

eligibility application process as provided under this Act. The studies shall provide information on:

- (1) the application required by the Department;
- (2) the education and outreach methods used by the Department to notify affected taxpayers about the required application;
- (3) the aggregate number of applications received from taxpayers by county and the methods by which applications have been submitted;
- (4) the methods used by the Department to collect, maintain, and analyze data collected from applications;
- (5) the application audit and postaudit process adopted by the Department; and
- (6) any other pertinent issues related to the application process.

The first study shall be submitted, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means on or before January 1, 2009, so that the committees may review the report during the 2009 legislative session. The second study shall be submitted, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means on or before January 1, 2010, so that the committees may review the report during the 2010 legislative session.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.

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(House Bill 436)

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