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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund Board; abolishing the Housing Finance Review Committee; providing for the 4 5 membership, terms, meetings, and duties of the Board; establishing the Maryland Affordable Housing Investment Fund; requiring that the Board use 6 7 the Fund in certain ways to support, foster, and promote affordable housing; 8 specifying the source of moneys of the Fund; requiring that the Board annually 9 allocate money to certain local governments and to the Department of Housing 10 and Community Development in a certain manner; establishing certain requirements that local governments must meet and actions local governments 11 12 must agree to take to receive money from the Fund; establishing a certain maximum amount of certain funds that a local government may use to cover 13 14 administrative costs; authorizing the Board to transfer unencumbered money in 15 the Fund to certain other funds in the Department within a certain time; 16 specifying certain conditions under which a local government may use certain 17 funds for certain purposes; specifying certain factors that a local government must consider in establishing upper income limits for a family of limited income; 18 19 requiring the Governor beginning in a certain fiscal year and for every year 20 thereafter to include in the annual budget bill submitted to the General 21 Assembly a certain appropriation to the Fund; imposing an annual State tax on 22 certain property at a certain rate; repealing certain obsolete language; providing 23 for the distribution of certain State property tax revenue to the Fund; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Affordable Housing 24 25 Investment Fund.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 2 Article Housing and Community Development
- 3 Section 2–201
- 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 5 (2006 Volume)

6 BY repealing

- 7 Article Housing and Community Development
- 8 Section 4–208
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (2006 Volume)
- 11 BY adding to
- 12 Article Housing and Community Development
- 13 Section 4–208 and 4–506
- 14 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 15 (2006 Volume)
- 16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 17 Article Housing and Community Development
- 18 Section 4–501
- 19 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 20 (2006 Volume)
- 21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 22 Article State Finance and Procurement
- 23 Section 8–134(a)
- 24 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 25 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)
- 26 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 27 Article Tax Property
- 28 Section 6–301
- 29 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 30 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)
- 31 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 32 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 33 Article Housing and Community Development
- 34 2–201.

1	The Department consists of:		
2	((1)	the Division of Credit Assurance;
3	((2)	the Division of Development Finance;
4	((3)	the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization;
5	((4)	the Community Development Administration;
6	((5)	the Community Legacy Program;
7	((6)	the Community Legacy Board;
8	((7)	the Advisory Committee to the Community Legacy Board;
9 10	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	(8) E H O	the [Housing Finance Review Committee] MARYLAND
10	AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND BOARD;		
11	((9)	the Lead Hazard Advisory Committee;
12	((10)	the Maryland Housing Fund;
13	((11)	the Neighborhood Business Development Program; and
14 15	(Department.	(12)	any other governmental unit that under law is a part of the
16	[4-208.		
17	(a) [There	is a Housing Finance Review Committee.
18 19	(b) The Housing Finance Review Committee consists of seven members appointed by the Governor on recommendation of the Secretary as follows:		
20 21	(Secretary;	(1)	three employees of the Department, one of whom may be the
22 23	(2) one employee of the Executive Branch of State government who is not employed by the Department; and		
24	((3)	three members of the public.

The term of a public member is 4 years and begins on July 1. (c) (1)At the end of a term, a public member continues to serve until a (2)successor is appointed and qualifies. A public member who is appointed after a term has begun serves (3)only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. (d) (1)The Housing Finance Review Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Secretary about: (i) specific loan requests or categories of loan requests; and the investment and project financing policies of the (ii) Administration. (2)The Secretary may approve a specific loan request without a recommendation of the Housing Finance Review Committee if the request requires urgent action.] 4-208. (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE **MEANINGS INDICATED.** (2) "BOARD" MEANS THE MARYLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING **INVESTMENT FUND BOARD.** "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING (3) **INVESTMENT FUND.** (4) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. THERE IS A MARYLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND **(B) BOARD.** THE BOARD CONSISTS OF 13 MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE **(C) GOVERNOR ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECRETARY AS FOLLOWS:**

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(2) ONE EMPLOYEE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT WHO IS NOT EMPLOYED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WHO SHALL **SERVE EX OFFICIO;** ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND AFFORDABLE (3) **HOUSING COALITION;** (4) TWO INDIVIDUALS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF AFFORDABLE **MULTIFAMILY HOUSING;** THREE INDIVIDUALS WITH KNOWLEDGE OF AFFORDABLE (5) SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING; (6) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;** (7) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE SERVED BY THE PROGRAMS OF THE **FUND; AND** (8) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT. **(D)** (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER WHO DOES NOT SERVE EX OFFICIO IS 4 YEARS AND BEGINS ON JULY 1. **(2)** AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER WHO DOES NOT SERVE EX OFFICIO CONTINUES TO SERVE UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND **QUALIFIES.** (3) A MEMBER WHO DOES NOT SERVE EX OFFICIO AND WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES. (1) **(E)** THE BOARD SHALL MEET AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH.

(2) THE MEETINGS WILL COMPLY WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS
 ACT UNDER TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

SHALL BE THE SECRETARY AND WHO SHALL SERVE EX OFFICIO;

THREE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT, ONE OF WHOM

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THE BOARD SHALL: 1 **(F)** (1) 2 DETERMINE THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO GOVERN THE FUND THAT IS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 4-506 OF THIS TITLE; 3 (2) 4 **ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR AND OVERSEE:** 5 **(I)** ALL ASPECTS OF THE FUNDING SHARE OF LOCAL 6 GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THE CONTENTS OF STATE-LOCAL AGREEMENTS; 7 **(II) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO ONGOING AFFORDABLE** 8 HOUSING INITIATIVES THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MUST MEET TO RECEIVE 9 FUNDING FROM THE BOARD; 10 (III) LOCAL ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEWS; AND 11 (IV) THE MONITORING AND AUDITING BY THE DEPARTMENT 12 OF THE USE OF THE FUNDS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; (3) 13 DEVELOP STANDARDS FOR REALLOCATING OR RECAPTURING 14 **UNUSED LOCAL GRANT MONEY;** 15 (4) DEVELOP STANDARDS TO ENSURE THAT THE LOCAL MONEY IS USED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE LAW AND WITH GOOD PRACTICES 16 AND PRINCIPLES; 17 18 **REVIEW ALL PROJECTS BEFORE THEY ARE SUBMITTED TO** (5) 19 THE SECRETARY FOR APPROVAL; AND (6) 20 PREPARE EACH YEAR A PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE USE OF ALL THE FUNDING FROM THE FUND. 21 22 THE BOARD MAY DENY OR RECAPTURE FUNDING TO A LOCAL (G) 23 GOVERNMENT THAT IS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 24 FUND OR HAS MONEY THAT REMAINS UNUSED. 4 - 501.25

Each fund established under this subtitle is a continuing, 1 (a) (1)nonlapsing special fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and 2 3 Procurement Article. 4 (2)The State Treasurer shall hold and the Comptroller shall account 5 for each fund established under this subtitle. 6 (b) Money in a fund established under this subtitle shall be invested in the 7 same way as other State money. 8 (c) (1)In the State budget, the State may appropriate to the Rental 9 Housing Programs Fund and the Special Loan Programs Fund all or part of the money received as repayment of principal or payment of interest on a loan made by the 10

11 Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program.

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(2) The appropriation may be increased by budget amendment.

13 (3) The amount of repayments appropriated to make loans under the
 14 Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program may not exceed \$12,000,000 annually.

15 (4) The State may not appropriate repayment of principal and 16 payment of interest to the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program to the extent 17 that loans expected to be made with the money appropriated would cause the principal 18 amount of loans outstanding to exceed \$100,000,000.

19 **4–506.**

20 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE 21 MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" MEANS RESIDENTIAL UNITS PRICED
FOR INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME WHOSE
INCOME DOES NOT EXCEED THE UPPER INCOME LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY THE
STATE AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFTER CONSIDERING THE FACTORS
LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (L) OF THIS SECTION.

27 (3) "BOARD" MEANS THE MARYLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING
 28 INVESTMENT FUND BOARD.

29 (4) "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING
 30 INVESTMENT FUND.

"LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS THE GOVERNING BODY OF A (5) 1 2 COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. 3 **(B)** THERE IS A MARYLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVESTMENT 4 FUND. THE BOARD SHALL USE THE FUND TO: 5 (C) (1) 6 STATE SUPPORT EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING 7 **PROGRAMS;** FOSTER INNOVATIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS BY 8 **(2)** 9 **PROVIDING MONEY TO THE MARYLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND;** 10 AND 11 (3) PROVIDE MONEY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE 12 ACTIVELY PROMOTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THEIR AREAS. **(D)** THE FUND CONSISTS OF: 13 14 ALL SPECIAL FUNDS GENERATED THROUGH HOUSING LOAN (1) 15 REPAYMENTS, EXCEPT THOSE THAT ARE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL STATE 16 **BUDGET TO SUPPORT DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS;** 17 (2) STATE PROPERTY TAX REVENUES DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND UNDER § 6-301 OF THE TAX - PROPERTY ARTICLE; AND 18 MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND FROM THE GENERAL 19 (3) 20 FUND. (1) THE BOARD ANNUALLY SHALL ALLOCATE MONEY IN THE 21 **(E)** FUND ACCORDING TO THIS SUBSECTION. 22 ACCORDING TO A FORMULA THAT THE BOARD ESTABLISHES, 23 (2) 24 50% OF THE STATE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE DISTRIBUTED TO THE FUND 25 UNDER § 6-301(B) OF THE TAX - PROPERTY ARTICLE SHALL BE ALLOCATED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH A POPULATION ABOVE 35,000 THAT CAN 26

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1 DOCUMENT THAT THEY ARE UNDERTAKING THEIR OWN INITIATIVES TO HELP 2 CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, WHICH SHALL CONSIST OF: 3 **(I)** HAVING A LOCAL HOUSING PLAN FOR WORKFORCE AND 4 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** 5 **(II)** PROVIDING MONEY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING 6 **INCLUDING ESTABLISHING TRUST FUNDS; AND** 7 (III) AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING: 8 1. WAIVING FEES OR MODIFYING BUILDING PERMIT, 9 DEVELOPMENT, OR IMPACT FEES AND CHARGES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 10 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING;** 11 2. ENACTING LEGISLATION THAT RESTRICTS COST AND RESALE PRICES AND REQUIRES DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING 12 UNITS AS PART OF ANY SUBDIVISION IN RETURN FOR ADDED DENSITY; 13 14 3. PROVIDING LAND OR PROPERTY FROM THE 15 **INVENTORY OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT;** 16 4. SUPPORTING PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOTS) TO ENCOURAGE CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING; 17 5. 18 **UNDERTAKING ACTIVITIES TO PROVIDE HOUSING** UNITS FOR PERSONS OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME OR INDIVIDUALS WITH 19 20 **DISABILITIES; AND** 21 **6**. CONDUCTING ANY OTHER ACTIVITY TO ENABLE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING. 22 23 (3) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT THAT ONLY ADMINISTERS THE 24 ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL, STATE, OR OTHER MONEY NOT PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY NOT QUALIFY TO RECEIVE AN 25

26 ALLOCATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(4) THE BOARD MAY REALLOCATE ANY UNUSED MONEY UNDER
 THIS SUBSECTION TO SELECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AS A BONUS OR RETURN
 THE MONEY TO THE FUND.

4 (5) UNLESS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECEIVES A WAIVER FROM 5 THE BOARD, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL USE MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE 6 FUND TO SUPPORT EQUALLY MULTIFAMILY AND SINGLE FAMILY PROGRAMS 7 THAT SERVE LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PERSONS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH 8 DISABILITIES.

9 (6) THE BOARD SHALL ALLOCATE THE REMAINING MONEY IN THE
 10 FUND TO EXISTING DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAMS, TO BE DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY
 11 BETWEEN MULTIFAMILY PROGRAMS AND SINGLE FAMILY PROGRAMS.

12 (F) (1) SUBJECT TO § 7–209 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND 13 PROCUREMENT ARTICLE AND EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE STATE 14 BUDGET, AFTER THE FIRST 9 MONTHS OF A FISCAL YEAR, THE BOARD MAY 15 TRANSFER UNENCUMBERED MONEY IN THE FUND TO ANY OTHER FUND 16 ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS TITLE OR THE MARYLAND AFFORDABLE HOUSING 17 TRUST FUND.

18(2)ALL UNUSED MONEY SHALL REMAIN IN THE FUND FOR19FUTURE USE.

(G) (1) TO RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE FUND, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT
 AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENTER INTO A 3-YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENT
 THAT SHALL LIST THE REQUIREMENTS SET BY THE BOARD THAT THE LOCAL
 GOVERNMENT MUST MEET.

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(2) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL AGREE TO:

(I) USE THE MONEY FROM THE FUND TO SERVE
INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND PERSONS IN A RANGE OF INCOME LEVELS
BY HELPING THOSE PERSONS IN LOCAL HOMEOWNERSHIP OR RENTAL
PROGRAMS WHO FALL WITHIN THE SAME INCOME LEVELS AS THOSE
ESTABLISHED FOR STATE HOMEOWNERSHIP AND RENTAL PROGRAMS;

ALLOCATE 50% OF THE MONEY FOR RENTAL HOUSING 1 **(II)** 2 AND 50% FOR HOMEOWNERSHIP OR GROUP HOME OR SPECIAL NEEDS 3 **PROGRAMS, UNLESS THE BOARD WAIVES THIS REQUIREMENT FOR GOOD CAUSE;** (III) MEET DEADLINES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OR THE 4 5 **BOARD ESTABLISHES;** 6 (IV) ESTABLISH AND FOLLOW PROCUREMENT AND OTHER 7 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH COMMON BEST 8 **PRACTICES; AND** 9 **(V)** FILE ANNUAL REPORTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT. 10 **(H)** (1) THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE MONEY TO A LOCAL 11 **GOVERNMENT AS A GRANT.** 12 **(2)** A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY RETAIN REPAYMENTS AS 13 PROGRAM INCOME TO BE REUSED CONSISTENT WITH THE REGULATIONS AND AGREEMENTS THAT COVERED THE INITIAL ALLOCATION OF THE MONEY. 14 15 MONEY FROM THE FUND MAY BE USED IN A WAY THAT IS **(I)** CONSISTENT WITH USES ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL 16 GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING USING MONEY AS LOANS, GRANTS, DEBT, EQUITY, 17 **REVOLVING FUNDS, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO EXISTING LOCAL TRUST FUNDS OR** 18 19 **PROGRAMS.** 20 A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY USE NOT MORE THAN 10% OF FUNDS **(J)** 21 RECEIVED UNDER THIS SECTION TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. 22 (1) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY USE FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER (K) THIS SECTION TO MEET THE DEPARTMENTAL LOCAL CONTRIBUTION 23 24 **REQUIREMENT FOR STATE FUNDED RENTAL HOUSING, AND A COUNTY SHALL** 25 HELP EACH MUNICIPAL CORPORATION WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION TO PROVIDE THE LOCAL MATCH FOR PROJECTS THAT THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION 26 27 SUPPORTS.

28 (2) A COUNTY MAY USE THE FUNDS RECEIVED UNDER THIS
 29 SECTION TO MAKE A GRANT TO ANOTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT IF:

(I) THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAN ADMINISTER THE 1 2 **GRANT: OR** 3 **(II)** ANOTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR THE DEPARTMENT 4 AGREES TO ADMINISTER IT. IN ESTABLISHING THE UPPER INCOME LIMITS FOR A FAMILY 5 (L) (1) OF LIMITED INCOME, A LOCAL GOVERNMENT SHALL CONSIDER FACTORS 6 7 **INCLUDING:** 8 **(I) INCOME LIMITS ESTABLISHED FOR A SIMILAR STATE** 9 **PROGRAM;** 10 **(II)** THE INCOME OF THE FAMILY AVAILABLE FOR HOUSING; 11 (III) THE SIZE OF THE FAMILY; 12 (IV) THE COST AND CONDITION OF AVAILABLE HOUSING; **(V)** THE ABILITY OF THE FAMILY TO COMPETE IN THE 13 14 **PRIVATE HOUSING MARKET;** 15 (VI) STANDARDS AND DEFINITIONS ESTABLISHED FOR 16 STATE AND FEDERAL HOUSING PROGRAMS; AND 17 (VII) NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN THE HOUSING PLAN OF THE 18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT. 19 (2) THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS 20 SUBSECTION MAY VARY FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF HOUSING. 21 IN FISCAL YEAR 2009, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN (M) (1) THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A 22 23 GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION TO THE FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN \$19,740,000, INCREASED BY THE AVERAGE PERCENT INCREASE IN THE 24 25 PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES FOR SELECTED COMMODITY GROUPINGS THAT ARE 26 PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND THAT THE SECRETARY DETERMINES REFLECT THE COST OF MATERIALS TO PRODUCE 27

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1 (2) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2010 AND FOR EVERY FISCAL 2 YEAR THEREAFTER, AN ANNUAL APPROPRIATION CONSISTING OF THE 3 APPROPRIATION FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR PLUS AN AMOUNT DETERMINED 4 BY THE AVERAGE PERCENT INCREASE IN THE PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES FOR 5 SELECTED COMMODITY GROUPINGS SPECIFIED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS 6 SUBSECTION.

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Article - State Finance and Procurement

8 8–134.

9 (a) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, on or 10 before May 1 of each year, the Board shall certify to the governing body of each county 11 the rates of State tax on assessable property needed to meet the debt service 12 requirements during the next taxable year on all the State bonds that the Board 13 anticipates will be outstanding during that year.

14 (2) THE STATE PROPERTY TAX FOR EACH TAXABLE YEAR IS THE 15 SUM OF THE RATE CERTIFIED BY THE BOARD UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS 16 SUBSECTION AND THE RATE SPECIFIED IN § 6–301(B) OF THE TAX – PROPERTY 17 ARTICLE.

[(2)] (3) Each governing body immediately shall collect the tax at the
 rates [the Board certifies under this section] DETERMINED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)
 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

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Article - Tax - Property

22 6–301.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board of Public
Works annually shall set the rates for State property tax for the next taxable year as
authorized by the General Assembly.

[(b) (1) Intangible personal property is subject to State property tax as
otherwise provided in this title at the rate set annually by the Board of Public Works
under subsection (a) of this section, if:

(i) the intangible personal property has paid interest or
 dividends during the 12 months that precede the date of finality;

1 (ii) interest or dividends were withheld on the intangible 2 personal property during the 12 months that precede the date of finality to avoid the 3 tax under this subsection;

4 (iii) the intangible personal property consists of newly issued 5 bonds, certificates of indebtedness, or evidences of debt on which interest is not in 6 default; or

- 7 (iv) a stock dividend has been declared on the intangible 8 personal property during the 12 months that precede the date of finality.
- 9 (2) The State property tax rate for the intangible personal property 10 may not exceed 15 cents for each \$100 of an assessment.]

(B) (1) IN ADDITION TO THE RATES FOR THE STATE PROPERTY TAX
AS SET ANNUALLY BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, AN ANNUAL STATE TAX IS
IMPOSED ON THE ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE STATE
PROPERTY TAX AT A RATE EQUAL TO:

15(I)2 CENTS FOR EACH \$100 OF ASSESSMENT FOR REAL16PROPERTY OTHER THAN OPERATING REAL PROPERTY OF A PUBLIC UTILITY; OR

17(II) 5 CENTS FOR EACH \$100 OF ASSESSMENT FOR18OPERATING REAL PROPERTY OF A PUBLIC UTILITY.

19 (2) THE REVENUE FROM THE TAX IMPOSED UNDER PARAGRAPH
 20 (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE MARYLAND
 21 AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVESTMENT FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 4–506 OF
 22 THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ARTICLE.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 24 October 1, 2007.