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By: **Senator Giannetti**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Inheritance Tax - Exemption for Property Passing to Family Partnership or**  
 3 **Limited Liability Company**

4 FOR the purpose of providing an exemption from the inheritance tax for certain  
 5 property passing to or for the use of certain partnerships or limited liability  
 6 companies consisting of certain family members; providing for the application of  
 7 this Act; and generally relating to an exemption under the inheritance tax for  
 8 certain property passing to or for the use of certain partnerships or limited  
 9 liability companies consisting of certain family members.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 11 Article - Tax - General  
 12 Section 7-203(b)  
 13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
 16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Tax - General**

18 7-203.

19 (b) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings  
 20 indicated.

21 (ii) "Child" includes a stepchild or former stepchild.

22 (iii) "Parent" includes a stepparent or former stepparent.

23 (2) The inheritance tax does not apply to the receipt of property that  
 24 passes from a decedent to or for the use of:

25 (i) a grandparent of the decedent;

26 (ii) a parent of the decedent;

- 1 (iii) a spouse of the decedent;
- 2 (iv) a child of the decedent or a lineal descendant of a child of the  
3 decedent;
- 4 (v) a spouse of a child of the decedent or a spouse of a lineal  
5 descendant of a child of the decedent;
- 6 (vi) a brother or sister of the decedent; or
- 7 (vii) a corporation, PARTNERSHIP, OR LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY  
8 if all of its stockholders, PARTNERS, OR MEMBERS consist of individuals specified in  
9 items (i) through (vi) of this paragraph.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 July 1, 2006, and shall be applicable to all decedents dying after June 30, 2006.