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ANNOUNCES HOUSE BILL 465

SETTING TAX RATE FOR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO NONRESIDENTS

WHO: Delegate Justin D. Ross, Chief Deputy Majority Whip

WHAT: House Bill 465 bill would alter the state withholding rate, requiring nonresident withholding to stay at 7.5% for all tax years. Under current law, the amount withheld from nonresidents would decrease to 6.75% in 2011. As a result of the legislation, general fund revenues will increase by \$2.8 million for 2011.

WHY: Delegate Justin Ross has introduced legislation that will make it easier for the state of Maryland to collect taxes from the sale of real property to nonresidents. This legislation would require 7.5% to be withheld from real property sales to nonresidents; after the fiscal year, nonresidents will then file a tax return and receive a refund as a result of the additional amount withheld. It is easier and more reliable to withhold funds at the point of sale than to try to collect tax funds from nonresidents at a later date.

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