

Senior and Disabled Tax Relief Subcommittee of the RTM

Meeting minutes for July 17, 2024

In attendance: Dave Rock, Chris Shea, Christine Ludwiczak

Note to the public: We had technical issues with Webex, therefore the audio of the meeting was recorded but not the video. Also, because the public could not attend, we deferred any voting items until the next meeting. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Discussion notes:

We are in agreement that we should lower the age for deferral to 65.

We would like to explore increasing the QTAV from \$650,000 to \$682,500 or perhaps another figure. \$682,500 was the last proposed increase, we would like to know more history about why this was the last increase to be proposed. This was last proposed seven years ago. These are changes suggested by Rep. McDermott who could not be at tonight's meeting.

We are considering adding a COLA to the income requirement, and the COLA would be the same as used for Social Security.

Chris: We would like to know more information about how the income threshold has been increased in the past, and what the mechanism was for increasing it. We don't want to make it difficult to administer, to overcomplicate it.

Christine: We could ask Ross Murray for clarity on history and background of how increases are determined and administered. We want to make sure that we have the right index or mechanism for increases. Would a COLA increase be allowed without a change to the ordinance each time?

Chris: The number of participants in the program is decreasing, and we want to keep in mind that we don't want to change too many variables at a time.

Christine: In the past has it been every year, every five years? How often have changes been made?

Chris: We don't know what the historical changes have been.

Sharon: I will send an email to Ross with these questions, and out more in order to clarify next steps in the process.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Pistilli

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