

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 889

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In the sponsor line, strike “and Hubbard” and substitute “Hubbard, and Cryor”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 3 down through “purposes” in line 4 and substitute “authorizing a county to grant, under certain conditions, a property tax credit for certain property owned by the Western Shore Conservancy that is used for certain purposes; providing for the effective date of this Act”; in line 6, strike “adding to” and substitute “repealing and reenacting, with amendments,”; and in line 8, strike “7-218.1” and substitute “9-220”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Strike in their entirety lines 14 through 21, inclusive, and substitute:

“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;

(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]

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(iii) owned by the Potomac Conservancy; OR  
(IV) OWNED BY THE WESTERN SHORE 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.”;

in line 23, strike “June 30” and substitute “June 1”; and strike “July 1” and substitute “June 30”.