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House Bill 197 (Delegate Bozman. *et al.*)

Ways and Means

Worcester County - Property Tax Credit - Ocean City Chamber of Commerce

This bill authorizes Worcester County to grant a property tax credit for property owned by the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce.

The bill is effective July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. This bill does not grant a property tax credit for State property taxes.

Local Effect: No net effect on Worcester County.

Small Business Effect: Minimal for the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce only.

Analysis

Current Law: The Ocean City Chamber of Commerce is subject to real and personal property taxes.

The Worcester County real and personal property tax rate is \$1.72 per \$100 of assessed value.

Background: The Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, Inc., has real property valued at \$146,400, with a \$56,220 assessment (40% of value), and personal property with a county assessment of \$17,300.

All businesses are subject to State, county, and potentially municipal real and personal

for in State law. For example, most property owned by religious organizations, governments, and fire and rescue squads are exempt from general property taxes.

Local Fiscal Effect: There would be no net effect on Worcester County finances. Currently, the county collects approximately \$1,200 in real and personal property taxes from the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce. However, the county annually provides them a grant in an amount equal to the property taxes paid. The exemption would decrease the county's revenues by approximately \$1,200 and their expenditures would decrease by the same amount because the county has indicated that the grant would no longer be provided.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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