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House Bill 1285
Ways and Means

(Charles County Delegation)

Budget and Taxation

Charles County - Tobacco Barns

This bill authorizes Charles County to grant a real property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property that was formerly solely used as a tobacco barn. The property must either be located on land subject to a tobacco buyout or be located on land which qualifies for an agricultural use assessment and is used for an approved agricultural activity.

The bill is effective June 1, 2001 and applicable to tax years beginning on July 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. This bill does not provide a State property tax credit.

Local Effect: Charles County property tax revenues could decrease depending on the number of exemptions granted and the assessed value of the property. Any decrease is expected to be minimal as the county already has the authority to grant property tax credits for tobacco barns and for agricultural land in a preservation district or assessed at use value and used in an agricultural activity. Additionally, tobacco barns historically have low assessed values.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Charles County has the authority to grant a property tax credit against taxes imposed on real property that is used solely as a tobacco barn and on any agricultural land and improvements as long as the real property is either: (1) located in an agricultural land preservation district; or (2) assessed at use value and used in an agricultural activity.

Background: Charles County does not currently grant tax credits on tobacco barns. The county currently has 1,729 operable barns of all types with a total market value of \$8,010,000.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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