



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1933

Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Introduced by:
(FIN)

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTION.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Any municipality may
2 enter into an agreement with a provider of tax collection services for
3 the purpose of collecting current and delinquent property taxes,
4 interest, penalties, fees and other taxes, charges, assessments, penalties
5 and fees, including water or sewer charges, owed to such municipality.
6 Any such provider shall be under the direction of the municipality's
7 tax collection official. The municipality shall submit a copy of any such
8 agreement to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management.
9 The fee charged to the municipality by the provider of the tax
10 collection services may be recovered in additional fees assessed from
11 those persons who owe delinquent taxes, interest, penalties, fees,
12 charges or assessments or, at the option of the municipality, the
13 provider's fee may be paid out of any collection of such delinquent
14 taxes, interest, penalties, fees, charges or assessments received by the
15 municipality. As used in this section, "municipality" means any town,
16 consolidated town and city, consolidated town and borough, borough,
17 and any fire district, sewer district, water district, sewer authority or

18 water authority, organized under the provisions of chapter 105 of the
19 general statutes.

20 (b) No person, firm, association, corporation, partnership, limited
21 liability company or other entity shall provide tax collection services
22 for a municipality unless such person, firm, association, corporation,
23 partnership, limited liability company or other entity is certified by the
24 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management as being competent
25 to provide such services. Such certification shall be renewed every five
26 years. The secretary shall maintain a list of certified providers of tax
27 collection services.

28 (c) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall
29 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of
30 the general statutes, to carry out the purposes of this section. Such
31 regulations shall include (1) standards and criteria for certification of
32 tax collection services providers, (2) procedures for investigations
33 concerning the retention or renewal of the certification of such
34 providers, and (3) procedures for renewal, revocation, suspension or
35 denial of a certification.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To provide explicit authority for municipalities to employ third party agents to assist and work under the direction of municipal tax officials in collecting municipal property taxes, fees and assessments.

[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.]