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1	PROPERTY TAX MODIFICATIONS
2	2012 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: John Dougall
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7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill makes changes to the property taxation of personal property.
10	Highlighted Provisions:
11	This bill:
12	defines terms;
13	 modifies the property taxation of certain personal property; and
14	makes technical and conforming changes.
15	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
16	None
17	Other Special Clauses:
18	This bill takes effect on January 1, 2013.
19	Utah Code Sections Affected:
20	AMENDS:
21	59-2-108 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapter 61
22	59-2-1115 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2008, Chapters 61 and 382
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24	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
25	Section 1. Section 59-2-108 is amended to read:
26	59-2-108. Depreciation schedule for certain taxable tangible personal property.
27	(1) As used in this section:
28	(a) (i) "Acquisition cost" means all costs required to put an item of tangible personal
29	property into service; and

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30	(ii) includes:
31	(A) the purchase price for a new or used item;
32	(B) the cost of freight and shipping;
33	(C) the cost of installation, engineering, erection, or assembly; and
34	(D) sales and use taxes.
35	[(b) "Expensed personal property" means an item of taxable tangible personal property
36	that:]
37	[(i) has an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or less; and]
38	[(ii) a person elects to have assessed according to a schedule described in Subsection
39	(4).]
40	[(c)] (b) (i) "Item of taxable tangible personal property" does not include an
41	improvement to real property or a part that will become an improvement.
42	(ii) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
43	commission may make rules defining the term "item of taxable tangible personal property."
44	[(d) (i) "Short life expensed personal property" means expensed personal property that
45	is the same type as the following personal property:]
46	[(A) short life property;]
47	[(B) short life trade fixtures; or]
48	[(C) computer hardware.]
49	[(ii) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,
50	the commission may make rules defining the following terms:]
51	[(A) "short life property";]
52	[(B) "short life trade fixtures"; and]
53	[(C) "computer hardware."]
54	(c) "Noncapitalized personal property" means an item of tangible personal property
55	<u>that:</u>
56	(i) has an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or less; and
57	(ii) is claimed as allowed on a federal tax return as a deductible expense under Section

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58 162 or Section 179, Internal Revenue Code, in the year of acquisition.

- [(e)] (d) "Taxable tangible personal property" means tangible personal property that is subject to taxation under this chapter.
 - (2) (a) A person may [elect to designate taxable tangible personal property as expensed] make an election for the noncapitalized personal property owned by the person to be assessed and taxed as provided in this section.
 - (b) [A] Except as provided in Subsection (2)(c), a county [shall] may not require a person who makes an election under this section to:
 - (i) itemize [expensed] <u>noncapitalized</u> personal property on the signed statement described in Section 59-2-306; [and] <u>or</u>
 - (ii) track [expensed] noncapitalized personal property.
 - (c) If a [taxpayer's expensed] person's noncapitalized personal property for which the person makes an election under this section is audited in accordance with Subsection 59-2-306(3), [a taxpayer] the person shall provide proof of the acquisition cost of the [expensed] noncapitalized personal property.
 - (3) (a) An election [to designate taxable tangible personal property as expensed personal property] under this section may not be revoked.
 - (b) Except as provided in Subsection (3)(d), if [an item of taxable tangible personal property is designated as expensed personal property] a person makes an election under this section with respect to noncapitalized personal property, the person [must] shall pay taxes on the noncapitalized personal property according to the [taxable value determined by the schedule for a term designated by a] schedule described in Subsection (4).
 - (c) If a person sells or otherwise disposes of an item of [expensed] noncapitalized personal property for which the person makes an election under this section prior to the [time period described in Subsection (3)(b) or (d)] fourth year after acquisition, the person shall continue to pay taxes according to the schedule described in Subsection (4).
 - (d) If a person [elects to designate an item of taxable tangible] makes an election under this section for noncapitalized personal property acquired on or before December 31, [2008]

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86 2012, [as expensed personal property] at a time after the first year after [the item is acquired] 87 acquisition, the person [must] shall pay taxes according to the taxable value for the applicable 88 one or more years after acquisition as determined by the schedule [for a time period that 89 equals: described in Subsection (4). 90 [(i) the time period designated in Subsection (3)(b); less] 91 (ii) the time period beginning when the person acquired the item of expensed personal 92 property and ending when the person designated the item as short life expensed personal 93 property.] 94 (e) If a person [elects to designate taxable tangible personal property as expensed 95 personal property in accordance with Subsection (2)(a) makes an election under this section, 96 the person may not appeal the values described in Subsection (4). 97 (4) [(a) For the taxable year beginning on January 1, 2009 and ending on December 31, 98 2009, the The taxable value of [short life expensed] noncapitalized personal property for 99 which a person makes an election under this section is calculated by applying the percent good 100 factor against the acquisition cost of the noncapitalized personal property as follows: 101 [Short Life Expensed] Noncapitalized Personal Property Schedule 102 Year [of] after Acquisition Percent Good of Acquisition Cost 103 [2008] [69%] 104 First year after acquisition <u>75%</u> 105 [2007] Second year after acquisition [52%] <u>50%</u> 106 [2006] Third year after acquisition [30%] 25% 107 [2005] Fourth year after acquisition [17%] 0% 108 [2004] [11%] 109 (b) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2010, the taxable value of short 110 life expensed personal property shall be assessed according to a schedule developed by the 111 commission in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.] 112 Section 2. Section **59-2-1115** is amended to read:

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113	59-2-1115. Exemption of certain tangible personal property.
114	(1) For purposes of this section:
115	(a) (i) "Acquisition cost" means all costs required to put an item of tangible personal
116	property into service; and
117	(ii) includes:
118	(A) the purchase price for a new or used item;
119	(B) the cost of freight and shipping;
120	(C) the cost of installation, engineering, erection, or assembly; and
121	(D) sales and use taxes.
122	(b) (i) "Item of taxable tangible personal property" does not include an improvement to
123	real property or a part that will become an improvement.
124	(ii) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
125	commission may make rules defining the term "item of taxable tangible personal property."
126	(c) (i) "Taxable tangible personal property" means tangible personal property that is
127	subject to taxation under this chapter.
128	(ii) "Taxable tangible personal property" does not include:
129	(A) tangible personal property required by law to be registered with the state before it
130	is used:
131	(I) on a public highway;
132	(II) on a public waterway;
133	(III) on public land; or
134	(IV) in the air;
135	(B) a mobile home as defined in Section 41-1a-102; or
136	(C) a manufactured home as defined in Section 41-1a-102.
137	(2) (a) The taxable tangible personal property of a taxpayer is exempt from taxation if
138	the taxable tangible personal property has a total aggregate fair market value per county of
139	\$3,500 or less.
140	(b) An item of taxable tangible personal property, except for an item of noncapitalized

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141	personal property as defined in Section 59-2-108, is exempt from taxation if the item of taxable
142	tangible personal property:
143	(i) has an acquisition cost of \$1,000 or less;
144	(ii) has reached a percent good of 15% or less according to a personal property
145	schedule[:(A)] published by the commission pursuant to Section 59-2-107; [or] and
146	[(B) for an item of personal property that is designated as expensed personal property
147	in accordance with Section 59-2-108, described in Section 59-2-108; and]
148	(iii) is in a personal property schedule with a residual value of 15% or less.
149	(3) (a) For calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2008, the commission shall
150	increase the dollar amount described in Subsection (2)(a):
151	(i) by a percentage equal to the percentage difference between the consumer price
152	index for the preceding calendar year and the consumer price index for calendar year 2006; and
153	(ii) up to the nearest \$100 increment.
154	(b) For purposes of this Subsection (3), the commission shall calculate the consumer
155	price index as provided in Sections 1(f)(4) and 1(f)(5), Internal Revenue Code.
156	(c) If the percentage difference under Subsection (3)(a)(i) is zero or a negative
157	percentage, the consumer price index increase for the year is zero.
158	(4) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, the
159	commission may make rules to administer this section and provide for uniform
160	implementation.
161	Section 3. Effective date.
162	This bill takes effect on January 1, 2013.