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Senate Bill 121

(Senator Edwards)

Budget and Taxation

Ways and Means

**Garrett County - Property Tax Credit for Adventure Sports Center, Inc. -
Applicability**

This bill provides that Chapter 325 of 2006, which authorizes Garrett County to grant a property tax credit on property owned by Adventure Sports Center, Inc., be applicable retroactively to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2004.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Garrett County expenditures would increase by \$5,500 in FY 2007 only. County revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 325 of 2006 authorizes Garrett County to grant, by law, a property tax credit on property owned by Adventure Sports Center, Inc. The county is authorized to set the amount and duration of the credit, provide for additional eligibility criteria, provide for regulations and procedures for the administration of requests for the tax credit, and adopt any provision necessary to administer the credit. Chapter 325 is applicable to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2006.

Local Fiscal Effect: Adventure Sports Center, Inc. owns two pieces of real property in Garrett County: a 17.5 acre parcel and a 1.0 acre parcel, both located on Wisp Mountain. Garrett County indicates that Adventure Sports Center, Inc. paid \$5,507 in property taxes for the tax year beginning July 1, 2004 (fiscal 2005). Under the bill, the county would be required to refund that amount to Adventure Sports Center, Inc. The county advises that taxes paid for fiscal 2006 have already been refunded. The county plans on issuing this refund upon the effective date of the bill (June 1, 2007). As a result, the county would incur a one-time expenditure of \$5,507 in fiscal 2007.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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