

## Senate Bill 283 – Homeowners' Property Tax Credit – Application - Attestation of Gross Income

**Position: Support** 

Maryland REALTORS® supports SB 283 which would modify the current application requirements associated with the Homeowners Property Tax Credit so that it is more streamlined and accessible among individuals whose income levels do not require them to file a tax return.

Currently, to be eligible to receive the Homeowners Property Tax Credit, individuals are required to provide detailed accounting information with regards to their income to ensure eligibility. Individuals whose incomes are below the threshold that would require them to file a tax return are at times challenged with producing additional accounting related documents to prove their eligibility. This bill would allow these applicants to instead certify under penalty of perjury that they were not required to file a tax return by the IRS and had not filed a tax return due to their income falling below the threshold where it would be required by the IRS.

REALTORS® support efforts to reduce the amount of time, unnecessary paperwork, and barriers required to take advantage of this tax credit; and therefore, request a favorable report on Senate Bill 283.

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