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By: **Senator Jones**

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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Housing and Community Development - Neighborhood and**  
3 **Community Assistance Program - Community Investment Tax Credit**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that a business entity is entitled to a certain tax credit  
5 for a contribution of real property to an approved project operated by a nonprofit  
6 organization under the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program of  
7 the Department of Housing and Community Development; increasing a certain  
8 maximum tax credit allowed for a certain contribution; increasing the maximum  
9 amount of contributions eligible for a certain tax credit for a fiscal year;  
10 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to tax credits  
11 allowed for contributions to an approved project under the Neighborhood and  
12 Community Assistance Program of the Department of Housing and Community  
13 Development.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article - Housing and Community Development  
16 Section 6-404(a) and (b) and 6-405(c)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2005 Volume)

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

21 **Article - Housing and Community Development**

22 6-404.

23 (a) (1) For a contribution worth \$500 or more in goods, money, or [both]  
24 REAL PROPERTY to an approved project, a business entity is entitled to a tax credit in  
25 the amount determined under subsection (b) of this section.

26 (2) No part of a tax credit under this section may be taken more than  
27 once.

1 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the credit  
2 allowed to a business entity under this section equals 50% of the amount of  
3 contributions:

4 (i) that the Department approves under subsection (c) of this  
5 section; and

6 (ii) that were made during the taxable year for which the credit is  
7 claimed.

8 (2) The credit allowed under this section for any taxable year may not  
9 exceed the lesser of:

10 (i) [\$125,000] \$250,000; and

11 (ii) the total amount of tax otherwise payable by the business entity  
12 for the taxable year.

13 (3) Any excess credit that would be allowed but for the limits of  
14 paragraph (2) of this subsection may be carried over and applied as a credit for up to  
15 5 taxable years after the taxable year in which the contribution was made, until the  
16 full amount of the excess is used.

17 6-405.

18 (c) (1) The Department may not approve a proposal submitted under this  
19 section unless the proposal is approved by the governing body or authorized designee  
20 of:

21 (i) each county that includes any of the priority funding area that  
22 benefits from the project, if the project is not in a municipal corporation;

23 (ii) each municipal corporation that includes any of the priority  
24 funding area that benefits from the project; or

25 (iii) each political subdivision that includes any of the priority  
26 funding area that benefits from the project, if the priority funding area is partly  
27 within and partly outside of any municipal corporation.

28 (2) An approval shall:

29 (i) be in writing; and

30 (ii) state the maximum amount of contributions to the approved  
31 project that are eligible for a tax credit under § 6-404 of this subtitle.

32 (3) The sum of contributions eligible for a tax credit under § 6-404 of this  
33 subtitle for all approved projects for a fiscal year may not exceed [\$2,000,000]  
34 \$5,000,000.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
2 effect October 1, 2006, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after  
3 December 31, 2006.