

HOUSE BILL 898

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County – Property Tax – Exemption for Economic**
3 **Development Projects**

4 **PG 418–12**

5 FOR the purpose of providing for certain exemptions from county property tax under
6 certain circumstances for certain economic development projects located in
7 certain designated focus areas in Prince George's County; setting forth certain
8 requirements in order to qualify for the property tax exemption; requiring
9 certain annual reports on projects for which Prince George's County has entered
10 into payment in lieu of taxes agreements; defining certain terms; and generally
11 relating to a property tax exemption for certain property located in Prince
12 George's County.

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Tax – Property
15 Section 7–516
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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 **7–516.**

22 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**
23 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) “DESIGNATED FOCUS AREA” MEANS:

(I) A TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT, DEFINED AS A DEVELOPMENT OR PROJECT WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE OF A WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY TRANSIT STATION OR ONE-HALF MILE OF A MARYLAND AREA REGIONAL COMMUTER TRANSIT STATION, AS MEASURED FROM THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE BUILDING TO THE NEAREST ENTRANCE OF THE TRANSIT STATION;

(II) A REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT DISTRICT, AS DEFINED IN § 10-235.02 OF THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY CODE AND DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY; AND

(III) AN URBAN RENEWAL AREA, AS DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.

(3) “ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT” MEANS A REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT THAT CONSISTS OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED OR REHABILITATED COMMERCIAL OR MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IF THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT:

(I) HAS A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY ISSUED ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2012;

(II) IS LOCATED ON ONE OR MORE PARCELS OF LAND, ALL OF WHICH ARE SITUATED IN A DESIGNATED FOCUS AREA; AND

(III) INCLUDES AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. A HOTEL THAT:

A. PROVIDES AT LEAST 100 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES; AND

B. HAS A PRIVATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF EQUITY AND DEBT COMBINED OF AT LEAST \$20,000,000;

2. AN OFFICE BUILDING THAT:

A. PROVIDES AT LEAST 150 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES; AND

1 **B. HAS A PRIVATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF EQUITY**
2 **AND DEBT COMBINED OF AT LEAST \$20,000,000;**

3 **3. A RETAIL FACILITY THAT:**

4 **A. PROVIDES AT LEAST 100 FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT**
5 **JOB OPPORTUNITIES; AND**

6 **B. HAS A PRIVATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF EQUITY**
7 **AND DEBT COMBINED OF AT LEAST \$10,000,000;**

8 **4. A MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL FACILITY THAT HAS**
9 **A PRIVATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF EQUITY AND DEBT COMBINED OF AT LEAST**
10 **\$5,000,000;**

11 **5. AN OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITY THAT:**

12 **A. CONTAINS AT LEAST 250 PARKING SPACES; AND**

13 **B. HAS A PRIVATE CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF EQUITY**
14 **AND DEBT COMBINED OF AT LEAST \$2,500,000; OR**

15 **6. A MIXED-USE FACILITY THAT CONTAINS ONE OR**
16 **MORE OF THE FACILITIES DESCRIBED IN ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5 OF THIS ITEM, AT**
17 **LEAST ONE OF WHICH SATISFIES THE MINIMUM CRITERIA SET FORTH IN ITEM 1,**
18 **2, 3, 4, OR 5 OF THIS ITEM.**

19 **(B) THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MAY**
20 **EXEMPT OR PARTIALLY EXEMPT AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT FROM**
21 **THE COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAX IF:**

22 **(1) THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
23 **PROJECT DEMONSTRATE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**
24 **AND COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY:**

25 **(I) THAT THE COUNTY OR ITS DESIGNATED AGENCY HAS**
26 **CONDUCTED AN ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE PROJECT, INCLUDING:**

27 **1. A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT AND**
28 **THE DEVELOPMENT BUDGET, INCLUDING THE IDENTIFICATION OF ALL**
29 **SOURCES OF DEBT AND EQUITY FINANCING;**

1 2. A MULTIYEAR CASH FLOW PROFORMA OF THE
2 PROJECT DETAILING ALL INCOMING AND OUTGOING CASH FLOW REVENUES,
3 OPERATING EXPENSES, DEBT SERVICE, TAXES, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, AND
4 ANY OTHER CASH OUTLAYS;

5 3. THE PROJECTED RETURN ON INVESTMENT FOR
6 THE OWNER OR OWNERS;

7 4. A DETERMINATION THAT THE PROJECT IS AN
8 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS
9 SECTION; AND

10 5. ANY OTHER RELEVANT ANALYSIS;

11 (II) THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THAT THE PROJECT WILL
12 PROVIDE, INCLUDING:

13 1. THE NUMBER OF JOBS EXPECTED TO BE CREATED,
14 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, AS A RESULT OF THE PROJECT AND THE
15 PERCENTAGE OF THOSE JOBS EXPECTED TO BE HELD BY PRINCE GEORGE'S
16 COUNTY RESIDENTS;

17 2. THE WAGE RATES AND BENEFIT PACKAGES FOR
18 THE JOBS EXPECTED TO BE CREATED;

19 3. OTHER PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TAX
20 REVENUES, EXCLUSIVE OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES, THAT THE PROJECT IS
21 EXPECTED TO GENERATE DURING THE TERM OF THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF
22 TAXES AGREEMENT, INCLUDING INCOME, ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT,
23 PERSONAL PROPERTY, HOTEL, PARKING, ENERGY, AND OTHER TAXES;

24 4. THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF ECONOMIC
25 DEVELOPMENT;

26 5. THE GENERAL PROMOTION AND IMPROVEMENT
27 OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND ITS FACILITIES; AND

28 6. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BENEFITS;

29 (III) THE FINANCIAL NECESSITY FOR AN EXEMPTION
30 AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND

1 (IV) THAT THE PRIVATE CAPITAL BEING INVESTED IN THE
2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES AN EQUITY INVESTMENT THAT
3 IS:

4 1. COMMENSURATE WITH THE OVERALL
5 UNDERTAKING; AND

6 2. A. FOR A HOTEL OR AN OFFICE BUILDING, AN
7 AMOUNT GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 10% OF THE COMBINED EQUITY AND
8 DEBT INVESTMENT; OR

9 B. FOR A MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL FACILITY OR
10 AN OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITY, AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO
11 \$250,000;

12 (2) THE OWNER OR OWNERS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
13 PROJECT AND THE GOVERNING BODY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY ENTER
14 INTO A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT THAT SPECIFIES:

15 (I) AN AMOUNT THAT THE OWNER OR OWNERS SHALL PAY
16 TO THE COUNTY EACH YEAR IN LIEU OF THE PAYMENT OF COUNTY REAL
17 PROPERTY TAXES DURING THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT THAT IS NOT LESS
18 THAN THE SUM OF:

19 1. THE TAXES ON THE PROPERTY BEFORE THE
20 CONSTRUCTION OR REHABILITATION OF THE PROJECT; AND

21 2. 5% OF THE COUNTY REAL PROPERTY TAXES
22 RELATED TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT THAT WOULD HAVE
23 OTHERWISE BEEN DUE ABSENT THE AGREEMENT;

24 (II) THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT, NOT TO EXCEED 25
25 YEARS FROM THE DATE A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY FOR THE PROJECT IS
26 ISSUED; AND

27 (III) THAT EACH YEAR AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE
28 AGREEMENT, FULL PROPERTY TAXES SHALL BE PAYABLE ON THE PROPERTY;
29 AND

30 (3) PRIOR TO OR NO LATER THAN 18 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF
31 ENTERING INTO THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT, CONSTRUCTION
32 OF THE PROJECT HAS COMMENCED AND ALL CONDITIONS FOR THE FINANCING
33 REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT HAVE BEEN SATISFIED OR
34 WAIVED.

1 **(C) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S**
2 **COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S DESIGNATED AGENCY**
3 **SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL AND TO**
4 **THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HOUSE AND SENATE DELEGATIONS OF THE**
5 **GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND THAT CONTAINS:**

6 **(1) A DESCRIPTION OF EACH PROJECT FOR WHICH THE COUNTY**
7 **ENTERED INTO A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT UNDER THIS**
8 **SECTION DURING THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR, INCLUDING A STATEMENT OF:**

9 **(I) THE BASIS ON WHICH EACH PROJECT MET THE**
10 **REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEFINITION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
11 **PROJECT SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

12 **(II) THE ANALYSIS OF THE PROJECT DESCRIBED IN**
13 **SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

14 **(2) FOR THOSE PROJECTS THAT HAVE A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF**
15 **TAXES AGREEMENT AND FOR WHICH CONSTRUCTION OR REHABILITATION HAS**
16 **BEEN COMPLETED:**

17 **(I) THE NUMBER AND TYPES OF JOBS CREATED DURING**
18 **THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR AND ESTIMATED TO BE CREATED DURING THE**
19 **FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR;**

20 **(II) THE TOTAL TAXES THAT THE PROJECT IS ESTIMATED TO**
21 **HAVE GENERATED DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY FOR THE COUNTY DURING THE**
22 **PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR AND ESTIMATED TO BE GENERATED DURING THE**
23 **FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR; AND**

24 **(III) ANY OTHER ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF THE PROJECT.**

25 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
26 **October 1, 2012.**