

SB0770/563724/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 770
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Public Utilities**” and substitute “**Department of Housing and Community Development**”; in the same line, after “**Repair**” insert “**Program and**”; in line 3, after “of” insert “establishing the Homeowner Utility Repair Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to reimburse and provide grants to eligible customers for costs associated with eligible repairs.”; in line 4, strike “offset the costs a low- to middle-income residential” and substitute “reimburse and provide grants to eligible”; in lines 4 and 5, strike “customer may incur” and substitute “customers”; strike beginning with “a” in line 5 down through “upgrades” in line 6 and substitute “eligible repairs”; in line 7, after “Repair” insert “**Program and**”; and strike in their entirety lines 8 through 12, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY adding to

Article - Housing and Community Development

Section 4-2901 through 4-2904 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 29.

Homeowner Utility Repair Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 3, strike “**Article – Public Utilities**” and substitute “**Article – Housing and Community Development**”

SUBTITLE 29. HOMEOWNER UTILITY REPAIR PROGRAM.”;

in line 4, strike “**7-315.**” and substitute “**4-2901.**”; in line 5, strike “**(1)**”; in the same line, strike “**SECTION**” and substitute “**SUBTITLE**”; in line 7, strike “**(2)**” and substitute:

“(B) “ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER” MEANS A RESIDENTIAL UTILITY CUSTOMER WHOSE HOUSEHOLD INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED 120% OF THE STATE MEDIAN INCOME.

(C) “ELIGIBLE REPAIR” MEANS THE REPAIR OF DAMAGE TO A WALL, CEILING, OR FLOOR INSIDE A RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE CAUSED BY A REQUIRED UPGRADE, REPAIR, OR MAINTENANCE ACTION CONDUCTED BY A UTILITY COMPANY FOR WHICH THE UTILITY COMPANY DOES NOT MAKE THE REPAIR OR REIMBURSE THE CUSTOMER FOR THE REPAIR.

(D)”;

in line 8, strike **“(3)”** and substitute **“(E) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE HOMEOWNER UTILITY REPAIR PROGRAM.**

(F) “STATE MEDIAN INCOME” MEANS THE MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR THE STATE, AS ADJUSTED FOR HOUSEHOLD SIZE.

(G)”;

after line 9, insert:

“4-2902.

(A) THERE IS A HOMEOWNER UTILITY REPAIR PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO:

(1) REIMBURSE ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS FOR THE COST OF ELIGIBLE REPAIRS; AND

(2) PROVIDE GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS TO FUND ELIGIBLE REPAIRS.

(C) (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER MAY APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR THE ACTUAL COSTS OF AN ELIGIBLE REPAIR.

(2) THE MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT ISSUED FOR AN ELIGIBLE REPAIR MAY NOT EXCEED \$1,000.

(D) (1) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT SPECIFIED IN A LICENSED CONTRACTOR'S ESTIMATE FOR THE TOTAL COST OF ELIGIBLE REPAIRS.

(2) THE MAXIMUM GRANT AWARDED MAY NOT EXCEED \$1,000.

(3) FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF AN ELIGIBLE REPAIR FUNDED BY A GRANT RECEIVED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER SHALL:

(I) SUBMIT DOCUMENTATION OF THE FINAL BILL, AS REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT; AND

(II) RETURN TO THE DEPARTMENT ANY UNSPENT GRANT FUNDS.

(Over)

4-2903.”;

in line 10, strike “(B)” and substitute “(A)”; in line 11, strike “(C)” and substitute “(B)”; in the same line, after “TO” insert “OFFSET THE COSTS AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER INCURS FOR AN ELIGIBLE REPAIR.”; and strike beginning with “OFFSET” in line 11 down through “UPGRADES.” in line 13.

On pages 2 and 3, strike beginning with “(D)” in line 14 on page 2 down through “YEAR.” in line 6 on page 3.

On page 3, in lines 7, 11, 18, 21, 25, and 27, strike “(E)”, “(F)”, “(G)”, “(H)”, “(I)”, and “(J)”, respectively, and substitute “(C)”, “(D)”, “(E)”, “(F)”, “(G)”, and “(H)”, respectively; strike beginning with “MONEY” in line 12 down through “(2)” in line 14; in lines 15 and 16, strike “(3)” and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively; strike beginning with “OFFSET” in line 18 down through “UPGRADES” in line 20 and substitute “:

(1) REIMBURSE ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS FOR THE COST OF ELIGIBLE REPAIRS; AND

(2) PROVIDE GRANTS TO ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS TO FUND ELIGIBLE REPAIRS”;

after line 29, insert:

“(I) IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 FOR THE FUND.

4-2904.

THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ADMINISTER THE FUND, INCLUDING REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING:

- (1) REIMBURSEMENT AND GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS;
- (2) APPLICATION PROCEDURES;
- (3) DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS; AND
- (4) PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING UNSPENT FUNDS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF A GRANT.”.