HB1424/383121/1

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1424

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after "Fund" insert ", Protection of Federal Benefits"; in line 11, after "Labor" insert "to disclose certain information to a third—party vendor for a certain purpose and"; and in line 16, after "attorneys;" insert "authorizing the disclosure of certain tax information to the Maryland Department of Labor for certain purposes; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to conduct certain research and make a certain report; authorizing the Governor to make certain transfers of funds subject to the review and comment of the Legislative Policy Committee;".

On page 2, after line 15, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

<u> Article - Tax - General</u>

Section 13–203(c)(17) and (18)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Tax - General

Section 13–203(c)(19)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 15, strike "[are]" and substitute "ARE"; in line 17, strike "ARE"; in the same line, after "GOVERNMENT" insert ", REQUIRED TO REPORT TO WORK, AND"; in line 19, after "appropriations" insert "AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025"; in line 20,

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after "MONTHS" insert ", AND ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025,"; in line 23, after "CONTROL" insert ", AND WHO ARE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AS DETERMINED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR"; and after line 29, insert:

"(3) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IS AUTHORIZED TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION TO THIRD-PARTY VENDORS TO VERIFY FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FUND, SUBJECT TO PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS.".

On page 5, in line 9, strike "[are]" and substitute "<u>ARE</u>"; in line 11, strike "ARE"; in the same line, after "GOVERNMENT" insert ", REQUIRED TO REPORT TO WORK, <u>AND</u>"; in line 13, after "appropriations" insert "<u>AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025</u>"; in line 14, after "MONTHS" insert ", <u>AND ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025</u>,"; in line 17, after "CONTROL" insert ", <u>AND WHO ARE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AS DETERMINED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR</u>"; in line 29, after "is" insert "<u>A RESIDENT OF THE STATE WHO IS</u>"; and strike line 30 in its entirety.

On page 6, in line 1, strike "2. A." and substitute "1."; in the same line, strike "WHO IS" and substitute ", REQUIRED TO REPORT TO WORK, AND"; in line 3, after "APPROPRIATIONS" insert "AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025"; in line 8, strike "B." and substitute "2."; in line 10, after "APPLICATION" insert ", AND ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025"; in line 13, after "CONTROL" insert ", AND WHO IS EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AS DETERMINED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

(3) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR MAY ESTABLISH OTHER CRITERIA TO BEST ASSIST FEDERAL EMPLOYEES FACING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP";

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and in lines 14 and 19, strike "(3)" and "(4)", respectively, and substitute "(4)" and "(5)", respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7, in line 28, after "PAYMENT;" insert:

"(XI) PROTECTING RESIDENTS OF THE STATE WHO ARE INAPPROPRIATELY DENIED FEDERAL BENEFITS THAT THEY HAVE EARNED, INCLUDING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS, MEDICARE, AND VETERANS AFFAIRS BENEFITS;

(XII) PROTECTING RESIDENTS OF THE STATE WHO ARE INAPPROPRIATELY DENIED FEDERAL ENTITLEMENTS, INCLUDING MEDICAID;";

and in line 29, strike "(XI)" and substitute "(XIII)".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 8, after line 22, insert:

"Article - Tax - General

13-203.

- (c) Subject to subsections (f) and (g) of this section, tax information may be disclosed to:
 - (17) the Maryland Cannabis Administration; [and]
- (18) a person, governmental entity, or tax compliance organization for the purpose of assisting the Comptroller in tax compliance activity; AND

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- (19) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO:
- (I) ADMINISTER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE
 ASSISTANCE LOAN FUND UNDER § 7–327 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND
 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; OR
- (II) DETECT AND PREVENT FRAUDULENT CLAIMS FOR RELIEF OR AVOIDANCE OF REPAYMENT REQUIRED UNDER § 7–327 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 8, after line 22, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

- (1) the Maryland Department of Labor shall conduct research and analysis on foreclosure activity in Maryland, particularly as it relates to federal workers, to include, to the extent practicable, federal contractors impacted by layoffs since January 1, 2025; and
- (2) on or before December 31, 2025, the Maryland Department of Labor shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on any data findings or trend analysis as it relates to foreclosures in Maryland for this worker population.";

and in line 23, strike "2." and substitute "3.".

On page 9, in line 3, strike "3." and substitute "4."; in lines 7 and 8, in each instance, strike "2" and substitute "3"; and in the same lines, in each instance, strike "June 30, 2025" and substitute "March 30, 2026".