

SENATE BILL 999

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CF HB 1572

By: **Senator Stoltzfus**

Constitutional Requirements Complied with for Introduction in the last 35 Days of
Session

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Worcester County – Property Tax Credits – Amusement Parks**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of a municipal corporation in
4 Worcester County to grant, by law, a property tax credit for certain real
5 property known as the Ocean City Amusement Park and Fishing Pier;
6 authorizing the governing body of Worcester County or a municipal corporation
7 in Worcester County to grant, by law, a property tax credit for certain real
8 property used for the operation of an amusement park; authorizing the
9 governing body of Worcester County or a municipal corporation in Worcester
10 County to provide, by law, for certain provisions relating to certain property tax
11 credits; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to
12 authorization for certain local property tax credits in Worcester County.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Tax – Property
15 Section 9–325
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2007 Replacement Volume)

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 9–325.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (i) property that is:
- 2 1. owned by the Berlin Community Improvement
3 Association, Incorporated, of Worcester County; and
- 4 2. used only for the nonprofit activities of the
5 organization;

- 6 (ii) property that is:
- 7 1. owned by the Marlin Park Association, Incorporated;
8 and
- 9 2. used for nonprofit purposes;

- 10 (iii) property that is owned or leased by the Greater Ocean City
11 Health Service Corporation; **AND**

- 12 [(iv) real property:
- 13 1. owned by the Mayor and City Council of Ocean City;
- 14 2. leased to the Sinepuxent Pier and Improvement
15 Company, Incorporated; and
- 16 3. known as the Ocean City Amusement and Fishing
17 Pier; and]

- 18 [(v)] **(IV)** property that is owned by the Ocean City, Maryland
19 Chamber of Commerce.

- 20 (2) The governing body of Worcester County may provide, by law, for:

- 21 (i) the amount and duration of a property tax credit under this
22 section; and
- 23 (ii) any other provision necessary to carry out this section.

- 24 (b) (1) The governing body of Worcester County or the governing body of a
25 municipal corporation in Worcester County may grant, by law, a property tax credit
26 against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on:

- 27 **(I)** property that is owned by the Pocomoke City Chamber of
28 Commerce;

- 29 **(II) REAL PROPERTY THAT IS:**

1 1. OWNED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
2 OCEAN CITY;

3 2. LEASED TO THE SINEPUXENT PIER AND
4 IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, INCORPORATED; AND

5 3. KNOWN AS THE OCEAN CITY AMUSEMENT AND
6 FISHING PIER; AND

7 (III) REAL PROPERTY THAT:

8 1. IS LOCATED IN OCEAN CITY ON OR WEST OF
9 COASTAL HIGHWAY;

10 2. CONSISTS OF AT LEAST 30 ACRES; AND

11 3. IS ACTUALLY USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE
12 OPERATION OF AN AMUSEMENT PARK.

13 (2) The governing body of Worcester County or of a municipal
14 corporation in Worcester County may provide, by law, for:

15 (i) the amount and duration of a property tax credit under this
16 subsection; [and]

17 (II) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OR CONDITIONS
18 FOR A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND

19 [(ii)] (III) any other provision necessary to carry out this
20 subsection.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 June 1, 2008, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,
23 2008.