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House Bill 991

(Delegates Rosenberg and Carr)

Environmental Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Task Force to Study the Renovation and Repair Needs of Senior Homeowners

This bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to – with the assistance of the Department of Aging, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Department of Human Resources – create a task force to study the renovation and repair needs of senior homeowners.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2012, and terminates May 31, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill’s requirements can be handled with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The task force must study methods for (1) identifying, on a statewide basis, seniors of limited income who own and occupy single-family homes; (2) identifying census tracts with high concentrations of senior homeowners; (3) understanding the needs of low-income seniors regarding home repairs, safety, and energy savings; (4) addressing the impact of high concentrations of low-income senior homeowners on neighborhood stability and preservation; (5) identifying existing and new public resources on the federal, State, and local levels to assist low-income and limited-income senior homeowners with home renovation and repairs; and (6) identifying

the challenges for low-income and limited-income senior homeowners in accessing public resources.

The task force is required to consult with (and enlist the participation of) a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives of local housing agencies, nonprofit organizations that address housing issues for seniors, organizations that assist seniors with financial literacy, financial institutions, contractors, and architects.

DHCD must report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2012.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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