



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5168

LCO No. 819

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
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AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELDERLY TAX FREEZE PROGRAM.

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

1 That section 12-129b of the general statutes be amended to (1) open
2 the elderly tax freeze program to new applicants, (2) increase the
3 annual qualifying income limits for the program to thirty thousand
4 dollars for a single person and fifty thousand dollars for a married
5 couple, (3) define "qualifying income" in the same way as it is defined
6 in the circuit breaker program, (4) require qualifying income limits to
7 be adjusted annually to account for increases in Social Security
8 benefits, (5) allow a taxpayer to receive benefits under either the freeze
9 program or the circuit breaker program, but not both, in any one year,
10 and (6) grandfather any participants in the existing program who
11 qualify under the current law.

Statement of Purpose:

To reduce the property tax burden on seniors living on a fixed income while providing due compensation from the state to local municipalities for any loss in local tax revenue.