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

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to  
4 study ways to protect senior citizens from fraud. Such study shall  
5 include, but need not be limited to, an examination of whether persons  
6 offering planning advice to Medicaid applicants should be required to  
7 be elder law attorneys admitted to the bar pursuant to section 51-80 of  
8 the general statutes.

9 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

10 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
11 one of whom has expertise in fraud perpetrated against senior citizens  
12 and one of whom has expertise in Medicaid planning for senior citizens;

13 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

14 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
15 Representatives;

16 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

17 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
18 Representatives;

19 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

20 (7) The Commissioner of Aging and Disability Services, or the  
21 commissioner's designee; and

22 (8) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's  
23 designee.

24 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
25 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
26 of the General Assembly.

27 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
28 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
29 be filled by the appointing authority.

30 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
31 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
32 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
33 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
34 days after the effective date of this section.

35 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
36 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging shall  
37 serve as administrative staff of the task force.

38 (g) Not later than January 1, 2022, the task force shall submit a report  
39 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committees  
40 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to aging  
41 and human services, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a

42 of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date it  
43 submits such report or January 1, 2022, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section