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AN ACT to amend and reenact sections eight-d and ten, article twelve-a, chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to the privilege tax on certain carrier corporations, the right of appeal from an assessment of such tax, an appeal bond, a certificate of the tax commissioner in lieu of such appeal bond, the procedure on appeal, the lien of such tax, the priority of such lien, a penalty for delinquency and a waiver of any penalty in whole or in part.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That sections eight-d and ten, article twelve-a, chapter eleven of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirtyone, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows: Enr. S. B. No. 177]

Section 8-d. Appeal.—An appeal may be taken by the 2 taxpayer to the circuit court of the county in which the 3 activity taxed was engaged, or in which the taxpayer 4 resides, or in the circuit court of Kanawha county, within 5 thirty days after he shall have received notice from the 6 tax commissioner of his determination as provided in sec-7 tion eight-c.

8 The appeal shall be taken by written notice to the tax 9 commissioner and served as an original notice. When said notice is so served it shall, with the return thereon, be 10 11 filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court and docketed as other cases with the taxpayer as plaintiff and the 12 13 tax commissioner as defendant. Before the appeal is heard, 14 the plaintiff shall file with such clerk a bond for the use 15 of the defendant, with sureties approved by said clerk, the penalty of the bond to be not less than the total amount 16 17 of the tax and penalties appealed from, and conditioned that the plaintiff shall perform the orders of the court; 18 except that in lieu of said bond, the tax commissioner 19 may upon a proper showing find and certify to said clerk 2021 that the properties of the plaintiff subject to the liens

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imposed by sections ten and ten-a of this article are ade-22 23 quate to secure the performance of the orders of the court. 24 The court shall hear the appeal and determine anew all 25 questions submitted to it on appeal from the determina-26 tion of the tax commissioner. In such appeal a certified copy of the tax commissioner's assessment shall be ad-27 28 missible and shall constitute prima facie evidence of the tax due under the provisions of this article. The court 29 30 shall render its decree thereon and a certified copy of 31 said decree shall be filed by the clerk of said court with 32 the tax commissioner who shall then correct the assessment in accordance with said decree. An appeal may be 33 34 taken by the taxpayer or the tax commissioner to the supreme court of appeals of this state. 35

Sec. 10. Lien of Tax; Penalty.—The amount of the tax imposed by this article shall be a debt due the state. It shall be a personal obligation of the taxpayer and shall be a lien upon all property used in the business or occupation upon which such tax is imposed, and said lien shall have priority over all other liens and obligations except those due the United States. A penalty of one per cent

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8 per month shall be added to the amount of tax for each
9 month of delinquency and shall be secured by said lien:
10 *Provided*, That if such delinquency is due to reasonable
11 cause the tax commissioner may waive or remit in whole
12 or in part said penalties.

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The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled,

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The within approved this the 28 th day of <u>Jehrwary</u>, 1963. Governor