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§ 3-5.11 DEDUCTION FOR ABLE ACT CONTRIBUTIONS

A. Effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2016, an individual shall be allowed a deduction from Virginia adjusted gross income as defined in § 58.1-321, Code of Virginia, for the amount contributed during the taxable year to an ABLE savings trust account entered into with the Virginia College Savings Plan pursuant to Chapter 7 (§ 23.1-700 et seq.) of Title 23.1, Code of Virginia. The amount deducted on any individual income tax return in any taxable year shall be limited to $2,000 per ABLE savings trust account. No deduction shall be allowed pursuant to this section if such contributions are deducted on the contributor's federal income tax return. If the contribution to an ABLE savings trust account exceeds $2,000 the remainder may be carried forward and subtracted in future taxable years until the ABLE savings trust contribution has been fully deducted; however, in no event shall the amount deducted in any taxable year exceed $2,000 per ABLE savings trust account.

B. Notwithstanding the statute of limitations on assessments contained in § 58.1-312, Code of Virginia, any deduction taken hereunder shall be subject to recapture in the taxable year or years in which distributions or refunds are made for any reason other than (i) to pay qualified disability expenses, as defined in § 529A of the Internal Revenue Code; or (ii) the beneficiary's death.

C. A contributor to an ABLE savings trust account who has attained age 70 shall not be subject to the limitation that the amount of the deduction not exceed $2,000 per ABLE savings trust account in any taxable year. Such taxpayer shall be allowed a deduction for the full amount contributed to an ABLE savings trust account, less any amounts previously deducted.

D. The Tax Commissioner shall develop guidelines implementing the provisions of this section, including but not limited to the computation, carryover, and recapture of the deduction provided under this section. Such guidelines shall be exempt from the provisions of the Administrative Process Act (§ 2.2-4000 et seq., Code of Virginia).