

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 810

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In line 2, strike "Exemption" and substitute "Relief"; in line 3, after "a" insert "State"; in line 4, after "purposes;" insert "authorizing a county to grant, under certain conditions, a property tax credit for certain property owned by the Potomac Conservancy that is used for certain purposes;"; in line 8, strike "7-218.1" and substitute "7-303"; and after line 10, insert:

"BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 9-220

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In line 14, strike "7-218.1" and substitute "7-303"; and in line 15, after "TO" insert "STATE".

AMENDMENT NO. 3

After line 22, insert:

"9-220.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Conservation land" means real property that is:

(i) subject to a perpetual conservation easement donated to a land trust on or after July 1, 1991; [or]

(Over)

(ii) 1. acquired by a land trust on or after July 1, 1991;

2. owned in fee by that land trust; and

3. subject to a letter of intent, agreement, or option agreement for the resale of the property to a government agency; OR

(III) OWNED BY THE POTOMAC CONSERVANCY.

(3) "Land trust" means a qualified conservation organization as defined in § 3-2A-01 of the Natural Resources Article.

(b) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation may grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on conservation land that is used:

(1) to assist in the preservation of a natural area;

(2) for the environmental education of the public;

(3) generally to promote conservation; or

(4) for the maintenance of:

(i) a natural area for public use; or

(ii) a sanctuary for wildlife.

(c) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation may provide, by law, for:

(1) The amount and duration of the property tax credit under this section; and

(2) Any other provision necessary to carry out the property tax credit under this section.”.