

Chapter 329

(House Bill 850)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credit – Habitat for Humanity

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain real property owned by Habitat for Humanity; requiring Habitat for Humanity to submit an annual report to certain governing bodies under certain circumstances; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to set, by law, the amount, terms, scope, and duration of the tax credit and to provide for any other provision necessary to carry out the tax credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to authorization for a property tax credit for certain real property owned by Habitat for Humanity.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property

Section 9–252

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

Article – Tax – Property

9–252.

(A) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY GRANT, BY LAW, A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION AGAINST THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PROPERTY TAX THAT IS IMPOSED ON REAL PROPERTY THAT IS:

(1) OWNED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WITH THE INTENTION OF RELINQUISHING OWNERSHIP IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE;

(2) USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF REHABILITATION AND TRANSFER TO A PRIVATE OWNER; AND

(3) NOT OCCUPIED BY ADMINISTRATIVE OR WAREHOUSE BUILDINGS OWNED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

(B) IF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GRANTS A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL WRITTEN REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION GRANTING THE TAX CREDIT DOCUMENTING:

(1) ALL OF HABITAT FOR HUMANITY’S REAL PROPERTY HOLDINGS IN THE JURISDICTION GRANTING THE TAX CREDIT; AND

(2) ALL TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING HABITAT FOR HUMANITY’S REAL PROPERTY HOLDINGS IN THE JURISDICTION GRANTING THE TAX CREDIT.

(C) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY, BY LAW:

(1) SET THE AMOUNT, TERMS, SCOPE, AND DURATION OF A CREDIT GRANTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(2) ADOPT ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER A CREDIT GRANTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2010, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2010.

Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2010.