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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1148

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Purpose

Establishes a onetime \$250 individual income tax general welfare rebate for eligible taxpayers who were 65 years old or older during TY 2022 and prescribes administrative procedures for the Arizona Department of Revenue (ADOR).

Background

Individual income tax is levied at a single tax rate of 2.5 percent on the personal income of full-time residents and prorated for part-time residents of Arizona. The starting point for Arizona individual income tax is the federal adjusted gross income. To determine an individual's Arizona adjusted gross income, Arizona gross income is statutorily adjusted by additions and subtractions of certain expenses and income (A.R.S. §§ [43-1021](#); [43-1022](#); and [43-1011; Version 2](#)).

According to the 2022 five-year estimate from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey, Arizona is home to approximately 1,297,802 residents who are 65 years old or older ([U.S. Census Bureau](#)).

The Joint Legislative Budget Committee (JLBC) fiscal note on S.B. 1148 estimates a onetime state General Fund loss of \$175,000,000 in FY 2025. JLBC has requested additional information from ADOR to prepare a more precise estimate ([JLBC](#)).

Provisions

1. Requires ADOR, between October 15, 2024, and November 15, 2024, to issue a onetime individual income tax general welfare rebate (rebate) for TY 2022 to an Arizona taxpayer who:
 - a) filed a full-year resident tax return for TY 2022;
 - b) was 65 years old or older during TY 2022; and
 - c) had a tax liability of at least \$1 for TY 2022, 2021 or 2020.
2. Sets the rebate amount at \$250.
3. Requires ADOR to attempt to pay each rebate by electronic funds transfer using the taxpayer's provided routing and account information or, if unsuccessful, to issue the rebate check by mail to the most recent home address provided by the taxpayer.

4. Requires a taxpayer, in calculating Arizona adjusted gross income, to subtract from the taxpayer's Arizona gross income any rebate received and required to be included in the Arizona gross income under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
5. Allows a taxpayer who does not receive the rebate by November 15, 2025, to claim the rebate by filing an online claim application, as prescribed by ADOR and requires the claim application to include the claimant's name, address, taxpayer identification number and individual income tax filing status.
6. Requires ADOR to review each claim application and verify the provided information and allows ADOR to request a claimant to provide evidence of eligibility for the rebate.
7. Requires the Director of ADOR, by February 15, 2026, to report to the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Director of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee on:
 - a) the total dollar amount of rebates disbursed;
 - b) the administrative costs associated with ADOR's rebate program; and
 - c) the total number of tax rebates issued.
8. Prohibits any communication relating to the rebate from:
 - a) being issued by the Governor's Office;
 - b) being sent on the Governor's Letterhead; or
 - c) referencing the Governor's Office.
9. Specifies that ADOR must conclude that a taxpayer does not meet the rebate eligibility criteria, if the taxpayer does not meet any of the rebate eligibility requirements.
10. Directs ADOR to use a taxpayer's taxpayer identification number, as reported on the taxpayer's TY 2022 tax return, for necessary matching and verification purposes.
11. Specifies that for a married couple filing a joint return where only one spouse is 65 years old or older, a rebate will only be issued for the qualifying spouse.
12. Allows a surviving spouse, personal representative, executor or other official representative of an estate to receive the rebate for a deceased taxpayer.
13. Subjects any appealable agency actions or contested cases relating to the rebate to uniform administrative hearing procedures.
14. Prescribes a statement for inclusion on any notification from ADOR relating to the rebate.
15. Contains a statement of legislative intent.
16. Defines terms.
17. Repeals the rebate on January 1, 2031.
18. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Amendments Adopted by the Appropriations Committee

1. Sets the rebate amount at \$250 dollars.
2. Increases, from 55 years old or older to 65 years old or older, the age to qualify for the rebate.
3. Makes a technical change.

Revisions

- Updates the fiscal impact statement.

Senate Action

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