

HOUSE BILL 69

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HB 573/14 – W&M

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By: **Delegates Fisher and O'Donnell**
Introduced and read first time: January 22, 2015
Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – Personal Property Tax – Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting from the Calvert County property tax certain personal
4 property purchased by businesses during a certain period; exempting certain
5 personal property from the Calvert County property tax beginning on a certain date;
6 providing that certain personal property remains subject to the Calvert County
7 property tax; providing that certain personal property that is subject to a payment
8 in lieu of taxes agreement shall be subject to the Calvert County property tax on the
9 termination of the agreement; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
10 relating to an exemption from the Calvert County personal property tax.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Tax – Property
13 Section 7–402
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

16 Preamble

17 WHEREAS, Calvert County imposes a personal property tax at a rate of \$2.23 per
18 \$100 of assessed value on businesses that purchase new equipment; and

19 WHEREAS, Calvert County businesses should not be penalized for investing in new
20 equipment and growing the economy; and

21 WHEREAS, The purpose of this Act is to eliminate the burden the personal property
22 tax places on business investment and job creation in Calvert County; now, therefore,

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
24 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Tax – Property

7-402.

(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CALVERT COUNTY.

(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2015, TO JUNE 30, 2018, NEW PERSONAL PROPERTY PURCHASED BY A BUSINESS IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX; AND

(2) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018, PERSONAL PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX.

(C) THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX:

(1) OPERATING PERSONAL PROPERTY OF A RAILROAD OR A PUBLIC UTILITY;

(2) PROPERTY USED TO PROVIDE A CABLE TELEVISION, DATA, OR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, INCLUDING:

(I) ALL FIBER-OPTIC AND OTHER CABLE WIRE SYSTEMS;

(II) CELLULAR TELEPHONE TOWERS; AND

(III) WIRELESS APPURTENANCES ATTACHED TO OR INSTALLED ON CELLULAR TELEPHONE TOWERS; AND

(3) ELECTRONIC BINGO MACHINES AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE UNDER § 12-308 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

(D) PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION AS OF JULY 1, 2015, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT UNDER § 7-514(C) OR § 7-517 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ON THE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2015, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015.