1	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
2	FOR
3	Senate Bill No. 18
4	(By Senators Jenkins and McCabe)
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6	[Originating in the Committee on the Judiciary;
7	reported March 22, 2013.]
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10	A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
11	adding thereto a new section, designated §11-3-1c, relating
12	to providing the methods of appraising certain affordable,
13	multifamily rental housing property for ad valorem property
14	tax purposes; setting forth what the assessor is to
15	consider; providing for confidentiality of information
16	provided to the assessor; providing for treatment of federal
17	or state tax credits; granting rule-making authority; and
18	removing provision that the Tax Commissioner is to develop
19	and publish a capitalization rate for use by assessors.
20	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
21	That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended

by adding thereto a new section, designated 11-3-1c, to read as

1 follows:

2 ARTICLE 3. ASSESSMENTS GENERALLY.

3 §11-3-1c. Method of appraising affordable multifamily rental
4 housing property.

(a) In determining the true and actual value of improved
real property containing four or more residential units operated,
in whole or in part, as affordable rental housing in accordance
with the provisions of Section 42 Title 26 of the United States
Code and 42 U.S.C. §§221(d)(3), 236, 241(f) or 983, for ad
valorem property tax purposes, the assessor shall <u>use the cost</u>
approach or the income approach.

12 (b) <u>In using the income approach</u>, the assessor shall 13 consider:

14 (1) The <u>verified or audited</u> actual rents received and the 15 impact of rent restrictions applicable to the property;

16 (2) The <u>verified or audited actual</u> expenses associated 17 <u>incurred</u> with <u>in</u> the operation of the property, <u>excluding</u> 18 mortgage interest and depreciation; and

19 (3) a capitalization rate determined from recent actual 20 sales of commercial property used for residential purposes in the 21 same geographical area as the property to be valued and the net 22 incomes actually realized from those properties over the next

1 preceding three years.

2 (c) In using the cost approach, the assessor shall: (1) determine the amount of economic obsolescence resulting 3 from the differences between the actual rents received and the 4 5 unrestricted rents of similar units not subject to such 6 restrictions in the same geographic area; and 7 (2) consider the impact of rent restrictions on transfer of title and other restraints on alienation of the property. 8 9 The information provided to an assessor under (d) 10 subsections (b) and (c) of this section shall be confidential pursuant to section twenty three, article one-A, chapter eleven 11 12 of this code. 13 (e) Federal or state income tax credits allowed with respect 14 to the property may not be treated as a part of contributing 15 value to the property or as income attributable to it. 16 (bf) For real property which only a portion of the 17 individual housing units are operated as affordable rental 18 housing, as defined in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, only that portion of the property is subject to 19

20 the requirements of this section.

1 In addition to the powers and duties of the Tax (cq) 2 Commissioner in other provisions of this article and this code, the Tax Commissioner has the power and duty to: 3 (1) Propose rules for legislative approval in accordance 4 5 with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of this code establishing a method to determine the appraised value 6 7 of real property operated as affordable rental housing consistent with the provisions of this section; 8 9 (2) Prescribe forms for annual reporting of income and 10 expenses to be used by the assessors for valuing such affordable 11 rental housing; and 12 (3) Propose rules for legislative approval in accordance 13 with the provisions of article three, chapter twenty-nine-a of 14 this code establishing a method to determine the capitalization 15 rate to be used in the income approach as defined in this section 16 if insufficient data as to actual sales prices and net incomes is 17 available. Develop and publish on an annual basis the 18 capitalization rate to be used by the assessors for valuing such

19 affordable rental housing.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to provide for the method of appraising certain affordable, multifamily rental property for property tax assessment purposes. The bill also grants rulemaking authority.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and underscoring have been omitted.