

MCOA: Update on Property Tax Task Force Recommendations 6/19/09

HD# 4274 Filed 4-6-09: An Act Relative to Real Estate Tax Payments by Thomas Conroy:

Persons who defer all/part of property taxes would still qualify for the Circuit Breaker tax credit.

Sen. Cynthia Creem: (amendment)...PROVIDING RELIEF FROM PROPERTY TAXES TO SENIORS

Ms. Creem moved that the bill be amended in Section X by adding the following new section:

SECTION __. Section 5K of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 13, the figure “\$750” and inserting in place thereof the following figure: — “\$1,000”.

Floor# 17
Amending: New Section
Sponsor Creem:
Title Providing Relief from Property Taxes to Seniors.
ACTION: Adopted RC # 52 M: [39 to 0]

- **Bill # H2774** PropTax Deferral: would change the eligibility from 65 to 60 years of age and the income guidelines from \$40,900 to \$62,000.
- **Bill # S1337** Increase the Work Off Program from \$750. to \$ 1,000.
- **Bill # S1251** Increase the recapture time in the Deferral program from 6 months to 1 year, allowing more probate time
Increase the Work Off Program from \$750. to \$1,000 (also in amendment above)
Decrease the percentage on the Circuit Breaker from 10% to 08%.
- **Bill # S1283** Allow homebound seniors to work in the Work Off program.
- **Bill #S1228** Allow a volunteer to sub for a disabled person in the Work Off Program.
- **Bill # S1249** Eliminate the cap on evaluation on home in the Circuit Breaker (committee did not request this & may want to table it, yet bill has many sponsors already on board)
- **Bill # S1336** Adds cost of trash removal to water bills and taxes in the Circuit Breaker.