitarium, farm colony in connection with a house of correction, or nursery, garden, or farm, or for the growing of shrubs, trees, flowers, plants for vegetables, and use in beautifying, maintaining, and operating playgrounds, parks, parkways, public grounds, buildings, and institutions owned or controlled by the municipality; and
- (e) all property owned by a township and operated as senior citizen housing under Sections 35-50 through 35-50.6 of the Township Code; and \div
- (f) all property owned by the Executive Board of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), a unit of intergovernmental cooperation, that is used for the public purpose of disaster preparedness and response for units of local government and the State of Illinois pursuant to

- 1 Section 10 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution and
- the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act. 2
- All property owned by any municipality outside of its 3
- 4 corporate limits is exempt if used exclusively for municipal or
- 5 public purposes.
- 6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, property that
- is owned by a unit of local government and leased to the State, 7
- another unit of local government, or a school district is 8
- 9 exempt, and those leasehold interests are exempt, from taxation
- 10 under this Code or any other provision of law.
- 11 For purposes of this Section, "municipality" means a
- municipality, as defined in Section 1-1-2 of the Illinois 12
- 13 Municipal Code.
- (Source: P.A. 92-844, eff. 8-23-02; 92-846, eff. 8-23-02.) 14
- 15 (35 ILCS 200/15-100)
- Sec. 15-100. Public transportation systems. 16
- 17 (a) All property belonging to any municipal corporation
- 18 created for the sole purpose of owning and operating a
- 19 transportation system for public service is exempt.
- Property owned by (i) a municipal corporation of 20 (b)
- 500,000 or more inhabitants, used for public transportation 21
- 22 purposes, and operated by the Chicago Transit Authority; (ii)
- 23 the Regional Transportation Authority; (iii) any service board
- 24 or division of the Regional Transportation Authority; (iv) the
- 25 Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad Corporation; or

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- 1 (v) the Chicago Transit Authority shall be exempt. For purposes 2 of this Section alone, the Regional Transportation Authority, any service board or division of the Regional Transportation 3 4 Authority, the Northeast Illinois Regional Commuter Railroad 5 Corporation, the Chicago Transit Authority, or a municipal 6 corporation, as defined in item (i), shall be deemed an "eligible transportation authority". The exemption provided in 7 this subsection shall not be affected by any transaction in 8 9 which, for the purpose of obtaining financing, the eligible 10 transportation authority, directly or indirectly, leases or 11 otherwise transfers such property to another whose property is not exempt and immediately thereafter enters into a leaseback 12 13 or other agreement that directly or indirectly gives the 14 eligible transportation authority a right to use, control, and 15 possess the property. In the case of a conveyance of such 16 property, the eligible transportation authority must retain an option to purchase the property at a future date or, within the 17 18 limitations period for reverters, the property must revert back 19 to the eligible transportation authority.
 - (c) If such property has been conveyed as described in subsection (b), the property will no longer be exempt pursuant to this Section as of the date when:
 - (1) the right of the eligible transportation authority to use, control, and possess the property has been terminated;
 - (2) the eligible transportation authority no longer

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- 1 an option to purchase or otherwise acquire the 2 property; and
 - (3) there is no provision for a reverter of the property to the eligible transportation authority within the limitations period for reverters.
 - (d) Pursuant to Sections 15-15 and 15-20 of this Code, the eligible transportation authority shall notify the chief county assessment officer of any transaction under subsection (b) of this Section. The chief county assessment officer shall determine initial and continuing compliance with the requirements of this Section for tax exemption. Failure to notify the chief county assessment officer of a transaction under this Section or to otherwise comply with the requirements of Sections 15-15 and 15-20 of this Code shall, in the discretion of the chief county assessment officer, constitute cause to terminate the exemption, notwithstanding any other provision of this Code.
 - (d-5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if property that is described in subsection (a) or (b) of this Section is leased to the State, a unit of local government, or a school district, then that property is exempt, and those <u>leasehold</u> interests are exempt, from taxation under this Code or any other provision of law.
 - (e) No provision of this Section shall be construed to affect the obligation of the eligible transportation authority to which an exemption certificate has been issued under this

- 1 Section from its obligation under Section 15-10 of this Code to
- 2 file an annual certificate of status or to notify the chief
- 3 county assessment officer of transfers of interest or other
- 4 changes in the status of the property as required by this Code.
- 5 (f) The changes made by this amendatory Act of 1997 are
- 6 declarative of existing law and shall not be construed as a new
- 7 enactment.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 90-562, eff. 12-16-97.)
- 9 (35 ILCS 200/15-103)
- 10 Sec. 15-103. Bi-State Development Agency.
- 11 (a) Property owned by the Bi-State Development Agency of
- the Missouri-Illinois Metropolitan District is exempt.
- 13 (b) The exemption under this Section is not affected by any
- transaction in which, for the purpose of obtaining financing,
- 15 the Agency, directly or indirectly, leases or otherwise
- transfers the property to another for which or whom property is
- 17 not exempt and immediately after the lease or transfer enters
- 18 into a leaseback or other agreement that directly or indirectly
- 19 gives the Agency a right to use, control, and possess the
- 20 property. In the case of a conveyance of the property, the
- 21 Agency must retain an option to purchase the property at a
- 22 future date or, within the limitations period for reverters,
- 23 the property must revert back to the Agency.
- (c) If the property has been conveyed as described in
- subsection (b), the property is no longer exempt under this

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- (1) the right of the Agency to use, control, and 2 3 possess the property is terminated;
 - (2) the Agency no longer has an option to purchase or otherwise acquire the property; and
 - (3) there is no provision for a reverter of the property to the Agency within the limitations period for reverters.
 - (d) Pursuant to Sections 15-15 and 15-20 of this Code, the Agency shall notify the chief county assessment officer of any transaction under subsection (b). The chief county assessment officer shall determine initial and continuing compliance with the requirements of this Section for tax exemption. Failure to notify the chief county assessment officer of a transaction under this Section or to otherwise comply with the requirements of Sections 15-15 and 15-20 of this Code shall, in the discretion of the chief county assessment officer, constitute cause to terminate the exemption, notwithstanding any other provision of this Code.
 - (d-5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, property that is owned by the Bi-State Development Agency of the Missouri-Illinois Metropolitan District and leased to the State, another unit of local government, or a school district is exempt, and those leasehold interests are exempt, from taxation under this Code or any other provision of law.
 - (e) No provision of this Section shall be construed to

- 1 affect the obligation of the Agency under Section 15-10 of this
- 2 Code to file an annual certificate of status or to notify the
- chief county assessment officer of transfers of interest or 3
- 4 other changes in the status of the property as required by this
- 5 Code.
- (Source: P.A. 91-513, eff. 8-13-99.) 6
- 7 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
- 8 Section 8.36 as follows:
- 9 (30 ILCS 805/8.36 new)
- Sec. 8.36. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and 8 10
- 11 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for the
- 12 implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory Act of
- the 97th General Assembly. 13
- Section 95. Applicability. The changes made by this 14
- amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly apply to taxable 15
- years 2010 and thereafter. In addition, those changes and 16
- 17 additions also apply to taxable years prior to 2010, but no
- 18 such taxes paid for any taxable year prior to 2010 need be
- 19 refunded.
- 20 Section 97. Severability. The provisions of this Act are
- 21 severable under Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes.

- Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon 1
- 2 becoming law.".