

**HB0436/355262/1**

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 436

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Walker” and substitute “Walker, Bartlett, Barve, Cardin, Doory, Elmore, George, Hixson, Howard, Ivey, Jennings, N. King, Krebs, McKee, Murphy, Olszewski, Rice, Stukes, and F. Turner”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 7, after “circumstances;” insert “providing that the Department shall provide the option for an application to be submitted on the Department’s website;”; and in line 9, after “application;” insert “providing for a certain reporting requirement to certain committees of the General Assembly;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in line 6, strike “**ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1**” and substitute “**WITHIN 90 DAYS**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, after line 12, insert:

**“(IV) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE A HOMEOWNER THE OPTION TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH ELECTRONICALLY ON THE DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE.”**

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, after line 20, insert:

**“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, in consultation with the Comptroller of the Treasury, shall**

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initiate two studies of the implementation of the homestead property tax credit eligibility application process as provided under this Act. The studies shall provide information on:

- (1) the application required by the Department;
- (2) the education and outreach methods used by the Department to notify affected taxpayers about the required application;
- (3) the aggregate number of applications received from taxpayers by county and the methods by which applications have been submitted;
- (4) the methods used by the Department to collect, maintain, and analyze data collected from applications;
- (5) the application audit and postaudit process adopted by the Department; and
- (6) any other pertinent issues related to the application process.

The first study shall be submitted, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means on or before January 1, 2009, so that the committees may review the report during the 2009 legislative session. The second study shall be submitted, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means on or before January 1, 2010, so that the committees may review the report during the 2010 legislative session.”;

and in line 21, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.