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**By: Cecil County Senators** Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2005 Assigned to: Budget and Taxation Committee Report: Favorable Senate action: Adopted Read second time: March 20, 2005 CHAPTER\_\_\_ 1 AN ACT concerning 2 **Property Taxes - Churches in Cecil County - Dwellings** 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the governing body of Cecil County and of a municipal corporation in Cecil County to grant a property tax credit against the county or 4 5 municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain property owned by a religious group or organization under certain circumstances; providing for the 6 application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit in Cecil 7 County for religious groups or organizations. 8 9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Tax - Property 10 Section 9-309(a) 11 Annotated Code of Maryland 12 13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement) 14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 16 **Article - Tax - Property** 17 9-309. The governing body of Cecil County and of a municipal corporation in Cecil 18 19 County shall grant a property tax credit under this section against the county and 20 municipal corporation property tax imposed on: 21 property that is owned by the Society for the Preservation of 22 Maryland Antiquities, Incorporated; [and]

- 1 (2) property that is owned by the Friends of the Library of Cecil County,
- 2 Maryland, Incorporated; AND
- 3 (3) PROPERTY THAT IS OWNED BY A RELIGIOUS GROUP OR
- 4 ORGANIZATION AND IS USED AS A DWELLING BY AN EMPLOYEE OF THE RELIGIOUS
- 5 GROUP OR ORGANIZATION.
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 7 June 1, 2005, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,
- 8 2005.