

HOUSE BILL 454

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2020

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Driver's Licenses and Vehicle Registrations – Distribution of Tax Payments and**
3 **Unemployment Insurance Contributions – Tax Clinics for Low-Income**
4 **Marylanders**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring that each fiscal year a certain amount of undisputed taxes or
6 unemployment insurance contributions collected as a result of the Motor Vehicle
7 Administration's refusal to renew or transfer certain vehicle registrations or renew
8 the driver's license of certain applicants be distributed to the Tax Clinics for
9 Low-Income Marylanders Fund; establishing the Tax Clinics for Low-Income
10 Marylanders Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund;
11 requiring the Secretary of Higher Education to administer the Fund; requiring the
12 State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund;
13 specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may
14 be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund;
15 making a conforming change; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the
16 distribution of certain undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions.

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Education
19 Section 11–409
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – Transportation
24 Section 13–406.2 and 16–115(k)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

27 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
28 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Education

11-409.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “FUND” MEANS THE TAX CLINICS FOR LOW-INCOME MARYLANDERS FUND.

(B) THERE IS A TAX CLINICS FOR LOW-INCOME MARYLANDERS FUND.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW TO OPERATE TAX CLINICS FOR LOW-INCOME MARYLAND RESIDENTS.

(D) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

(E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

(1) REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER §§ 13-406.2 AND 16-115 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;

(2) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE FUND;
AND

(3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

(G) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW AND THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW TO OPERATE TAX CLINICS FOR LOW-INCOME MARYLAND RESIDENTS.

(2) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR A LAW SCHOOL MAY NOT RECEIVE MORE THAN \$225,000 FROM THE FUND.

(H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

1 16-115.

2 (k) (1) The Administration may not renew the driver's license of an applicant
3 who has not paid all undisputed taxes and unemployment insurance contributions payable
4 to the Comptroller or the Secretary of Labor or provided for payment in a manner
5 satisfactory to the unit responsible for collection.

6 (2) (I) **SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, FOR**
7 **EACH FISCAL YEAR THE FIRST \$450,000 OF UNDISPUTED TAXES OR UNEMPLOYMENT**
8 **INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS COLLECTED AS A RESULT OF THE PROHIBITION UNDER**
9 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE TAX CLINICS**
10 **FOR LOW-INCOME MARYLANDERS FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 11-409 OF THE**
11 **EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

12 (II) **FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR THE TOTAL AMOUNT DISTRIBUTED**
13 **UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND § 13-406.2 OF THIS ARTICLE**
14 **TO THE TAX CLINICS FOR LOW-INCOME MARYLANDERS FUND ESTABLISHED**
15 **UNDER § 11-409 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE MAY NOT EXCEED \$450,000.**

16 (3) The Administration shall cooperate with the Comptroller and the
17 Maryland Department of Labor to develop procedures and adopt regulations in accordance
18 with this section.

19 [(3)] (4) Regulations adopted under this subsection shall require:

20 (i) The Comptroller to notify the Administration that an individual
21 has not paid all undisputed taxes; and

22 (ii) The Maryland Department of Labor to notify the Administration
23 that an individual has not paid all undisputed unemployment insurance contributions.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
25 1, 2020.