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section as well as the person's right to an administrative hearing and judicial appeal in the event of an adverse decision of the unit.

- (c) (1) If a person has filed a joint or a combined-separate tax return and the debt is not the liability of both taxpayers, the Comptroller shall not withhold that portion of the refund attributable to the individual not owing the debt.
- (2) If, after receiving certification of a debt from the unit, it determines that a withholding cannot be made, then the Comptroller shall promptly notify the unit of that fact. Whenever a refund is insufficient to satisfy a debt, the Comptroller may withhold amounts from subsequent refunds due a person until the debt is extinguished. Partial payments of the debt shall first be applied against accrued interest, if any, and then to the principal amount of the debt.
- [3] Interest on a debt may be withheld at the rate established for that debt by law or contract.
- (d) Except for the amount of any refund to which a person is entitled, the Comptroller shall not disclose any item contained on a State or federal tax return or information required by State law to be attached to the State return.
- (e) (1) The Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning may promulgate rules and regulations relating to the referral of debts by State agencies to the unit and to the administrative procedures authorized under this subtitle.
- (2) The Comptroller may promulgate rules and regulations relating to the certification and withholding of amounts under this subtitle.
- (F) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL HONOR REFUND INTERCEPTION REQUESTS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:
- (1) A REFUND INTERCEPTION REQUEST TO COLLECT AN UNPAID STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL TAX;
- (2) <u>A REFUND INTERCEPTION REQUEST UNDER TITLE 10,</u> SUBTITLE 1, PART II OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE; AND
 - (3) ANY OTHER REFUND INTERCEPTION REQUEST.

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- (E) (1) THE COMMISSION MAY CERTIFY TO THE STATE COMPTROLLER ANY LICENSED CONTRACTOR WHO HAS BEEN IN ARREARS WITH REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS TO THE FUND FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR.
- (2) THE COMMISSION SHALL GIVE NOTICE TO THE LICENSED CONTRACTOR THAT:
 - (I) A CERTIFICATION OF ARREARAGE HAS BEEN