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Title: A bill for an ordinance amending Article XI, Chapter 53 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code relating to the administration of tax refund payments for elderly and disabled persons. Amends Chapter 53 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code to clarify and update eligibility and payment requirements for the citywide Payments to the Elderly and Disabled Persons Program. The Committee approved filing this bill by consent on 2-15-17.

Sponsors:

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Attachments: 1. BR17 0148 DHS Refunds to the Elderly and Disabled, 2. BR17 0148 DHS Final Ordinance Draft 53-491-499, 3. BR17-0148_Bill_AmendCh53DRMC.pdf, 4. 17- 0148 Filed Bill - Tax Refunds to elderly and disabled persons

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
3/22/2017	1	Mayor	signed	
3/21/2017	1	Council President	signed	
3/20/2017	1	City Council	placed upon final consideration and do pass	Pass
3/13/2017	1	City Council	ordered published on first reading	
2/15/2017	1	Safety, Housing, Education & Homelessness Committee	approved by consent	

Other/Miscellaneous Request Template (Appointments; ROW; Code Changes; Zoning Action, etc.)

Date Submitted: 2-7-17

Requesting Agency: Denver Human Services
Division:

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Item Title & Description:
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Affected Council District(s) or citywide? Citywide

Executive Summary with Rationale and Impact:

Detailed description of the item and why we are doing it. This can be a separate attachment.

Payments to Elderly or Disabled Persons program has shifted to the Department of Human Services. Changes to the existing Ordinance have been made to clarify and update eligibility and payment requirements. A change was also made in Section 53-498 from a dollar amount threshold to a percentage threshold. This change does not substantively change the amount of benefit received, but does make it easier to program the eligibility database technology each year and a Cost of Living Adjustment is made to the benefit amount. The only Ordinance change that could be considered controversial is a change to Section 53-494 that changes the application filing deadline from April to the previous December. Almost all applications are received before the end of the year, so the application deadline change will not affect many people. The Department plans to make it clear through marketing efforts that the application deadline has changed. The change also simplifies the application (e.g., not submitting a 2015 application in 2017) and provides some extra time to complete all administration of one year's applications before the next year's applications are received.

Address/Location (if applicable):

Legal Description (if applicable):

Denver Revised Municipal Code (D.R.M.C.) Citation (if applicable):

Draft Bill Attached?