2026 Special Session I

Budget Bill - HB30 (Chapter 1)

Department of Accounts Transfer Payments

Item 258

	First Year - FY2027	Second Year - FY2028
Personal Property Tax Relief Program (74600)	**$950,000,000**	**$950,000,000**
Reimbursements to Localities for Personal Property Tax Relief (74601)	$950,000,000	$950,000,000
Fund Sources:		
General	$950,000,000	$950,000,000

Authority: Discretionary Inclusion.

A.1. Out of this appropriation, $950,000,000 the first year and $950,000,000 the second year from the general fund is provided to be used to implement a program which provides equitable tax relief from the personal property tax on vehicles.

2. The amounts appropriated in this Item provide for a local reimbursement level of 70 percent in tax years 2004 and 2005. The local reimbursement level for tax year 2006 is set at $950,000,000 pursuant Chapter 1, 2004 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I. Payments to localities with calendar year 2006 car tax payment due dates prior to July 1, 2006, shall not be reimbursed until after July 1, 2006, except as otherwise provided in paragraph D of this Item.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection B of § 58.1-3524, Code of Virginia, as amended by Chapter 1, 2004 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, the determination of each county's, city's and town's share of the total funds available for reimbursement for personal property tax relief pursuant to that subsection shall be pro rata based upon the actual payments to such county, city or town pursuant to Title 58.1, Chapter 35.1, Code of Virginia, for tax year 2004 as compared to the actual payments to all counties, cities and towns pursuant to that chapter for tax year 2004, made with respect to reimbursement requests submitted on or before December 31, 2005, as certified in writing by the Auditor of Public Accounts not later than March 1, 2006. Notwithstanding the provisions of the second enactment of Chapter 1, 2004 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, this paragraph shall become effective upon the effective date of this act.

C. The requirements of subsection C 2 of § 58.1-3524 and subsection E of § 58.1-3912, Code of Virginia, as amended by Chapter 1, 2004 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, with respect to the establishment of tax rates for qualifying vehicles and the format of tax bills shall be deemed to have been satisfied if the locality provides by ordinance or resolution, or as part of its annual budget adopted pursuant to Title 15.2, Chapter 25, Code of Virginia, or the provisions of a local government charter or Title 15.2, Chapter 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8, Code of Virginia, if applicable, specific criteria for the allocation of the Commonwealth's payments to such locality for tangible personal property tax relief among the owners of qualifying vehicles, and such locality's tax bills provide a general description of the criteria upon which relief has been allocated and set out, for each qualifying vehicle that is the subject of such bill, the specific dollar amount of relief so allocated.

D. The Secretary of Finance may authorize advance payment, from funds appropriated in this Item, of sums otherwise due a town on and after July 1, 2006, for personal property tax relief under the provisions of Chapter 1, 2004 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, if the Secretary finds that such town (1) had a due date for tangible

personal property taxes on qualified vehicles for tax year 2006 falling between January 1 and June 30, 2006, (2) had a due date for tangible personal property taxes on qualified vehicles for tax year 2004 falling between January 1 and June 30, 2004, (3) received reimbursements pursuant to the provisions of Title 58.1, Chapter 35.1, Code of Virginia, between January 1 and June 30, 2004, (4) utilizes the cash method of accounting, and (5) would suffer fiscal hardship in the absence of such advance payment.

E. It is the intention of the General Assembly that reimbursements to counties, cities and towns that had a billing date for tax year 2004 tangible personal property taxes with respect to qualifying vehicles falling between January 1 and June 30, 2004, and received personal property tax relief reimbursement with respect to tax year 2004 from the Commonwealth between January 1 and June 30, 2004, pursuant to the provisions of Title 58.1, Chapter 35.1, Code of Virginia, as it existed prior to the amendments effected by Chapter 1, 2004 Acts of Assembly, Special Session I, be made by the Commonwealth with respect to sums attributable to such spring billing dates not later than August 15 of each fiscal year.