

SENATE BILL 929

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By: **Senator Kasemeyer**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Estates and Trusts – Transfers – Recordation and Transfer Taxes**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision prohibiting the imposition of certain
4 taxes on certain transfers of property by a personal representative or the
5 recordation of certain instruments; prohibiting the imposition of certain taxes
6 on certain transfers of real property or the recordation of certain instruments
7 relating to certain transfers to or from certain trusts; providing certain
8 exemptions under the recordation tax and State transfer tax for instruments of
9 writing relating to certain transfers from an estate and certain transfers to or
10 from certain trusts; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the
11 taxation of certain transfers from an estate and certain transfers to or from
12 certain trusts.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Estates and Trusts
15 Section 9–105
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Estates and Trusts
20 Section 14–113
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 BY adding to
 2 Article – Tax – Property
 3 Section 12–108(dd) and (ee) and 13–207(a)(22) and (23)
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 7 Article – Tax – Property
 8 Section 13–207(a)(20) and (21)
 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
 10 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Estates and Trusts**

14 9–105.

15 (a) When distribution in kind is made, the personal representative shall
 16 execute and deliver an instrument or deed of distribution assigning, transferring, or
 17 releasing the assets to the distributee as evidence of the title of the distributee to the
 18 property.

19 (b) Costs payable as a condition of the recordation of a deed shall be paid by
 20 the estate.

21 (c) **(1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “CONSIDERATION” DOES NOT INCLUDE**
 22 **THE AMOUNT OF ANY OBLIGATION UNDER A MORTGAGE OR DEED OF TRUST**
 23 **ENCUMBERING THE TRANSFERRED PROPERTY.**

24 **(2) A [state] RECORDATION TAX, TRANSFER TAX, OR OTHER**
 25 **STATE or local excise tax may not be imposed [upon] ON the transfer BY A**
 26 **PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE of property or AN INTEREST IN PROPERTY WITHOUT**
 27 **CONSIDERATION OR ON the recordation of an instrument executed [without**
 28 **consideration] by a personal representative THAT TRANSFERS PROPERTY OR AN**
 29 **INTEREST IN PROPERTY WITHOUT CONSIDERATION.**

30 (d) In addition to other indexing, any such deed recorded among the land
 31 records shall be indexed in the grantor index under the name of the decedent.

32 14–113.

33 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**
 34 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

1 (2) “CONSIDERATION” DOES NOT INCLUDE THE AMOUNT OF ANY
2 OBLIGATION UNDER A MORTGAGE OR DEED OF TRUST ENCUMBERING THE
3 TRANSFERRED PROPERTY.

4 (3) “TRUST” DOES NOT INCLUDE:

5 (I) A REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST AS DEFINED IN §
6 8-101 OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE; OR

7 (II) A BUSINESS TRUST AS DEFINED IN § 12-101(C) OF THE
8 CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE.

9 (B) A RECORDATION TAX, TRANSFER TAX, OR OTHER STATE OR LOCAL
10 EXCISE TAX MAY NOT BE IMPOSED ON THE TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY OR AN
11 INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OR ON THE
12 RECORDATION OF AN INSTRUMENT THAT TRANSFERS REAL PROPERTY OR AN
13 INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY WITHOUT CONSIDERATION IF:

14 (1) THE TRANSFER IS TO A TRUST; OR

15 (2) THE TRANSFER IS FROM A TRUST TO ONE OR MORE
16 BENEFICIARIES AND:

17 (I) THE TRANSFER IS MADE ~~AFTER THE DEATH OF THE~~
18 ~~GRANTOR OF THE TRUST;~~

19 ~~(II) THE TRANSFER IS MADE DURING THE LIFE OF THE~~
20 ~~GRANTOR OF THE TRUST AND IS MADE TO THE GRANTOR OR TO A PERSON WHO~~
21 ~~WOULD BE EXEMPT FROM TAX UNDER TITLE 12 OR TITLE 13 OF THE~~
22 ~~TAX – PROPERTY ARTICLE IF THE TRANSFER HAD BEEN MADE TO THAT PERSON~~
23 ~~DIRECTLY BY THE GRANTOR; OR~~

24 ~~(III)~~ (II) THE TRANSFER IS MADE DURING THE LIFE OF
25 THE GRANTOR OF THE TRUST AND THE TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST ORIGINALLY
26 ACQUIRED THE REAL PROPERTY FOR ADEQUATE CONSIDERATION.

27 Article – Tax – Property

28 12-108.

29 (DD) AN INSTRUMENT OF WRITING THAT TRANSFERS REAL PROPERTY OR
30 AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY FROM AN ESTATE IS NOT SUBJECT TO

1 RECORDATION TAX AS PROVIDED IN § 9-105(C) OF THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS
2 ARTICLE.

3 (EE) AN INSTRUMENT OF WRITING THAT TRANSFERS REAL PROPERTY OR
4 AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY TO A TRUST OR FROM A TRUST TO ONE OR
5 MORE BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES SPECIFIED IN § 14-113 OF
6 THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS ARTICLE IS NOT SUBJECT TO RECORDATION TAX.

7 13-207.

8 (a) An instrument of writing is not subject to transfer tax to the same extent
9 that it is not subject to recordation tax under:

10 (20) § 12-108(aa) of this article (Transfers involving certain Maryland
11 Stadium Authority affiliates); [or]

12 (21) § 12-108(cc) of this article (Certain transfers to land trusts);

13 (22) § 12-108(DD) OF THIS ARTICLE (TRANSFER FROM AN
14 ESTATE); OR

15 (23) § 12-208(EE) OF THIS ARTICLE (TRANSFER TO A TRUST AND
16 TRANSFER FROM A TRUST UNDER SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES).

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 July 1, 2010.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.