

SB0661/974032/1

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 661

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “**and**”; in the same line, after “**Reimbursements**” insert “**, and Study**”; in line 6, after “Fund” insert “and the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund”; in line 8, after “the” insert “residential”; in line 10, after “date;” insert “extending the date by which a residential owner of a certain heating oil tank may apply to the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund for reimbursement of certain costs; requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a certain study and report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly after a certain date but before a certain date;”; in line 15, strike the first comma and substitute “and”; in the same line, strike “**, and 4-705(b)**”; and in line 20, after “(g)” insert “and 4-705(b)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 11, strike the second set of brackets; in the same line, strike “**8**”; and in line 15, strike “**2021**” and substitute “**2024**”.

On page 4, in lines 1 and 27, in each instance, strike “**2026**” and substitute “**2029**”; in lines 2 and 27, in each instance, after “**THE**” insert “**RESIDENTIAL**”; in lines 3 and 28, in each instance, strike “**2021**” and substitute “**2024**”; and in lines 4 and 30, in each instance, strike “**4-705(B)**” and substitute “**4-705(B)(2)**”.

On page 5, in line 3, after “(b)” insert “**(1)**”; and after line 6, insert:

“(2) UNTIL JUNE 30, 2024, THE RESIDENTIAL OWNER OF A HEATING OIL TANK ELIGIBLE UNDER § 4-704(B)(1)(III) OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY APPLY TO THE FUND FOR REIMBURSEMENT NOT LATER THAN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE COMPLETION OF REHABILITATION FOR USUAL, CUSTOMARY, AND

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REASONABLE COSTS INCURRED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000, IN PERFORMING THE SITE REHABILITATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) The Department shall study the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund and efforts the State has made to replace aging residential heating oil tanks.

(2) The study shall include:

(i) The number of reimbursement claims submitted for the replacement of residential heating oil tanks for 2021 and 2022;

(ii) The backlog of reimbursement claims submitted for the replacement of residential heating oil tanks for 2021 and 2022;

(iii) The average number of days to receive reimbursement after the filing of a reimbursement claim for the replacement of residential heating oil tanks for 2021 and 2022;

(iv) Recommendations for reducing the number of days for reimbursing claims for the replacement of residential heating oil tanks;

(v) Recommendations regarding the continuation of the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund; and

(vi) Recommendations to improve the State's response to aging residential heating oil tanks.

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(b) After December 1, 2022, but before January 1, 2023, the Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.”;

and in line 7, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.