

HOUSE BILL 483

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By: **Delegate Ivey**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Homeowners' Property Tax Credit – Identification of Eligible Homeowners**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Comptroller, for the purpose of identifying homeowners
4 who are eligible for but have failed to claim the homeowners' property tax credit, to
5 identify individuals who did not file an income tax return for a certain number of
6 years and provide the State Department of Assessments and Taxation those
7 individuals' contact information; and generally relating to the homeowners' property
8 tax credit.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Tax – Property
11 Section 9–104(b) and (f)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Tax – Property
16 Section 9–104(e)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Tax – Property**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 9–104.

2 (b) (1) The homeowners' tax credit under this section is a State-funded
3 program.

4 (2) It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

5 (i) the State shall appropriate sufficient funds to reimburse the full
6 amount of tax credits granted under this section; and

7 (ii) the State, and not the local governments, shall bear the burden
8 of any insufficiency of funds to fully reimburse the counties for property tax credits under
9 this section.

10 (3) For any fiscal year, if State appropriations for reimbursement of tax
11 credits under this section do not provide sufficient funds to fully reimburse the counties for
12 tax credits granted under this section, the Governor shall include in the budget bill for the
13 next fiscal year a deficiency appropriation to provide the additional funds to fully reimburse
14 the counties.

15 (e) (1) On or before May 1 of each year, the Department shall provide the
16 Comptroller information identifying owners of residential properties with an assessed
17 value not exceeding \$300,000 who, during the preceding 3 years, failed to claim the property
18 tax credit under this section.

19 (2) The Comptroller shall:

20 (i) review the information provided in accordance with paragraph
21 (1) of this subsection and information that the Comptroller maintains regarding filers of
22 income tax returns;

23 (ii) identify the individuals who may be eligible for but failed to claim
24 the property tax credit under this section, **INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS WHO FAILED TO**
25 **FILE AN INCOME TAX RETURN FOR ANY OF THE 3 MOST RECENT TAXABLE YEARS;** and

26 (iii) provide the Department the contact information of the
27 individuals identified under item (ii) of this paragraph.

28 (3) (i) For income verification, the Comptroller shall:

29 1. cooperate with the Department in adopting a procedure to
30 audit the application forms; and

31 2. notwithstanding § 13–202 of the Tax – General Article,
32 supply the Department with additional information.

1 (ii) The Comptroller shall assist the Department in a postaudit of
2 each application.

3 (4) On or before August 1 of each year, the Department shall contact each
4 individual identified under paragraph (2) of this subsection by mail to inform the individual
5 that the individual may be eligible for the property tax credit under this section and how
6 to apply for the credit.

7 (f) A homeowner who meets the requirements of this section shall be granted the
8 property tax credit under this section against the property tax imposed on the real property
9 of the dwelling.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.