



## **House Bill 204 – Homeowners’ Property Tax Credit – Application Filing Deadline – Extension**

### **Position: Supports**

The Maryland REALTORS® supports HB 204 which enables homeowners under 70 years old to take advantage of the deadline flexibility within the homeowner’s property tax credit program that is currently provided to homeowners who are at least 70 years old by establishing a one-year extension to the application deadline. The bill takes effect June 1, 2022, and applies to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022.

HB 204 authorizes the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) to accept an application for the homeowners’ property tax credit from a homeowner one year after the April 15 deadline for which the tax credit is sought if the homeowner is applying for the first time or has filed an application by October 1 for the preceding three fiscal years.

Maryland REALTORS® represents over 28,000 REALTOR members and supports this legislation which will ultimately help low- and moderate-income homeowners under 70 years old who are possibly facing a tax sale for the prior year’s unpaid property taxes but cannot apply for the homeowners’ property tax credit for the prior year *if they missed the October 1 deadline*. If passed, HB 204 will enable the homeowner to apply for the tax credit for the prior year, which may enable them to prevent the possible tax sale of their home.

Maryland REALTORS requests a favorable report of HB 204.

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