

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 198
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “requiring” and substitute “authorizing”; in line 7, strike “providing” and substitute “authorizing the governing body of Cecil County or a municipal corporation in Cecil County to provide”; in line 8, after “amount” insert “and duration”; and in line 14, strike “(a)” and substitute “(b)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 21 through 28, inclusive, and substitute:

“(b) (1) The governing body of Cecil County and of a municipal corporation in Cecil County may grant, by law, a property tax credit under this section against the county and municipal corporation property tax imposed on property that is owned by the Upper Chesapeake Watershed Association and is used:

[(1) (I) to assist in the preservation of a wild nature area;

[(2) (II) to establish a nature reserve or other protected area; or

[(3) (III) generally to promote conservation.

(2) (1) THE GOVERNING BODY OF CECIL COUNTY AND OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN CECIL COUNTY MAY GRANT, BY LAW, A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION AGAINST THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON REAL PROPERTY:”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 9 through 11, inclusive, and substitute:

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“(II) SUBJECT TO ITEM (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY PROVIDE, BY LAW, FOR:

1. THE AMOUNT OF A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION;

2. THE DURATION OF A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND

3. ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION.”;

in lines 12 and 18, strike “(II)” and “(III)”, respectively, and substitute “(III)” and “(IV)”, respectively; and in lines 12 and 19, in each instance, strike “PARAGRAPH (1)(III) OF THIS SUBSECTION” and substitute “THIS PARAGRAPH”.