HOUSE BILL 626

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By: Prince George's County Delegation

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2007

Assigned to: Ways and Means

AN ACT concerning

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A BILL ENTITLED

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Prince George's County - Property Tax Credit for Restaurants in Arts and
Entertainment Districts

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- 5 FOR the purpose of requiring the governing body of Prince George's County to grant a 6 property tax credit for certain real property that is located in certain designated 7 areas in Prince George's County and is constructed or renovated for use as a 8 restaurant under certain circumstances; providing for the amount and duration 9 of the credit; defining certain terms; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax credit for certain property constructed 10 or renovated for use as a restaurant in certain designated areas in Prince 11 George's County. 12
- 13 BY adding to
- 14 Article Tax Property
- 15 Section 9–318(e)
- 16 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)
- 18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 20 **Article Tax Property**
- 21 9–318.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1	(E) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE				
2	THE MEANINGS INDICATED.				
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3	(II) "ARTISTIC WORK", "ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT				
4	DISTRICT", AND "QUALIFYING RESIDING ARTIST" HAVE THE MEANINGS STATED				
5	IN ARTICLE 83A, § 4–701 OF THE CODE.				
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6	(III) "RESTAURANT" MEANS AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT:				
7	1. ACCOMMODATES THE PUBLIC;				
8	2. IS EQUIPPED WITH A DINING ROOM WITH				
9	FACILITIES FOR PREPARING AND SERVING REGULAR MEALS; AND				
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10	3. EMPLOYS WAITSTAFF FOR SERVING REGULAR				
11	MEALS.				
12	(2) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE				
13	GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL GRANT A PROPERTY				
14	TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION AGAINST THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX				
15	IMPOSED ON REAL PROPERTY THAT:				
16	(I) IS LOCATED IN AN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT				
17	DISTRICT; AND				
18	(II) ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2007, IS CONSTRUCTED OR				
19	SUBSTANTIALLY RENOVATED FOR USE AS A RESTAURANT.				
20	(3) THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION:				
21	(I) MAY BE CLAIMED FOR 5 CONSECUTIVE TAXABLE YEARS				
22	BEGINNING WITH THE TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH THE CONSTRUCTION OR				
23	RENOVATION IS COMPLETED; AND				
24	(II) SHALL EQUAL A PERCENTAGE OF THE COUNTY				
25	PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON THE PROPERTY AS FOLLOWS:				

1. 50% IN THE FIRST TAXABLE YEAR;

1	2. 40% IN THE SECOND TAXABLE YEAR;
2	3. 30% IN THE THIRD TAXABLE YEAR;
3	4. 20% in the fourth taxable year; and
4	5. 10% IN THE FIFTH TAXABLE YEAR.
5	(4) FOR PROPERTY TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROPERTY TAX
6	CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE RESTAURANT OPERATING ON THE
7	PROPERTY SHALL EXHIBIT FOR SALE ARTISTIC WORKS OF QUALIFYING
8	RESIDING ARTISTS OF THE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT.
9	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10	June 1, 2007, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30
11	2007.