# **Department of Legislative Services**

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### FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 158 Budget and Taxation (Senator Stone)

Ways and Means

#### Baltimore County - Property Tax Credit - Civic League of Inverness, Inc.

This bill authorizes Baltimore County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax for real property owned by the Civic League of Inverness.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2009 and applies to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2009.

#### **Fiscal Summary**

State Effect: None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore County property tax revenues may decrease by \$1,900 annually beginning in FY 2010. Expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

#### Analysis

**Current Law:** Baltimore County is authorized to grant, by law, a property tax credit for real property owned by: (1) the Twin River Protective and Improvement Association; (2) the Bowley's Quarters Improvement Association; (3) the Oliver Beach Improvement Association; (4) the Baltimore County Game and Fish Association; (5) the Eastfield Civic Association; (6) the Rockaway Beach Improvement Association; (7) the Fire Museum of Maryland; (8) the Carney Rod and Gun Club; (9) the Rosa Ponselle Charitable Foundation, known as "Villa Pace"; (10) the Friends of the Oliver House; (11) the Bird River Beach Community Association; (12) the Harewood Park Community League; (13) any other nonprofit community association, civic league or organization, or

recreational or athletic organization; and (14) the Maryland State Game and Fish Protective Association.

Additionally tax credits can be granted to specified real property improvements that promote business redevelopment; units of a condominium, under specified conditions; dwellings, meeting specified conditions; and personal property that is owned by the Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center and Leadership Through Athletics.

**Background:** The Baltimore County property tax rate is \$1.10 per \$100 of assessment.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** The State Department of Assessments and Taxation indicates that the Civic League of Inverness, Inc. owns three properties on Bayside Drive in Baltimore County. The properties are waterfront lots that are used by the community as a park and boat launch area. The full cash value assessment of the properties for fiscal 2009 is \$169,300. Based on the fiscal 2009 assessment and the county's current property tax rate, Baltimore County revenues may decrease by \$1,862 annually beginning in fiscal 2010.

## **Additional Information**

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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