

March 24, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Jim Rupert
Town Administrator
Town of Bolton
222 Bolton Center Road
Bolton, CT 06043

Re: House Bill 7067

Dear Jim:

Under date of March 17, 2025, you forwarded a letter from the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) regarding the above-referenced Public Act. You indicated that the correspondence from OPM regarding the Act recommended that it should be reviewed with the municipal attorney. Attached to the Act was a table setting forth revised effective days of municipal action with regard to adjusting the Grand List, Board of Assessment Appeals actions, and budget adjustment.

The Act permits towns to amend the manner in which they tax automotive vehicles by increasing the vehicle's value by 5 percentage points above the taxable portion of the auto's MSRP value which is subject to property tax. To accomplish this, the Town's legislative body (here, the Board of Selectmen) must vote in favor of this modification. If it chooses to do so, it must notify OPM within 14 days that it has done so. Along with this, the Town can also modify and make adjustments to its Grand List for fiscal year 2026 budgets and tax levies subject to certain conditions (see Sections 3 and 6 of Act House Bill 7067).

Sections 4 and 5 address the Veteran's Exemption. Veterans who are deemed to be qualified by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to have a 100% service-connected disability would be entitled to 100% property exemption for a Primary Dwelling or Motor Vehicle. The Board of Selectman have the option of adopting either of these options and should they do so, it would follow the timeline table set forth with the OPM's letter of March 5, 2025.

I have discussed these matters with you and you seem to have a good understanding of the Town's options with regard to these matters and, the procedures to be followed should the Town choose such options.

As always, feel free to contact me regarding any questions that this may engender.

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Best regards.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Barger

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Town of Bolton

Assessor's Office

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March 25, 2025

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Kara J. Fishman, Assessor
Re: Alternate depreciation schedule for motor vehicles on 2024 Grand List

The form attached is completed with net motor vehicle assessments after the meeting of the BAA. A memo from Martin Heft, OPM Undersecretary, accompanied the Certification of Municipal Option form. To complete the form for initial submission to OPM,

“Actual assessment figures should be provided for the 85% start and 90% start depreciation schedules. While you may not have the 90% numbers within the 14-days required for the Chief Executive Officer to submit the response, please provide the actual numbers for 85% start based on your current Grand List and note TBD in the 90% start area. Once you receive the updated motor vehicle list figure, please provide them, yet no later than April 15th. “

The Total Net Motor Vehicle List at 85% Start Depreciation Schedule, after the meeting of the Board of Assessment Appeals, is 48,652,889.

The Total Net Motor Vehicle List at 90% Start Depreciation Schedule, after the meeting of the Board of Assessment Appeals is estimated to be 54,032,680. This number is an estimate because a) the existing motor vehicle exemption amounts have not been changed to reflect the new values and b) do not include any changes in the value of unregistered motor vehicles, declared as personal property.

Certification of Municipal Option - Alternative Motor Vehicle Depreciation Schedule

Municipality / Borough _____

District (if applicable) _____

Chief Executive Officer Name _____

Chief Executive Officer Title _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Legislative Body Vote

Date of Legislative Body Vote _____

Motor Vehicle Information

Change effective with Grand List Year October 1, 2024

Percentage of Total Grand List that is Motor Vehicle Assessment 8.90

Pursuant to Subdivision (7) of subsection (b) of Section 12-63 of the general statutes:

(A) Total Motor Vehicle List at 85% start Depreciation Schedule 48,652,889 after BAA

(B) Total Motor Vehicle List at 90% start Depreciation Schedule TBD, 54,032,680 est

Certification

1. I am the Chief Executive Officer for the Municipality/Borough/District and have authority to execute this certification on behalf of the Municipality/Borough/District;
2. The Municipality/Borough/District will comply with the provisions outline in Sections 2 and 3 of House Bill 7067; and
3. The information provided is true, accurate and complete.

CEO SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

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** estimate did not adjust motor vehicle exemptions for changes in value with alternate depreciation schedule.*