# **CHAPTER 615**

### (House Bill 590)

AN ACT concerning

#### <u>State Property Tax Exemption – Solar Energy Devices</u> <u>State Taxes – Solar Energy Grants and Devices</u>

FOR the purpose of <u>providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income</u> <u>tax for certain amounts received as a grant under a certain program</u>; exempting from the State property tax certain real property that is a solar energy device installed to heat or cool a dwelling, generate electricity to be used in the dwelling, or provide hot water for use in the dwelling; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to <u>a Maryland</u> <u>income tax subtraction modification for certain amounts received as a grant</u> <u>under the Solar Energy Grant Program and</u> a State property tax exemption for certain solar energy devices.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

<u>Article – Tax – General</u> <u>Section 10–207(a)</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

#### BY adding to

<u>Article – Tax – General</u> <u>Section 10–207(x)</u> <u>Annotated Code of Maryland</u> (2004 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property Section 7–308 Annotated Code of Maryland (2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

## <u>Article – Tax – General</u>

<u>10–207.</u>

(a) <u>To the extent included in federal adjusted gross income, the amounts</u> <u>under this section are subtracted from the federal adjusted gross income of a resident</u> <u>to determine Maryland adjusted gross income.</u>

#### (X) THE SUBTRACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION INCLUDES AN AMOUNT RECEIVED AS A GRANT UNDER THE SOLAR ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM UNDER § 9–2007 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Tax – Property** 

7-308.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "DWELLING" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-105 of this article.

(B) REAL PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE STATE PROPERTY TAX IF THE PROPERTY IS A SOLAR ENERGY DEVICE INSTALLED TO HEAT OR COOL A DWELLING, GENERATE ELECTRICITY TO BE USED IN THE DWELLING, OR PROVIDE HOT WATER FOR USE IN THE DWELLING.

<u>SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall</u> <u>be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2006.</u>

SECTION  $\frac{2}{2}$ ,  $\frac{4}{2}$ . AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 2007, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2007.

<u>SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect</u> June 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 17, 2007.