
By: **Senator Colburn**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County - Personal Property Tax - Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Dorchester County and of a
4 municipal corporation to reduce, by law, the percent of the assessment of
5 personal property for property tax purposes under certain circumstances;
6 repealing a provision of law authorizing the governing body of Dorchester
7 County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax
8 imposed on personal property; and generally relating to the personal property
9 tax in Dorchester County.

10 BY repealing

11 Article - Tax - Property
12 Section 9-311(d)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

15 BY adding to

16 Article - Tax - Property
17 Section 7-513
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 9-311(d) of Article - Tax - Property of the Annotated
22 Code of Maryland be repealed.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
24 read as follows:

25 **Article - Tax - Property**

26 7-513.

27 (A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNING
28 BODY OF DORCHESTER COUNTY AND OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN

1 DORCHESTER COUNTY MAY REDUCE, BY LAW, THE PERCENT OF THE ASSESSMENT OF
2 PERSONAL PROPERTY.

3 (B) IF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OR OF A MUNICIPAL
4 CORPORATION ENACTS A LAW REDUCING THE ASSESSMENT OF PERSONAL
5 PROPERTY, THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE PHASED OUT AS FOLLOWS:

6 (1) 90% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE FIRST TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER
7 ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

8 (2) 80% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE SECOND TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
9 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

10 (3) 70% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE THIRD TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
11 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

12 (4) 60% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE FOURTH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
13 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

14 (5) 50% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE FIFTH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
15 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

16 (6) 40% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE SIXTH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER
17 ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

18 (7) 30% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE SEVENTH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
19 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

20 (8) 20% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE EIGHTH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
21 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW; AND

22 (9) 10% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE NINTH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
23 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW.

24 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, OPERATING
25 PERSONAL PROPERTY OF A PUBLIC UTILITY IS SUBJECT TO THE PROPERTY TAX IN
26 DORCHESTER COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS IN DORCHESTER
27 COUNTY.

28 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 July 1, 2005.