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Bill No. 1145

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Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING REFUNDS OF PAYMENTS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 2-35 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 All bills carrying or requiring appropriations and favorably
4 reported by any other committee, except for payment of claims against
5 the state, shall, before passage, be referred to the joint standing
6 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
7 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, unless
8 such reference is dispensed with by a vote of at least two-thirds of each
9 house of the General Assembly. Resolutions paying the contingent
10 expenses of the Senate and House of Representatives shall be referred
11 to said committee. Said committee may originate and report any bill
12 which it deems necessary and shall, in each odd-numbered year,
13 report such appropriation bills as it deems necessary for carrying on
14 the departments of the state government and for providing for such
15 institutions or persons as are proper subjects for state aid under the

16 provisions of the statutes, for the ensuing biennium. In each even-
17 numbered year, the committee shall originate and report at least one
18 bill which adjusts expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year in such
19 manner as it deems appropriate. Each appropriation bill shall specify
20 the particular purpose for which appropriation is made and shall be
21 itemized as far as practicable. The state budget act may contain any
22 legislation necessary to implement its appropriations provisions,
23 provided no other general legislation shall be made a part of such act.
24 The state budget act passed by the legislature for funding the expenses
25 of operations of the state government in the ensuing biennium shall
26 contain a statement of estimated revenue, itemized by major source,
27 for each appropriated fund. The statement of estimated revenue
28 applicable to each such fund shall include, for any fiscal year, an
29 estimate of total revenue with respect to such fund, which amount
30 shall be reduced by (1) an estimate of total refunds of taxes to be paid
31 from such revenue in accordance with the authorization in section 12-
32 39f and (2) an estimate of total refunds of payments to be paid from
33 such revenue in accordance with the provisions of section 4-37, as
34 amended by this act. Such statement of estimated revenue, including
35 the estimated refunds of taxes to be offset against such revenue, shall
36 be supplied by the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
37 having cognizance of matters relating to state finance, revenue and
38 bonding. The total estimated revenue for each fund, as adjusted in
39 accordance with this section, shall not be less than the total net
40 appropriations made from each fund. On or before July first of each
41 fiscal year said committee shall, if any revisions in such estimates are
42 required by virtue of legislative amendments to the revenue measures
43 proposed by said committee, changes in conditions or receipt of new
44 information since the original estimate was supplied, meet and revise
45 such estimates and, through its cochairpersons, report to the
46 Comptroller any such revisions.

47 Sec. 2. Section 4-37 of the general statutes is repealed and the
48 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

49 The Comptroller, upon application of any state department or
50 commission, may draw an order upon the Treasurer in favor of any
51 person equitably entitled to the refund of any money paid to the state,
52 for the amount of such refund. [Any such payments from the General
53 Fund shall be made from funds appropriated to the Comptroller for
54 this purpose.] The State Treasurer shall pay the amount of such refund
55 from the fund to which such payment is credited.

56 Sec. 3. Section 14-23 of the general statutes is repealed and the
57 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

58 The commissioner may make application to the Comptroller for a
59 refund when any person surrenders his registration or number plate or
60 plates on any noncommercial motor vehicle and is inducted into the
61 armed forces, as defined by section 27-103, during the then current
62 registration period, such refund to be figured on a quarterly prorated
63 basis but not to exceed three-quarters of the registration fee. The
64 Comptroller, upon application of the commissioner and with the
65 approval of the Attorney General, shall draw his order on the
66 Treasurer in favor of any person who has been inducted into the
67 armed forces for a refund of money paid for the registration of a motor
68 vehicle. [, and the amount thereof shall be charged by the Treasurer
69 against any funds in his hands to the credit of the Department of
70 Transportation.]

71 Sec. 4. Section 14-31 of the general statutes is repealed and the
72 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

73 Any person may surrender to the commissioner the registration
74 certificate and the number plates for any motor vehicle with a
75 commercial registration in the name of such person, if such motor
76 vehicle, prior to the expiration of the term of its registration, has
77 become unfit for use, accompanied by a statement under oath attesting
78 to the unfitness of such vehicle, and the commissioner shall thereupon
79 make application to the Comptroller for the refund to such registrant
80 of such portion of the registration fee for such motor vehicle as is

81 applicable to the number of months between the date of such
82 surrender and the date of the expiration of such registration. The
83 Comptroller, upon such application, shall draw his order on the
84 Treasurer in favor of such registrant for the amount of the refund
85 provided for herein. [and such amount shall be charged by the
86 Treasurer against any funds appropriated to the commissioner for
87 refunds of income.] The commissioner shall retain in his files a record
88 of each such application for a refund and of the action of the
89 Comptroller thereon, and shall not reregister such motor vehicle.

90 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]