

HOUSE BILL 167

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Property Tax Credit – Residence Jointly Owned by an**
3 **Individual and the Howard County Housing Commission**

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5 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Howard County to grant, by
6 law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain
7 owner-occupied residential real property; authorizing the governing body of
8 Howard County to specify the amount and duration of the credit; authorizing
9 the governing body to provide for implementation and administration of the
10 credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the
11 property tax in Howard County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Tax – Property
14 Section 9–315(a) and (b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Tax – Property**

20 9–315.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) The governing body of Howard County may grant, by law, a property tax
2 credit under this section against the county property tax imposed on:

3 (1) property that:

4 (i) is owned by any community association;

5 (ii) is used for community, civic, educational, library, or park
6 purposes; and

7 (iii) is not a swimming pool, tennis court, or similar recreational
8 facility;

9 (2) real property that is subject to the county's agricultural land
10 preservation program;

11 (3) subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, real property that
12 is new construction or an improvement to real property owned or occupied by a
13 commercial or industrial business that:

14 (i) is currently or will be doing business in Howard County;

15 (ii) will employ at least 12 additional full-time local employees
16 by the second year in which the credit is allowed, not including any employee filling a
17 job created when a job function is shifted from an existing location in the State to the
18 location of the new construction or improvement; and

19 (iii) makes a substantial investment in Howard County, which
20 may be:

21 1. the acquisition of a building, land, or equipment that
22 totals at least \$2,000,000; or

23 2. the creation of 10 positions with salaries greater than
24 the current average annual wage in Howard County; [and]

25 (4) subject to subsection (b) of this section, real property that is used
26 as a therapeutic riding facility by a nonprofit organization that:

27 (i) is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal
28 Revenue Code;

29 (ii) provides services to disabled individuals; and

1 (iii) has at least 85% of its clients who are disabled
2 individuals[.] ; AND

3 (5) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION,
4 OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY THAT IS JOINTLY OWNED BY
5 AN INDIVIDUAL AND THE HOWARD COUNTY HOUSING COMMISSION.

6 (b) In establishing a tax credit under subsection (a)(3) [and (4)] THROUGH
7 (5) of this section, the governing body of Howard County:

8 (1) shall develop criteria necessary to implement the credit;

9 (2) shall designate an agency to administer the credit; and

10 (3) may specify:

11 (i) the amount and duration of the credit;

12 (ii) the qualifications and application procedures for the credit;

13 and

14 (iii) any other requirement or procedure for the granting or
15 administration of the credit that the governing body considers appropriate.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 June 1, 2007, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,
18 2007.