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By: Calvert County Delegation

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

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2 Calvert County - Property Tax Credits - Economic Development

- 3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Calvert County to grant, by
- 4 law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain
- 5 property owned by certain businesses under certain circumstances; authorizing
- the governing body of Calvert County to grant a property tax credit against property taxes on property within certain target areas; limiting the time for
- 7 property taxes on property within certain target areas; limiting the tim 8 which certain tax credits may be granted; and generally relating to
- 9 authorization for certain property tax credits for expanding or new businesses in
- 10 Calvert County.
- 11 BY adding to
- 12 Article Tax Property
- 13 Section 9-306(g)
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)
- 16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 Article - Tax - Property

- 19 9-306.
- 20 (G) (1) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE
- 21 GOVERNING BODY OF CALVERT COUNTY MAY GRANT, BY LAW, A PROPERTY TAX
- 22 CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION AGAINST THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON
- 23 REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY AN EXPANDING OR NEW BUSINESS THAT:
- 24 1. EMPLOYS AT LEAST 25 NEW ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME
- 25 EMPLOYEES, THE SALARIES FOR WHICH MUST BE GREATER THAN THE COUNTY
- 26 ANNUAL AVERAGE SALARY IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TARGET MARKET
- 27 SECTOR, AS DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY; AND

- 1 2. ACQUIRES AT LEAST \$2,500,000 IN LAND, IMPROVEMENTS 2 TO THE LAND, OR EQUIPMENT IN THE COUNTY.
- 3 (II) IF THE EXPANDING OR NEW BUSINESS IS A PUBLIC UTILITY,
- 4 THE CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE GRANTED AGAINST THE COUNTY
- 5 PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON OPERATING PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OPERATING
- 6 REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY.
- 7 (2) THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE GRANTED TO:
- $8\,$ (I) A BUSINESS THAT OWNS THE LAND AND BUILDING IT 9 OCCUPIES WITHIN THE COUNTY; OR
- 10 (II) ANY PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE REAL PROPERTY 11 TAXES ON ALL OR PART OF THE LAND OR BUILDING.
- 12 (3) THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT MAY NOT EXCEED 50% OF THE 13 AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX DUE IN ANY TAXABLE YEAR.
- 14 (4) A TAX CREDIT GRANTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE 15 GRANTED FOR MORE THAN 5 YEARS.
- 16 (5) THE GOVERNING BODY OF CALVERT COUNTY MAY DEFINE, FIX, OR 17 LIMIT THE AMOUNT, TERMS, SCOPE, AND DURATION OF ANY CREDIT PROVIDED FOR
- 18 OR AFFIRMED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.
- 19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 20 July 1, 2006.