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CHAPTER____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Recordation Tax - Payment and Collection**

- 3 FOR the purpose of providing for collection of the recordation tax by certain county
- 4 officers instead of by the clerks of the circuit court under certain circumstances;
- 5 requiring certain county officers to deduct from the recordation tax and remit to
- 6 the Comptroller a certain percentage for a certain fiscal year; and generally
- 7 relating to the payment and collection of the recordation tax imposed on certain
- 8 instruments.
- 9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 10 Article Tax Property
- 11 Section 1-101(e)
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 15 Article Tax Property
- 16 Section 12-109(b) and 12-110(a) and (b)(1)
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

1 Article - Tax - Property 2 1-101. (e) "Collector" includes an officer of a county or municipal corporation who has 4 a duty to collect or remit taxes. 5 12-109. 6 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the 7 recordation tax on an instrument of writing or a security agreement recorded under 8 subsection (a)(1) of this section in any county shall be paid to the COLLECTOR OR THE 9 clerk of the circuit court for the county, AS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF 10 THE COUNTY. 11 (2)In Prince George's County, the recordation tax on an instrument of

- 12 writing or a security agreement recorded under subsection (a)(1) of this section shall
- 13 be paid to the Director of Finance of Prince George's County.
- 14 The recordation tax on a security agreement, articles of transfer,
- 15 articles of merger, articles of consolidation or other documents which evidence a
- 16 merger or consolidation of foreign corporations, foreign partnerships, foreign limited
- 17 liability companies, or foreign limited partnerships filed with the Department shall
- 18 be paid to the Department.
- 19 12-110.
- 20 Except as provided in subsections (c) through (e) of this section, in (a)
- 21 any county except Prince George's, the recordation tax collected by the COLLECTOR
- 22 OR THE clerk of the circuit court shall be paid to the governing body of the county in
- 23 which the recordation tax was collected.
- 24 In Prince George's County the recordation tax is both paid to and 25 collected by the Director of Finance of Prince George's County.
- 26 A person who offers for recordation an instrument of writing for (1) 27 property located in 2 or more counties shall submit to the COLLECTOR OR THE clerk of
- 28 the circuit court for each county a certificate showing the apportionment of the total
- 29 value of the property between each of the counties.
- 30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for any county other
- 31 than Prince George's County, for fiscal year 2001 only, if the recordation tax under
- 32 Title 12 of the Tax Property Article is not collected by the clerk of the circuit court
- 33 for the county, the officer of the county who collects the recordation tax shall deduct
- 34 from the recordation tax collected and remit to the Comptroller the percentage that a
- 35 clerk of the court is authorized to deduct under § 2-213 of the Courts and Judicial
- 36 Proceedings Article.
- SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 37 38 July 1, 2000.