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BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 852
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 3, in line 15, after "date;" insert "requiring a certain report issued by the Department each year to include certain information and recommendations concerning the Program;"; and in line 32, after "14–812(b)" insert "and 14–880".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 6, after line 16, insert:

"14–880.

(a) Each year, the Department shall issue a report that includes:

(1) an analysis and summary of the information collected through the survey under § 14–879 of this part; and

(2) the following information concerning the activities of the State Tax Sale Ombudsman established under § 2–112 of this article in the preceding taxable year:

(i) the number of homeowners who contacted the Ombudsman;

(ii) the number of homeowners assisted by the Ombudsman to apply for each of the tax credits under § 9–104 or § 9–105 of this article;

(iii) the number of homeowners assisted by the Ombudsman to apply for other discount programs or public benefits and a brief summary of those programs and benefits;

(iv) the number of homeowners referred by the Ombudsman to legal services, housing counseling, and other social services, and a brief summary of those services; **[**and**]**

(Over)

(V) THE NUMBER OF HOMEOWNERS ENROLLED IN THE HOMEOWNER PROTECTION PROGRAM UNDER PART VII OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(VI) A SUMMARY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HOMEOWNER PROTECTION PROGRAM UNDER PART VII OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(VII) ANY STATUTORY OR ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES THE OMBUDSMAN RECOMMENDS TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOMEOWNER PROTECTION PROGRAM UNDER PART VII OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

[(v)**]** **(VIII)** any other relevant information.

(b) On or before November 15 each year, the Department shall:

(1) publish the report required under subsection (a) of this section on the Department's website; and

(2) submit the report required under subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means.".

On page 18, after line 25, insert:

"**(1)** TAX AND INTEREST PAYMENTS MADE TO THE DEPARTMENT BY HOMEOWNERS ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM;".

On page 19, in lines 1, 3, and 4, strike "**(1)**", "**(2)**", and "**(3)**", respectively, and substitute "**(2)**", "**(3)**", and "**(4)**", respectively.