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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4639

AMENDMENT NO. ______. Amend House Bill 4639 on page 1, immediately below line 3, by inserting the following:

"Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by changing Section 917 as follows:

(35 ILCS 5/917) (from Ch. 120, par. 9-917)

Sec. 917. Confidentiality and information sharing.

(a) Confidentiality. Except as provided in this Section, all information received by the Department from returns filed under this Act, or from any investigation conducted under the provisions of this Act, shall be confidential, except for official purposes within the Department or pursuant to official procedures for collection of any State tax or pursuant to an investigation or audit by the Illinois State Scholarship Commission of a delinquent student loan or monetary award or enforcement of any civil or criminal penalty

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or sanction imposed by this Act or by another statute imposing a State tax, and any person who divulges any such information in any manner, except for such purposes and pursuant to order of the Director or in accordance with a proper judicial order, shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this paragraph are not applicable to information furnished to (i) the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Department of Public Aid), Attorneys, and the Attorney General for child enforcement purposes and (ii) a licensed attorney representing the taxpayer where an appeal or a protest has been filed on behalf of the taxpayer. If it is necessary to file information obtained pursuant to this Act in a child support enforcement proceeding, the information shall be filed under seal. The furnishing upon request of the Auditor General, or his or her authorized agents, for official use of returns filed and information related thereto under this Act is deemed to be an official purpose within the Department within the meaning of this Section.

(b) Public information. Nothing contained in this Act shall prevent the Director from publishing or making available to the public the names and addresses of persons filing returns under this Act, or from publishing or making available reasonable statistics concerning the operation of the tax wherein the contents of returns are grouped into aggregates in such a way that the information contained in any individual

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return shall not be disclosed.

(c) Governmental agencies. The Director may make available to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States or his delegate, or the proper officer or his delegate of any other state imposing a tax upon or measured by income, exclusively official purposes, information received by the Department in the administration of this Act, but such permission shall be granted only if the United States or such other state, as the case may be, grants the Department substantially similar privileges. The Director may exchange information with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Department of Human Services (acting as successor to the Department of Public Aid under the Department of Human Services Act) for the purpose of verifying sources and amounts of income and for other purposes directly connected with the administration of this Act, the Illinois Public Aid Code, and any other health benefit program administered by the State. The Director may information with the Director of the Department of Employment Security for the purpose of verifying sources and amounts of income and for other purposes directly connected with the administration of this Act and Acts administered by the Department of Employment Security. The Director may make available to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission information regarding employers for the purpose of verifying insurance coverage required under the Workers' the

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Compensation Act and Workers' Occupational Diseases Act. The Director may exchange information with the Illinois Department on Aging for the purpose of verifying sources and amounts of income for purposes directly related to confirming eligibility for participation in the programs of benefits authorized by the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief and Pharmaceutical Assistance Act. The Director may exchange information with the State Treasurer's Office and the Department of Employment Security for the purpose implementing, administering, and enforcing the Illinois Secure Choice Savings Program Act. The Director may exchange information with the State Treasurer's Office for the purpose of administering the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act or successor Acts. The Director may make information available to the Secretary of State for the purpose of administering Section 5-901 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. The Director may exchange information with the State Treasurer's Office for the purpose of administering the Illinois Higher Education Savings Program established under Section 16.8 of the State Treasurer Act.

The Director may make available to any State agency, including the Illinois Supreme Court, which licenses persons to engage in any occupation, information that a person licensed by such agency has failed to file returns under this Act or pay the tax, penalty and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest

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due under this Act. The Director may make available to any State agency, including the Illinois Supreme Court, information regarding whether a bidder, contractor, or an affiliate of a bidder or contractor has failed to file returns under this Act or pay the tax, penalty, and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest due under this Act, for the limited purpose of enforcing bidder and contractor certifications. For purposes of this Section, the term "affiliate" means any entity that (1) directly, indirectly, or constructively controls another entity, (2) is directly, indirectly, or constructively controlled by another entity, or (3) is subject to the control of a common entity. For purposes of this subsection (a), an entity controls another entity if it owns, directly or individually, more than 10% of the voting securities of that entity. As used in this subsection (a), the term "voting security" means a security that (1) confers upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the board of directors or similar governing body of the business or (2) is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive upon its exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. A general partnership interest is a voting security.

The Director may make available to any State agency, including the Illinois Supreme Court, units of local government, and school districts, information regarding whether a bidder or contractor is an affiliate of a person who

1 is not collecting and remitting Illinois Use taxes, for the

limited purpose of enforcing bidder and contractor

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The Director may also make available to the Secretary of State information that a corporation which has been issued a certificate of incorporation by the Secretary of State has failed to file returns under this Act or pay the tax, penalty and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest due under this Act. An assessment is final when all proceedings in court for review of such assessment have terminated or the time for the taking thereof has expired without such proceedings being instituted. For taxable years ending on or after December 31, 1987, the Director may make available to the Director or principal officer of any Department of the State of Illinois, information that a person employed by such Department has failed to file returns under this Act or pay the tax, penalty and interest shown therein. For purposes of this paragraph, the word "Department" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section 3 of the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971.

(d) The Director shall make available for public inspection in the Department's principal office and for publication, at cost, administrative decisions issued on or after January 1, 1995. These decisions are to be made available in a manner so that the following taxpayer

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- information is not disclosed:
- 2 (1) The names, addresses, and identification numbers 3 of the taxpayer, related entities, and employees.
 - (2) At the sole discretion of the Director, trade secrets or other confidential information identified as such by the taxpayer, no later than 30 days after receipt of an administrative decision, by such means as the Department shall provide by rule.

The Director shall determine the appropriate extent of the deletions allowed in paragraph (2). In the event the taxpayer does not submit deletions, the Director shall make only the deletions specified in paragraph (1).

The Director shall make available for public inspection and publication an administrative decision within 180 days after the issuance of the administrative decision. The term "administrative decision" has the same meaning as defined in Section 3-101 of Article III of the Code of Civil Procedure. Costs collected under this Section shall be paid into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund.

- (e) Nothing contained in this Act shall prevent the Director from divulging information to any person pursuant to a request or authorization made by the taxpayer, by an authorized representative of the taxpayer, or, in the case of information related to a joint return, by the spouse filing the joint return with the taxpayer.
- 26 (Source: P.A. 102-61, eff. 7-9-21; 102-129, eff. 7-23-21;

- 1 revised 8-10-21.)
- 2 Section 10. The Retailers' Occupation Tax Act is amended
- 3 by changing Section 11 as follows:
- 4 (35 ILCS 120/11) (from Ch. 120, par. 450)
- 5 Sec. 11. All information received by the Department from
- 6 returns filed under this Act, or from any investigation
- 7 conducted under this Act, shall be confidential, except for
- 8 official purposes, and any person, including a third party as
- 9 defined in the Local Government Revenue Recapture Act, who
- 10 divulges any such information in any manner, except in
- 11 accordance with a proper judicial order or as otherwise
- 12 provided by law, including the Local Government Revenue
- 13 Recapture Act, shall be quilty of a Class B misdemeanor with a
- fine not to exceed \$7,500.
- 15 Nothing in this Act prevents the Director of Revenue from
- 16 publishing or making available to the public the names and
- 17 addresses of persons filing returns under this Act, or
- 18 reasonable statistics concerning the operation of the tax by
- 19 grouping the contents of returns so the information in any
- 20 individual return is not disclosed.
- Nothing in this Act prevents the Director of Revenue from
- 22 divulging to the United States Government or the government of
- 23 any other state, or any officer or agency thereof, for
- 24 exclusively official purposes, information received by the

- 1 Department in administering this Act, provided that such other
- 2 governmental agency agrees to divulge requested tax
- 3 information to the Department.
- 4 The Department's furnishing of information derived from a
- 5 taxpayer's return or from an investigation conducted under
- 6 this Act to the surety on a taxpayer's bond that has been
- 7 furnished to the Department under this Act, either to provide
- 8 notice to such surety of its potential liability under the
- 9 bond or, in order to support the Department's demand for
- 10 payment from such surety under the bond, is an official
- 11 purpose within the meaning of this Section.
- The furnishing upon request of information obtained by the
- 13 Department from returns filed under this Act or investigations
- 14 conducted under this Act to the Illinois Liquor Control
- 15 Commission for official use is deemed to be an official
- 16 purpose within the meaning of this Section.
- 17 Notice to a surety of potential liability shall not be
- 18 given unless the taxpayer has first been notified, not less
- 19 than 10 days prior thereto, of the Department's intent to so
- 20 notify the surety.
- 21 The furnishing upon request of the Auditor General, or his
- 22 authorized agents, for official use, of returns filed and
- 23 information related thereto under this Act is deemed to be an
- official purpose within the meaning of this Section.
- Where an appeal or a protest has been filed on behalf of a
- 26 taxpayer, the furnishing upon request of the attorney for the

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1 taxpayer of returns filed by the taxpayer and information related thereto under this Act is deemed to be an official 2 3 purpose within the meaning of this Section.

The furnishing of financial information to a municipality or county, upon request of the chief executive officer thereof, is an official purpose within the meaning of this Section, provided the municipality or county agrees in writing to the requirements of this Section. Information provided to municipalities and counties under this paragraph shall be limited to: (1) the business name; (2) the business address; (3) the standard classification number assigned to the business; (4) net revenue distributed to the requesting municipality or county that is directly related to requesting municipality's or county's local share of proceeds under the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act distributed from the Local Government Tax Fund, and, if applicable, any locally imposed retailers' occupation tax or service occupation tax; and (5) a listing of all businesses within the requesting municipality or county by account identification number and address. On and after July 1, 2015, the furnishing of financial information to municipalities and counties under this paragraph may be by electronic means. If Department may furnish financial information to municipality or county under this paragraph, then the chief executive officer of the municipality or county may, in turn,

1 provide that financial information to a third party pursuant

to the Local Government Revenue Recapture Act. However, the

third party shall agree in writing to the requirements of this

Section and meet the requirements of the Local Government

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Information so provided shall be subject to all confidentiality provisions of this Section. The written agreement shall provide for reciprocity, limitations on access, disclosure, and procedures for requesting information. For the purposes of furnishing financial information to a municipality or county under this Section, "chief executive officer" means the mayor of a city, the village board president of a village, the mayor or president of incorporated town, the county executive of a county that has adopted the county executive form of government, the president of the board of commissioners of Cook County, or the chairperson of the county board or board of county commissioners of any other county.

The Department may make available to the Board of Trustees of any Metro East Mass Transit District information contained on transaction reporting returns required to be filed under Section 3 of this Act that report sales made within the boundary of the taxing authority of that Metro East Mass Transit District, as provided in Section 5.01 of the Local Mass Transit District Act. The disclosure shall be made pursuant to a written agreement between the Department and the

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1 Board of Trustees of a Metro East Mass Transit District, which is an official purpose within the meaning of this Section. The 2 3 written agreement between the Department and the Board of 4 Trustees of a Metro East Mass Transit District shall provide 5 for reciprocity, limitations on access, disclosure, and procedures for requesting information. Information so provided 6 shall be subject to all confidentiality provisions of this 7 8 Section.

The Director may make available to any State agency, including the Illinois Supreme Court, which licenses persons to engage in any occupation, information that a person licensed by such agency has failed to file returns under this Act or pay the tax, penalty and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest due under this Act. The Director may make available to any agency, including the Illinois Supreme Court, information regarding whether a bidder, contractor, or an affiliate of a bidder or contractor has failed to collect and remit Illinois Use tax on sales into Illinois, or any tax under this Act or pay the tax, penalty, and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest due under this Act, for the limited purpose of enforcing bidder and contractor certifications. The Director may make available to units of local government and school districts that require bidder and contractor certifications, as set forth in Sections 50-11 and 50-12 of the Illinois

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Procurement Code, information regarding whether a bidder, contractor, or an affiliate of a bidder or contractor has failed to collect and remit Illinois Use tax on sales into Illinois, file returns under this Act, or pay the tax, penalty, and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest due under this Act, for the limited purpose of enforcing bidder contractor certifications. For purposes of this Section, the "affiliate" means any entity that (1) directly, term indirectly, or constructively controls another entity, (2) is directly, indirectly, or constructively controlled by another entity, or (3) is subject to the control of a common entity. For purposes of this Section, an entity controls another entity if it owns, directly or individually, more than 10% of the voting securities of that entity. As used in this Section, the term "voting security" means a security that (1) confers upon the holder the right to vote for the election of members of the board of directors or similar governing body of the business or (2) is convertible into, or entitles the holder to receive upon its exercise, a security that confers such a right to vote. A general partnership interest is a voting security. The Director may make available to any State agency,

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The Director may also make available to the Secretary of State information that a limited liability company, which has filed articles of organization with the Secretary of State, or has been issued a certificate corporation which incorporation by the Secretary of State has failed to file returns under this Act or pay the tax, penalty and interest shown therein, or has failed to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty or interest due under this Act. An assessment is final when all proceedings in court for review of such assessment have terminated or the time for the taking thereof has expired without such proceedings being instituted.

The Director shall make available for public inspection in the Department's principal office and for publication, at cost, administrative decisions issued on or after January 1, 1995. These decisions are to be made available in a manner so that the following taxpayer information is not disclosed:

- (1) The names, addresses, and identification numbers of the taxpayer, related entities, and employees.
- (2) At the sole discretion of the Director, trade secrets or other confidential information identified as such by the taxpayer, no later than 30 days after receipt of an administrative decision, by such means as the Department shall provide by rule.

- 1 The Director shall determine the appropriate extent of the deletions allowed in paragraph (2). In the event the taxpayer 2 does not submit deletions, the Director shall make only the 3
- 4 deletions specified in paragraph (1).
- 5 The Director shall make available for public inspection
- 6 and publication an administrative decision within 180 days
- after the issuance of the administrative decision. The term 7
- "administrative decision" has the same meaning as defined in 8
- 9 Section 3-101 of Article III of the Code of Civil Procedure.
- 10 Costs collected under this Section shall be paid into the Tax
- 11 Compliance and Administration Fund.
- Nothing contained in this Act shall prevent the Director 12
- 13 from divulging information to any person pursuant to a request
- 14 or authorization made by the taxpayer or by an authorized
- 15 representative of the taxpayer.
- 16 The furnishing of information obtained by the Department
- from returns filed under Public Act 101-10 to the Department 17
- of Transportation for purposes of compliance with Public Act 18
- 101-10 regarding aviation fuel is deemed to be an official 19
- 20 purpose within the meaning of this Section.
- The Director may make information available to the 2.1
- 22 Secretary of State for the purpose of administering Section
- 23 5-901 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 101-10, eff. 6-5-19; 101-628, eff. 6-1-20;
- 25 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)"; and

- on page 1, line 4, by replacing "5" with "10"; and
- on page 12, line 10, by replacing "10" with "15". 2