
By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Home Rule - Charter Provisions - Tax and Fee Limitations**
3 **PG 415-99**

4 FOR the purpose of providing for the effect of certain charter provisions in counties
5 that have adopted charter home rule in relation to taxes or fees imposed by the
6 county under authority of State law; providing that certain taxes or fees
7 authorized by State law are subject to certain charter limitations; providing a
8 certain exception; and generally relating to the effect of charter tax and fee
9 limitations on charter counties in relation to State-authorized taxes or fees.

10 BY adding to

11 Article 25A - Chartered Counties of Maryland

12 Section 3A

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

17 **Article 25A - Chartered Counties of Maryland**

18 3A.

19 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE 31, § 2D OF THE CODE, A PROVISION IN A
20 COUNTY CHARTER THAT LIMITS OR HAS THE EFFECT OF LIMITING THE RATE OF A
21 TAX OR FEE, OR THE AMOUNT THAT MAY BE COLLECTED THROUGH A TAX OR FEE,
22 LIMITS THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY TO LEVY A TAX
23 AUTHORIZED BY STATE LAW OR TO ESTABLISH OR ALTER A FEE AUTHORIZED BY
24 STATE LAW.

25 (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PUBLIC GENERAL LAW, A TAX OR FEE
26 THAT THE COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO IMPOSE UNDER STATE LAW IS SUBJECT TO A
27 PROVISION IN THE CHARTER LIMITING THE TAX RATE OR REVENUE OR REGULATING
28 FEES.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 1999.