

Housing Committee JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: HB-5679

AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR CERTAIN FIRST-

Title: TIME HOME BUYERS.

Vote Date: 3/11/2021

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 2/18/2021

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Rep. Joseph Zullo, District 99

REASONS FOR BILL:

Although CHFA loans offer lower rates and costs than many other loan products, lenders often don't promote them because they cannot make as much commission off them as they can other loan products. As a result, homeowners who are most often first-time homebuyers, end up paying more in interest. This credit is meant to incentivize people seeking mortgages to ask for CHFA loans.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Landlord Stephen Rejniak- **Supports** this bill in written testimony because it will help families become homeowners.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Senior Legislative Associate of CCM Zachary McKeown- **Opposes** this bill in written testimony saying the bill imposes a mandate on towns and cities. It would provide property tax relief to a select few at the expense of the remaining local taxpayers. Cities and towns cannot endure the burden of more property tax abatements according to the coalition.

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Date: 3/24/21