

HB0058/633726/1

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(To be offered in the Environment and Transportation Committee and the Economic Matters Committee)

## AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 58 (First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, after line 7, insert:

"<u>WHEREAS</u>, The Commission's report should be updated to focus on the higher rate of foreclosure in communities of color; and";

in line 11, after "neighborhoods" insert "<u>and provide homeowners facing foreclosure with</u> <u>advocates and legal counsel to defend against foreclosures</u>"; after line 20, insert:

"(iii) one representative of the credit union community;";

in line 21, strike "(iii)" and substitute "(iv)"; in line 22, strike "and"; after line 22, insert:

"(v) <u>one member who assists and advocates for homeowners</u> <u>during the foreclosure process;</u>

(vi) one representative from UnidosUS;

(vii) one member who has experience working with the Community Reinvestment Act;

(viii) one member who is an attorney with experience in protecting consumers from predatory mortgage practices; and";

in line 23, strike "(iv)" and substitute "<u>(ix)</u>"; in line 29, strike "and"; and after line 29, insert:

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"(iv) one representative from the National Association of Real

<u>Estate Brokers;</u>

(v) <u>one representative from the National Urban League;</u>

- (vi) one representative from the NAACP;
- (vii) one representative from Casa de Maryland; and";

and in line 30, strike "(iv)" and substitute "(viii)".

On page 3, after line 7, insert:

"(c) (1) At least 40% of the members of the Workgroup shall be from underrepresented minority groups.

(2) <u>At least 20% of the members of the Workgroup shall be under the</u> <u>age of 45 years.</u>".

On page 3 in lines 8, 10, 12, and 16, and on page 4 in line 12, strike "(c)", "(d)", "(e)", "(f)", and "(g)", respectively, and substitute "(d)", "(e)", "(f)", "(g)", and "(h)", respectively.

On page 3, after line 23, insert:

"(4) <u>study issues affecting homeowners navigating the foreclosure</u> process, including barriers to the ability of homeowners to mount a defense to a foreclosure action;";

and after line 25, insert:

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"(6) review the loss mitigation process and study reasons for denials of borrowers facing or in foreclosure;".

On page 4, after line 6, insert:

"(11) review the role of housing counseling to assist people whose families do not have a history of homeownership and explore options for incentivizing housing counseling;";

in line 8, strike "and"; and in line 11, after "homeownership" insert "; and

(14) make recommendations to assist borrowers facing foreclosure, including the use of mediation, the filing of a motion pursuant to Maryland Rule 14– 211, and the handling and response of these motions by each circuit court.".

On page 3 in lines 24, 26, and 30 and on page 4 in lines 1, 3, 7, and 9, strike "(4)", "(5)", "(6)", "(7)", "(8)", "(9)", and "(10)", respectively, and substitute "<u>(5)</u>", "<u>(7)</u>", "<u>(8)</u>", "<u>(9)</u>", "<u>(10)</u>", "<u>(12)</u>", and "<u>(13)</u>", respectively.