

TAX AMNESTY

CS/SB 18-A — Directs the Department of Revenue to Develop and Implement an Amnesty Program for Taxpayers

by Finance and Taxation Committee and Senator Campbell

This bill creates an amnesty program for a four-month period, beginning on July 1, 2003 and ending on October 31, 2003, for taxpayers subject to taxes administered by the Department of Revenue. Under the program, eligible taxpayers who pay delinquent taxes will not have to pay any penalties, will not be subject to criminal prosecution, and will receive an interest waiver of 25 percent or 50 percent, depending on the circumstances. The bill also increases the interest rate on tax delinquencies from the prime rate to prime plus 4 percentage points, and provides an appropriation of \$610,000 from the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Revenue to implement the amnesty program.

The bill also changes the distribution of taxes collected on premiums for surplus lines insurance and independently procured coverage, reducing tax deposited to the Insurance Commissioner's Regulatory Trust Fund and increasing the distribution of tax deposited to the General Revenue Fund.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 35-0; House 112-2

