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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today [CS/CS/HB 597](#) by **Representative Marie Woodson (D-Hollywood)** passed in the State Affairs Committee with unanimous, bipartisan support. [CS/CS/HB 597](#) addresses the additional homestead exemption for seniors 65 years and older. The bill seeks to reduce the paperwork burden that low-income seniors face when renewing their qualified homestead exemption due to their income. Currently, low-income seniors must submit an affidavit and financial records stating their income on a yearly basis. [CS/CS/HB 597](#) would change that to an initial one-time filing and place a requirement that the beneficiary inform the property appraiser if their income status changes.

In response to [CS/CS/HB 597](#) passing its final House Committee, **Representative Woodson** said, "I'm thankful to **Chair Ralph Massullo, MD (R-Hernando)** for placing this bill on the committee's agenda and to my colleagues for voting in favor it. I would also like to give a sincere thank you to **Marty Kiar, Broward County Property Appraiser**, for his contribution and guidance in moving this bill through the process. This bill will greatly help our low-income seniors in getting such a much needed exemption."

"Thank you to **Representative Woodson** for her hard work making a difference for thousands of Florida seniors as [CS/CS/HB 597](#) will simplify and streamline the process for Florida's seniors to renew their Senior Exemption each year," said **Marty Kiar, Broward County Property Appraiser**.

State **Senator Tina Polsky (D-Boca Raton)** sponsors [CS/SB 1256](#), which is the Senate companion bill to [CS/CS/HB 597](#). [CS/SB 1256](#) has passed its first two Senate Committees with unanimous support and is now in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Representative Woodson's bill is now ready to head to the House Floor.

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