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House Bill 4143

Sponsor: Rep. Ruth Ann Jamnick

Committee: Tax Policy

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4143 AS INTRODUCED 2-3-99

The bill would amend the General Property Tax Act to provide that if the treasurer of a local tax collecting unit or the state treasurer prevailed in an action brought to collect personal property taxes or if a collection agency prevailed in its effort to collect personal property taxes, the owner of the property would be liable for any reasonable attorney's fees or collection fees incurred and the amount would be added to the personal property tax assessment due. Attorney's fees or collection fees added to the amount due could not exceed 50 percent of the amount of taxes collected.

The bill also would specifically provide that a local treasurer or the state treasurer could contract with a collection agency licensed under Article 9 of the Occupational Code.

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