

HOUSE BILL 970

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore Metropolitan Regional Investment District**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Baltimore Metropolitan Regional Investment
4 District; creating a special fund to be used to make certain grants to the
5 Baltimore Metropolitan Council to be used by the Council for certain purposes
6 within the District; requiring the counties including Baltimore City in the
7 District to contribute certain amounts to the fund based on the product of the
8 increase over a certain base year in the assessed valuation of real property in
9 each county in the District times a certain average tax rate; allocating to the
10 fund for a certain time period the product of a portion of the total assessed
11 valuation of real property in each county including Baltimore City in the
12 District times a certain average tax rate; requiring the Board of Public Works to
13 determine a certain average tax rate; defining certain terms; providing for the
14 application of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of a regional
15 investment district and the creation of a special fund to be used to make certain
16 grants to a certain Council to be used by that Council for certain purposes.

17 BY adding to
18 Article - Tax - Property
19 Section 6-501 through 6-505, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 5.
20 Baltimore Metropolitan Regional Investment Fund"
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
24 Article - Tax - Property
25 Section 1-101(g) and 8-101(b)
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

1 **Article - Tax - Property**

2 1-101.

3 (g) "County" means a county of the State and, unless expressly provided
4 otherwise, Baltimore City.

5 SUBTITLE 5. BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN REGIONAL INVESTMENT FUND.

6 6-501.

7 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
8 INDICATED.9 (B) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL AS
10 ESTABLISHED UNDER ARTICLE 78D OF THE CODE.11 (C) "DISTRICT" MEANS THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN REGIONAL
12 INVESTMENT DISTRICT ESTABLISHED UNDER § 6-502 OF THIS SUBTITLE.13 (D) "FUND" MEANS THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN REGIONAL INVESTMENT
14 FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 6-505 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

15 6-502.

16 (A) (1) THERE IS A BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN REGIONAL INVESTMENT
17 DISTRICT.18 (2) THE DISTRICT CONSISTS OF THE TERRITORY INCLUDED WITHIN THE
19 BOUNDARIES OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, BALTIMORE CITY, BALTIMORE COUNTY,
20 CARROLL COUNTY, HARFORD COUNTY, AND HOWARD COUNTY.

21 (B) THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THIS SUBTITLE.

22 6-503.

23 (A) (1) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2000, BUT NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2000,
24 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF REAL
25 PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN EACH COUNTY IN THE DISTRICT ON JANUARY 1,
26 1999.27 (2) THE REAL PROPERTY ASSESSED VALUATION FOR EACH COUNTY IN
28 THE DISTRICT SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE COUNTY'S BASE YEAR REAL PROPERTY
29 ASSESSED VALUATION.30 (B) ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2000, BUT NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2000 AND OF
31 EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE THE ASSESSED
32 VALUATION FOR THE CURRENT TAXABLE YEAR OF REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO
33 TAXATION IN EACH COUNTY IN THE DISTRICT.

1 (C) BASED ON THE DETERMINATION MADE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
2 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

3 (1) DETERMINE FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE DISTRICT THE AMOUNT, IF
4 ANY, BY WHICH THE REAL PROPERTY ASSESSED VALUATION FOR THE CURRENT
5 TAXABLE YEAR EXCEEDS THE BASE YEAR REAL PROPERTY ASSESSED VALUATION;
6 AND

7 (2) MULTIPLY THE INCREASE IN REAL PROPERTY ASSESSED VALUATION
8 IN EACH COUNTY BY 10%, THE RESULTING AMOUNT TO BE KNOWN AS THE COUNTY'S
9 SHARE OF THE DISTRICT TAX BASE, WHICH SHALL BE CERTIFIED TO EACH COUNTY
10 AND TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

11 (D) IN ADDITION TO THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE DISTRICT TAX BASE AS
12 DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION EACH COUNTY IN THE
13 DISTRICT SHALL CONTRIBUTE TO THE DISTRICT TAX BASE THE FOLLOWING
14 AMOUNTS OF THE ASSESSED VALUATION FOR THAT TAXABLE YEAR OF REAL
15 PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION AS DETERMINED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
16 SECTION:

17 (1) FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2000, 1%;

18 (2) FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2001, 0.8%;

19 (3) FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2002, 0.6%;

20 (4) FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2003, 0.4%;

21 (5) FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2004, 0.2%; AND

22 (6) FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2005 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT TAXABLE YEARS, 0%.
23 6-504.

24 IN TAXABLE YEAR 2000 AND IN EACH SUBSEQUENT YEAR, THE BOARD OF
25 PUBLIC WORKS SHALL DETERMINE THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REAL PROPERTY TAX
26 RATE AMONG THE COUNTIES IN THE DISTRICT BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
27 REAL PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED IN THE DISTRICT BY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF
28 THE REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

29 6-505.

30 (A) (1) THERE IS A BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN REGIONAL INVESTMENT
31 FUND.

32 (2) (I) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF EACH FISCAL YEAR, EACH
33 COUNTY IN THE DISTRICT SHALL PAY TO THE COMPTROLLER AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO
34 THE PRODUCT OF MULTIPLYING THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE REAL PROPERTY TAX
35 RATE DETERMINED UNDER § 6-504 OF THIS SUBTITLE TIMES THE SUM OF THE
36 COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE DISTRICT TAX BASE UNDER § 6-503(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE

1 PLUS ANY ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION BY THE COUNTY UNDER § 6-503(D) OF THIS
2 SUBTITLE.

3 (II) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DEPOSIT PAYMENTS FROM THE
4 COUNTIES UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO THE CREDIT OF THE
5 FUND.

6 (III) THE FUND SHALL BE USED ONLY TO MAKE AN ANNUAL GRANT
7 TO THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL FOR
8 THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION.

9 (3) ALL INTEREST EARNED ON MONEYS IN THE FUND SHALL BE
10 CREDITED TO THE FUND.

11 (4) THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL SHALL USE AMOUNTS
12 RECEIVED UNDER THIS SECTION ONLY:

13 (I) TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF
14 THIS SECTION; AND

15 (II) TO PAY EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE COUNCIL IN
16 ADMINISTERING THIS SECTION.

17 (B) THE COUNCIL SHALL USE AMOUNTS IT RECEIVES UNDER SUBSECTION
18 (A)(2) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES ONLY:

19 (1) TO ADDRESS, ON A REGIONAL BASIS, PROBLEMS OF PUBLIC SAFETY,
20 ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AND CONSERVATION OF OLDER
21 NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN REGION; AND

22 (2) FOR THE FURTHERANCE OF THE GOALS OUTLINED IN THE
23 MARYLAND REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS ACT, CHAPTER ____ OF THE
24 ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1999 (S.B./H.B. ____) (9LR1444).

25 8-101.

26 (b) Real property is a class of property and is divided into the following
27 subclasses:

28 (1) land that is actively devoted to farm or agricultural use, assessed
29 under § 8-209 of this title;

30 (2) marshland, assessed under § 8-210 of this title;

31 (3) woodland, assessed under § 8-211 of this title;

32 (4) land of a country club, assessed under §§ 8-212 through 8-217 of this
33 title;

34 (5) land that is used for a planned development, assessed under §§ 8-220
35 through 8-225 of this title;

- 1 (6) rezoned real property that is used for residential purposes, assessed
2 under §§ 8-226 through 8-228 of this title;
- 3 (7) operating real property of a railroad;
- 4 (8) operating real property of a public utility; and
- 5 (9) all other real property that is directed by this article to be assessed.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 1999, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning on or after July
8 1, 2000.