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Referred to Committee on No Committee

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AN ACT SUSPENDING CERTAIN GAS TAXES AND SALES AND USE TAXES ON CERTAIN CLOTHING AND ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR FREE PUBLIC BUS SERVICES.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective April 1, 2022*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions
2 of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
3 section 12-458 of the general statutes, from April 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022,
4 inclusive, the tax imposed under said subparagraphs shall not apply to
5 fuels or gasohol sold or used by a distributor in this state. Nothing in
6 this section shall be construed to affect the tax due pursuant to
7 subparagraphs (C) to (E), inclusive, of subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
8 of section 12-458 of the general statutes on propane, natural gas or diesel
9 sold or used by a distributor in this state. As used in this section,
10 "distributor" and "fuels" have the same meanings as provided in section
11 12-455a of the general statutes and "gasohol" has the same meaning as
12 provided in section 14-1 of the general statutes.

13 (b) During the period set forth in subsection (a) of this section, each
14 retail dealer shall reduce the per-gallon price of fuels or gasohol sold by
15 such retail dealer in an amount equal to the amount of the reduction in
16 such tax pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

17 (c) A violation of subsection (b) of this section shall be deemed an
18 unfair or deceptive trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b
19 of the general statutes. Any retail dealer that is alleged to have violated
20 subsection (b) of this section may avail themselves of the affirmative
21 defenses set forth in subdivision (4) of subsection (c) of section 14-332a
22 of the general statutes.

23 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding the provisions of
24 sections 12-408 and 12-411 of the general statutes, from April 10, 2022,
25 to April 16, 2022, inclusive, the tax imposed under said sections shall not
26 apply to sales of any article of clothing or footwear intended to be worn
27 on or about the human body, the cost of which article to the purchaser
28 is less than one hundred dollars. As used in this section, "clothing or
29 footwear" does not include jewelry, handbags, luggage, umbrellas,
30 watches and similar items carried on or about the human body but not
31 worn on the body in the manner characteristic of clothing intended for
32 exemption under this section.

33 Sec. 3. Section 41 of special act 21-15, as amended by section 306 of
34 public act 21-2 of the June special session, is amended to read as follows
35 (*Effective April 1, 2022*):

36 The following sums are allocated, in accordance with the provisions
37 of special act 21-1, from the federal funds designated for the state
38 pursuant to the provisions of section 602 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the
39 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2, as amended from time to
40 time, for the annual periods indicated for the purposes described.

T1		FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
T2				
T3	BOARD OF REGENTS			

T4	Enhance Student Retention at Community Colleges	6,500,000	6,500,000	6,500,000
T5				
T6	CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES			
T7	Higher Education - CSCU	10,000,000	5,000,000	
T8				
T9	DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
T10	Senior Food Vouchers	100,000	100,000	
T11	Farmer's Market Nutrition	100,000	100,000	
T12	Farm-to-School Grant	250,000	250,000	
T13	Food Insecurity Grants to Food Pantries and Food Banks	1,000,000		
T14				
T15	DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES			
T16	Respite Care for Family Caregivers	3,000,000	-	
T17				
T18	DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			
T19	Beardsley Zoo	246,121	246,121	
T20	Amistad	200,000	200,000	
T21	Maritime Center Authority	196,295	196,295	
T22	Mystic Aquarium	177,603	177,603	
T23	Music Haven	100,000	100,000	
T24	Norwalk Symphony	50,000	50,000	
T25	Riverfront Recapture	250,000	250,000	
T26	Connecticut Main Street Center	350,000	350,000	
T27	Middletown Downtown Business District	100,000	100,000	
T28	CRDA Economic Support for Venues	5,000,000	2,500,000	
T29	Working Cities Challenge	1,000,000	1,000,000	
T30	Charter Oak Temple Restoration Association	100,000	100,000	
T31	West Haven Veterans Museum	25,000	25,000	

T32	VFW Rocky Hill	15,000	15,000	
T33	Playhouse on Park	15,000	15,000	
T34	Family Justice Center	50,000	50,000	
T35	East Hartford Little League	50,000		
T36	Hartford YMCA	1,000,000		
T37	ESF/Dream Camp of Hartford	100,000		
T38	Beta Iota Boule Foundation - Youth Services	100,000		
T39	Legacy Foundation for Health and Disparities	100,000		
T40	Connecticut Center for Advanced Technologies	1,000,000		
T41	Middlesex YMCA	50,000		
T42	Shatterproof	100,000		
T43	Summer Experience at Connecticut's Top Venues	15,000,000		
T44	Statewide Marketing	7,107,000		
T45	Governor's Workforce Initiatives	70,000,000		15,000,000
T46	CT Hospitality Industry Support	30,000,000		
T47	Regulatory Modernization	1,000,000		
T48	Historic Wooster Square Association	500,000		
T49	Humane Commission/ Animal Shelter of New Haven	500,000		
T50	Ball and Sockets - Cheshire	200,000		
T51	Junta for Progressive Action	750,000		
T52	CT Airport Authority	2,000,000		
T53				
T54	DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
T55	Right to Read		12,860,000	12,860,000
T56	Faith Acts Priority School Districts	5,000,000	5,000,000	
T57	CT Writing Project	79,750	79,750	
T58	Ascend Mentoring - Windsor	150,000	150,000	
T59	Women in Manufacturing - Platt Tech Regional Vocational Technical School	65,000	65,000	
T60	Elevate Bridgeport	400,000	400,000	

T61	Grant to RHAM Manufacturing Program	22,000	-	
T62	East Hartford Youth Services	200,000		
T63	Student Achievement Through Opportunity	100,000		
T64	Summer Camp Scholarships for Families	3,500,000		
T65	New Haven Local Little League	500,000		
T66	Hamden Before and After School Programming	400,000		
T67	Hamden Pre-K Programming	100,000		
T68				
T69	DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION			
T70	Air Quality Study	20,000	-	
T71	Swimming Lessons to DEEP	500,000	500,000	500,000
T72	Health and Safety Barriers to Housing Remediation	7,000,000	-	
T73	Efficient Energy Retrofit for Housing	7,000,000	-	
T74	Quinnipiac Avenue Canoe Launch	250,000		
T75				
T76	DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING			
T77	Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen	200,000		
T78	Hands on Hartford	100,000		
T79				
T80	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH			
T81	DPH Loan Repayment	500,000	3,500,000	
T82	Community Health Workers	3,000,000	3,000,000	
T83	Obesity & COVID-19 Study	500,000	500,000	
T84	Cornell Scott - Hill Health	250,000		
T85				
T86	DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION			
T87	Groton Water Taxi	100,000	100,000	
T88	<u>Free Bus Public Transportation Services</u>	<u>8,100,000</u>		

T89				
T90	LABOR DEPARTMENT			
T91	Domestic Worker Grants	200,000	200,000	
T92	Veterans Employment Opportunity PILOT	350,000	350,000	
T93	Opportunities for Long Term Unemployed Returning Citizens	750,000	750,000	
T94	TBICO Danbury Women's Employment Program	25,000	25,000	
T95	Boys and Girls Club Workforce Development - Milford	50,000	50,000	
T96	Women's Mentoring Network-Strategic Life Skills Workshop	5,000	5,000	
T97	Senior Jobs Bank - West Hartford	10,000	10,000	
T98	Greater Bridgeport OIC Job Development and Training Program	250,000	250,000	
T99	Unemployment Trust Fund	155,000,000	-	
T100	Unemployment Support	15,000,000		
T101				
T102	LABOR DEPARTMENT - BANKING FUND			
T103	Customized Services for Mortgage Crisis Jobs Training Program	550,000	550,000	
T104				
T105	OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD			
T106	Care4Kids Parent Fees	5,300,000	-	
T107	Parents Fees for 3-4 Year Old's at State Funded Childcare Centers	3,500,000	-	
T108	Universal Home Visiting	8,000,000		
T109				
T110	OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION			
T111	Roberta Willis Need-Based Scholarships	20,000,000	20,000,000	
T112	Summer College Corps	1,500,000	-	
T113				

T114	OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT			
T115	Private Providers	30,000,000	30,000,000	
T116	PPE & Supplies	10,000,000	10,000,000	
T117	State Employee Essential Workers and National Guard Premium Pay	20,000,000		
T118				
T119	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT			
T120	Higher Education - UConn	20,000,000	5,000,000	
T121				
T122	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT HEALTH CENTER			
T123	Revenue Impact	35,000,000		
T124	University of Connecticut Health Center	38,000,000	-	
T125				
T126	DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES			
T127	Fostering Community	10,000	10,000	
T128	Casa Boricua - Meriden	50,000	50,000	
T129	Children's Mental Health Initiatives	10,500,000		
T130	Child First	5,100,000	5,100,000	
T131				
T132	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT			
T133	Mothers Against Violence	25,000	25,000	
T134	Legal Representation for Tenant Eviction	10,000,000	10,000,000	
T135	New Haven Police Activities League	100,000		
T136				
T137	DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION			
T138	TRUE Unit - Cheshire CI	500,000	500,000	
T139	WORTH Program York CI	250,000	250,000	
T140	Vocational Village Dept Corrections	20,000,000	-	
T141				

T142	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES			
T143	Fair Haven Clinic	10,000,000	-	
T144	Workforce Development, Education and Training	1,000,000		
T145	Nursing Home Facility Support	10,000,000		
T146	MyCT Resident One Stop	2,500,000		
T147	New Reach Life Haven Shelter	500,000		
T148	Mary Wade	750,000		
T149	Community Action Agencies	5,000,000		
T150				
T151	LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT			
T152	CTN	1,000,000	-	
T153				
T154	DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES			
T155	DMHAS Private Providers	25,000,000	25,000,000	
T156				
T157	DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES			
T158	Blind and Deaf Community Supports	2,000,000		
T159				
T160	Revenue	559,900,000	1,194,900,000	

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>April 1, 2022</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>April 1, 2022</i>	SA 21-15, Sec. 41