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By: **Senators Hogan, Neall, and Middlebrooks Middlebrooks, and Boozer**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Personal Property Tax - Small Businesses**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting from valuation and property tax personal property  
4 owned and exclusively used by certain business entities owning certain tangible  
5 personal property with a total original cost of less than a certain amount;  
6 defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally  
7 relating to the personal property taxation of certain business entities owning  
8 certain tangible personal property with a total original cost of less than a certain  
9 amount.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article - Tax - Property  
12 Section 7-241  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Tax - Property**

18 7-241.

19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "SMALL BUSINESS" MEANS A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT  
20 OWNS TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY WITH A TOTAL ORIGINAL COST OF LESS  
21 THAN \$10,000, EXCLUDING VEHICLES EXEMPT UNDER § 7-230 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

1 (B) PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS OWNED AND EXCLUSIVELY USED BY A  
2 SMALL BUSINESS IS NOT SUBJECT TO VALUATION OR TO PROPERTY TAX.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
4 October 1, 1998 and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,  
5 1999.