
By: **Senator Colburn**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Property Tax - Refunds - Interest**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the method of calculating the rate of interest to be paid
4 on certain refunds of certain property taxes paid.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Tax - Property
7 Section 14-608 and 14-611
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Tax - Property**

13 14-608.

14 [The governing body of a county or of a municipal corporation shall provide, by
15 law, for the payment of interest] INTEREST on refunds of county or municipal
16 corporation estimated property tax on personal property or operating property SHALL
17 BE PAID AT AN ANNUAL INTEREST RATE THAT IS THE PERCENT, ROUNDED TO THE
18 NEAREST WHOLE NUMBER, THAT IS 2 PERCENTAGE POINTS ABOVE THE AVERAGE
19 INVESTMENT YIELD ON STATE MONEY FOR THE STATE'S PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR, AS
20 PUBLISHED IN THE TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

21 14-611.

22 On the final determination of an appeal under Subtitle 5 of this title, any money
23 paid by a taxpayer that exceeds the amount properly chargeable under the
24 determination shall be refunded at [the same rate of interest that the taxes would
25 have borne if the taxes were determined to have been overdue] AN ANNUAL
26 INTEREST RATE THAT IS THE PERCENT, ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST WHOLE
27 NUMBER, THAT IS 2 PERCENTAGE POINTS ABOVE THE AVERAGE INVESTMENT YIELD

1 ON STATE MONEY FOR THE STATE'S PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR, AS PUBLISHED IN THE
2 TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT.

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