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HB-6458

AN ACT LOWERING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PROPERTY
TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 9371)

House Calendar No.: 298

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill expands eligibility for a local option tax freeze for certain low-income elderly homeowners.

This shifts any increase in property taxes away from program beneficiaries and towards other property taxpayers. The freeze precludes recipients from paying any increase in property taxes beyond the amount paid during their first year of eligibility. It is estimated that, between FY 16 and FY 20, the average tax bill increased by approximately \$225 annually.

The bill establishes a ten-member task force to study ways to protect senior citizens from fraud. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of whether persons offering planning advice to Medicaid applicants should be required to be elder law attorneys admitted to the bar.

Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the aging and human services committees. The task force shall terminate on the date it submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later.

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Municipal Impact: None