

HOUSE BILL 337

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By: **Delegate Long**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Property Tax Credit – Revitalization Districts**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law,
4 a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on a dwelling that is
5 located in a revitalization district and is owned by a homeowner who made
6 substantial improvements to the dwelling that cause the dwelling to be reassessed
7 at a higher value; requiring the credit to equal the amount of the county property
8 tax attributable to the improvements made to the property multiplied by a certain
9 percentage; providing that if ownership of a dwelling is transferred the grantee is
10 eligible to claim the property tax credit in the same manner as the grantor; requiring
11 the governing body of Baltimore County to define revitalization districts for purposes
12 of the tax credit; authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to provide for
13 certain matters relating to the tax credit; providing for the application of this Act;
14 defining certain terms; and generally relating to a property tax credit in Baltimore
15 County for dwellings located in revitalization districts that have undergone
16 substantial improvements.

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Tax – Property
19 Section 9–305(f)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Tax – Property**

25 9–305.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(F) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**
2 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

3 **(II) “DWELLING” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–105 OF THIS**
4 **TITLE.**

5 **(III) “HOMEOWNER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9–105 OF**
6 **THIS TITLE.**

7 **(2) THE GOVERNING BODY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY MAY GRANT, BY**
8 **LAW, A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON A**
9 **DWELLING THAT IS:**

10 **(I) LOCATED IN A REVITALIZATION DISTRICT;**

11 **(II) OWNED BY A HOMEOWNER WHO MADE SUBSTANTIAL**
12 **IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DWELLING; AND**

13 **(III) REASSESSED AT A HIGHER VALUE.**

14 **(3) THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL EQUAL THE**
15 **AMOUNT OF COUNTY PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON THE INCREASED VALUE OF THE**
16 **DWELLING SINCE THE LAST REASSESSMENT THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE**
17 **IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO THE PROPERTY, MULTIPLIED BY:**

18 **(I) 100% FOR THE FIRST TAXABLE YEAR FOLLOWING THE FIRST**
19 **REASSESSMENT AFTER THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE;**

20 **(II) 80% FOR THE SECOND TAXABLE YEAR FOLLOWING THE**
21 **FIRST REASSESSMENT AFTER THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE;**

22 **(III) 60% FOR THE THIRD TAXABLE YEAR FOLLOWING THE FIRST**
23 **REASSESSMENT AFTER THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE;**

24 **(IV) 40% FOR THE FOURTH TAXABLE YEAR FOLLOWING THE**
25 **FIRST REASSESSMENT AFTER THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE;**

26 **(V) 20% FOR THE FIFTH TAXABLE YEAR FOLLOWING THE FIRST**
27 **REASSESSMENT AFTER THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE; AND**

28 **(VI) 0% FOR EACH TAXABLE YEAR THEREAFTER.**

1 **(4) IF OWNERSHIP OF A DWELLING THAT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A TAX**
2 **CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS TRANSFERRED, THE GRANTEE IS ELIGIBLE FOR**
3 **THE BALANCE OF THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IN THE**
4 **SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS THE GRANTOR OF THE**
5 **PROPERTY.**

6 **(5) THE GOVERNING BODY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL DEFINE,**
7 **BY LAW, REVITALIZATION DISTRICTS FOR PURPOSES OF THE TAX CREDIT UNDER**
8 **THIS SUBSECTION.**

9 **(6) THE GOVERNING BODY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY MAY PROVIDE, BY**
10 **LAW, FOR:**

11 **(I) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE TAX CREDIT**
12 **UNDER THIS SUBSECTION;**

13 **(II) REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION**
14 **AND UNIFORM PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR THE TAX CREDIT; AND**

15 **(III) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TAX**
16 **CREDIT.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
18 1, 2016, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016.