



# House of Representatives

## File No. 844

General Assembly

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**(Reprint of File No. 136)**

House Bill No. 6651  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
June 1, 2023

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF  
UNCLAIMED OR ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY ON  
MUNICIPALITIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force  
2 to study the possible financial and legal consequences incurred by  
3 municipalities relating to unclaimed or abandoned real property located  
4 in such municipalities. Such study shall include, but need not be limited  
5 to, an examination of (1) the impact of such real property on property  
6 tax revenues of such municipalities, (2) the impact of such real property  
7 on adjacent property values in such municipalities, and (3) potential best  
8 practices or strategies to reduce any negative impact of such real  
9 property on such municipalities, including property tax foreclosure  
10 procedures, programs to incentivize real property owners to maintain  
11 and occupy their properties, and programs to assist such municipalities  
12 in the disposition of such real property.

- 13 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 14 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 15 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;
- 16 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
17 Representatives;
- 18 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;
- 19 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
20 Representatives;
- 21 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;
- 22 (7) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development,  
23 or the commissioner's designee;
- 24 (8) The Commissioner of Revenue Services, or the commissioner's  
25 designee; and
- 26 (9) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the  
27 secretary's designee.
- 28 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
29 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
30 of the General Assembly.
- 31 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later  
32 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall  
33 be filled by the appointing authority.
- 34 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president pro  
35 tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force from  
36 among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall schedule  
37 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than sixty  
38 days after the effective date of this section.

39 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
40 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning  
41 and development shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

42 (g) Not later than January 1, 2024, the task force shall submit a report  
43 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of  
44 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to planning  
45 and development, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of  
46 the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it  
47 submits such report or January 1, 2024, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

### **Explanation**

The bill establishes a task force to study the possible financial and legal consequences incurred by municipalities relating to unclaimed or abandoned real property resulting in no fiscal impact to the state because the task force has the expertise to meet the requirements of the bill.

House "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact resulting in the impact described above.

### **The Out Years**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

**HB 6651 (as amended by House "A")**

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE IMPACT OF UNCLAIMED OR ABANDONED REAL PROPERTY ON MUNICIPALITIES.***

**SUMMARY**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 21    Nay 0    (03/08/2023)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 53    Nay 0    (05/01/2023)