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BY: Senator Ellis

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 144
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 21, after “communities;” insert “requiring a certain certification agency to initiate a certain study regarding energy efficiency and conservation services and certain remedial measures;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 11, after line 15, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The certification agency designated by the Board of Public Works under § 14–303(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article and the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Office of the Attorney General, and the General Assembly, shall initiate a study regarding the energy efficiency and conservation services used by the Department of Housing and Community Development to evaluate whether the enactment of remedial measures to assist minority and women-owned businesses in the energy efficiency and conservation services industry and market would comply with the U.S. Supreme Court decision in City of Richmond v. J. A. Croson Co., 488 U.S. 469, and any subsequent federal or constitutional requirements.

(b) The certification agency and the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs shall submit the findings of the study required under subsection (a) of this section to the Legislative Policy Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on or before December 31, 2025, so that the General Assembly may review the findings before the 2026 Session.”;

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and in line 16, strike "2." and substitute "3.".