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BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 249 (First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert "EMERGENCY BILL".

On page 2, after line 12, insert:

"(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2023, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 1, 2027, THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, A REPORT THAT INDICATES:

(1) THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR A RETROACTIVE EXEMPTION UNDER THIS SECTION THAT THE BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE RECEIVED AND APPROVED DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING YEAR; AND

(2) ANY AMOUNTS REFUNDED FOR A RETROACTIVE EXEMPTION UNDER THIS SECTION.";

and strike in their entirety lines 13 and 14 and substitute:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective through December 31, 2026, and, at the end of December 31, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".