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CHAPTER _____

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 certain
 5 personal property for property tax purposes under certain circumstances;
 6 providing for a phase-out of the property tax on certain personal property under
 7 certain circumstances; repealing a provision of law authorizing the governing
 8 body of Dorchester County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the
 9 county property tax imposed on personal property; and generally relating to the
 10 personal property tax in Dorchester County.

11 BY repealing

12 Article - Tax - Property

13 Section 9-311(d)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

16 BY adding to

17 Article - Tax - Property

18 Section 7-513

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

22 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 9-311(d) of Article - Tax - Property of the Annotated

23 Code of Maryland be repealed.

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

3 **Article - Tax - Property**

4 7-513.

5 (A) SUBJECT TO ~~SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C)~~ SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,
6 THE GOVERNING BODY OF DORCHESTER COUNTY ~~AND OF A MUNICIPAL~~
7 ~~CORPORATION IN DORCHESTER COUNTY~~ MAY REDUCE, BY LAW, THE PERCENT OF
8 THE ASSESSMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OTHER THAN OPERATING PROPERTY OF
9 A PUBLIC UTILITY.

10 (B) IF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY ~~OR OF A MUNICIPAL~~
11 ~~CORPORATION~~ ENACTS A LAW REDUCING THE ASSESSMENT OF PERSONAL
12 PROPERTY, ~~THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE PHASED OUT AS FOLLOWS~~ PERSONAL
13 PROPERTY OTHER THAN OPERATING PERSONAL PROPERTY OF A PUBLIC UTILITY IS
14 SUBJECT TO COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ON:

15 (1) 90% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE FIRST TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER
16 ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

17 (2) 80% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE SECOND TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
18 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

19 (3) 70% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE THIRD TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
20 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

21 (4) 60% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE FOURTH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
22 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

23 (5) 50% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE FIFTH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
24 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

25 (6) 40% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE SIXTH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER
26 ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

27 (7) 30% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE SEVENTH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
28 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW;

29 (8) 20% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE EIGHTH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
30 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW; ~~AND~~

31 (9) 10% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE NINTH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING
32 AFTER ENACTMENT OF THE LAW; AND

33 (10) 0% OF ITS VALUE FOR THE TENTH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING AFTER
34 ENACTMENT OF THE LAW AND FOR EACH TAXABLE YEAR THEREAFTER.

1 ~~(C) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, OPERATING~~
2 ~~PERSONAL PROPERTY OF A PUBLIC UTILITY IS SUBJECT TO THE PROPERTY TAX IN~~
3 ~~DORCHESTER COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS IN DORCHESTER~~
4 ~~COUNTY.~~

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