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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 592

(Queen Anne's County Delegation)

Ways and Means

Budget and Taxation

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**Queen Anne's County - Property Tax Credit - Foster Parent**

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This bill authorizes Queen Anne's County to grant, by law, a property tax credit for property owned by the foster parent of a child. The county may provide, by law, for the eligibility criteria for the tax credit, the amount and duration of the tax credit, regulations and procedures for the application and uniform processing of the tax credit, and any other provisions necessary.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2010, and applies to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2010.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Queen Anne's County revenues may decrease by \$69,200 beginning in FY 2011, to the extent the tax credit is granted. County expenditures are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Queen Anne's County and its municipalities must grant a property tax credit for property that is not used for a commercial purpose and is owned by (1) the Ingleside Community Group; (2) the Lions Club of Kent Island; (3) the Price Community Club; (4) the Ruthsburg Community Club; (5) the Sudlersville Community Betterment Club; (6) the Templeville Community Association; (7) the William T. Roe Memorial Range; or (8) the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department.

Queen Anne's County is required to grant a property tax credit for real property that is owned by the Maryland Jaycees and used as the principal office of the organization.

Queen Anne's County is authorized to grant a property tax credit for real property that is (1) owned by the Wildfowl Trust of North America; and (2) used solely for the maintenance of a natural area for public use, a sanctuary for wildlife, the environmental education of the public, scientific research in ornithology, or the general management of wildlife. Queen Anne's County may also grant a property tax credit for real property owned by a business that meets specified criteria related to employment and real property improvements of a nonresidential structure.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Queen Anne's County revenues may decrease by \$69,200 annually beginning in fiscal 2011, to the extent that the property tax credit is granted. This estimate is based on the following information:

- the average assessment for owner-occupied residential property in Queen Anne's County for fiscal 2011 is \$408,460;
- the county's real property tax rate is \$0.77 per \$100 of assessment; and
- the Department of Human Resources reports 22 foster homes in the county, as of December 2009.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 752 (Senator Pipkin) - Budget and Taxation.

**Information Source(s):** Queen Anne's County, State Department of Assessments and Taxation, Department of Human Resources, Department of Legislative Services

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