BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1025

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after "Inc." insert "; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to an optional property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain property owned by Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage, Inc."; in line 8, strike "BY adding to" and substitute "BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,"; in line 10, strike "(c)" and substitute "(b)".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 13, insert:

- "(b) The governing body of Talbot County or of a municipal corporation in Talbot County may grant, by law, a property tax credit under this section against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on [property that]:
 - (1) PROPERTY THAT is owned by the Chesapeake Audubon Society, Inc.[;] and
 - [(2)] is used solely for:
 - (i) the environmental education of the public; and
 - (ii) the maintenance of:
 - 1. a natural area for public use; or
 - <u>a sanctuary for wildlife[.]; AND".</u>

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike beginning with "(C)" in line 14 down through "ON" in line 17; in line 17, before "PERSONAL" insert "(2)"; in line 18, strike "(1)" and substitute "(II)"; in line 20, strike "(2)" and substitute "(III)"; and in line 22, strike "(3)" and substitute "(IIII)".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, after line 23, insert:

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed as a finding or conclusion of the General Assembly regarding the merit of a claim for exemption from property tax under § 7-202 of the Tax - Property Article.";

in line 24, strike "2." and substitute "3.".