

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 197
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Malone” and substitute “, Malone, Bartlett, Boschert, Bozman, Cardin, Cryor, C. Davis, Elmore, Gilleland, Goodwin, Gordon, Healey, Heller, Hixson, Howard, Kaiser, King, Marriott, McKee, Myers, Patterson, Ramirez, and Ross”; in line 2, strike “Exemption” and substitute “Credit”; strike beginning with “exempting” in line 4 down through “circumstances;” in line 6; in line 10, after “circumstances;” insert “authorizing a county to provide, by law, for the amount and duration of the credit, additional eligibility criteria and compliance measures for the credit, regulations and procedures for the administration of the credit requests, and any other provisions necessary to carry out this Act;”; in line 11, strike “a property tax exemption and”; and in line 17, strike “7-308 and”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 1, strike “LEGAL” and substitute “PRINCIPAL”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, in line 23, strike “7-308.” and substitute “9-243.”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 15 through 32, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, after line 37, insert:

“(C) TO QUALIFY FOR A CREDIT UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A FIREFIGHTER, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM TEACHER SHALL PROVIDE A STATEMENT TO BALTIMORE CITY OR THE COUNTY THAT IS SIGNED UNDER OATH STATING THAT:

(Over)

(1) PRIOR TO THE PURCHASE OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S CURRENT RESIDENCE, THE INDIVIDUAL HAS NEVER OWNED RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY IN THE STATE THAT HAS BEEN THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE; AND

(2) THE RESIDENCE IS OCCUPIED BY THE INDIVIDUAL AS THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE.”.

On page 3, in line 1, strike “(C)” and substitute “(D)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 3, in line 4, strike “AND” and substitute:

“(2) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION;

(3) ADDITIONAL COMPLIANCE MEASURES TO DETERMINE IF A CREDIT RECIPIENT CONTINUES TO BE EMPLOYED AS A FIREFIGHTER, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, OR PUBLIC SCHOOL CLASSROOM TEACHER;

(4) REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF REQUESTS FOR THE TAX CREDIT; AND”;

in line 5, strike “(2)” and substitute “(5)”; and in line 6, after “THE” insert “TAX”.

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 3, in line 8, strike “July” and substitute “June”; and in line 9, strike “2007” and substitute “2006”.