Chapter 178

(House Bill 353)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County - Elderly or Disabled Renters - Grants

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Frederick County to provide, by law, a grant to certain renters of property; authorizing the governing body of Frederick County to establish qualifications for the grant; requiring the governing body of Frederick County to fund the grant from the appropriate county source; and generally relating to authorizing the governing body of Frederick County to provide certain grants.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property Section 9–402 Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Tax - Property

9-402.

- (a) In this section, "county" means:
 - (1) Anne Arundel County;
 - (2) FREDERICK COUNTY;
 - **(3)** Howard County;
 - [(3)] (4) Montgomery County; and
 - [(4)] **(5)** Prince George's County.
- (b) Instead of a property tax credit, the governing body of a county may provide, by law, a grant to any eligible elderly or disabled renter.
- (c) The governing body of a county may establish any qualification for the grant, including an income limit.

- (d) The governing body of a county shall fund the grant from the appropriate county source.
- (e) This section may not be construed to deny the governing body of a county the power to alter, amend, or repeal any law adopted under this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.