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## House Bill 234

Date: February 8, 2022  
Committee: House Economic Matters  
Bill Title: Unemployment Insurance - Notice of Earned Income Tax Credits for  
Unemployment Insurance Claimants  
Re: Letter of Information

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House Bill 234 (H.B. 234) would require the Maryland Department of Labor (Department) to add a statement to the IRS Form 1099-G issued to unemployment insurance (UI) claimants in English and Spanish that provides notice to them of the federal earned income tax credit and the state earned income tax credit.

The IRS Form 1099-G is a federal form, and the Department cannot change it or add the language specified in the bill to it.

However, as an alternative to what the bill would require, the Department could include a flyer containing the language specified in the bill with the form when it is sent to claimants.

In fact, in 2022 the Department will include a flyer with the IRS Form 1099-G that informs claimants of the existence of the earned income tax credit and the ability for Marylanders to apply for health insurance. A nonprofit organization, the Cash Campaign of Maryland, designed and paid for the printing of the flyer. The 245,000 flyers were printed at a cost of \$2,838, and the Department stuffed the flyer into the envelopes containing the Form 1099-G.

In subsequent years, the Department would cover the cost of including this informational flyer in its tax mailings to claimants.