## **SENATE BILL 666**

 $\mathbf{Q}2$ 2lr2363 SB 470/11 - B&TCF HB 136 By: Carroll County Senators Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2012 Assigned to: Budget and Taxation A BILL ENTITLED AN ACT concerning Carroll County - Property Tax Credit for Housing Units at Independent **Living Retirement Communities** FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Carroll County or of a municipal corporation in Carroll County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain housing units at independent living retirement communities; authorizing the governing body of Carroll County or of a municipal corporation in Carroll County to provide, by law, for certain provisions necessary to carry out the tax credit; specifying that the full benefit of the tax credit be assigned to certain residents; providing for the application of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to a property tax credit in Carroll County for certain housing units in certain independent living retirement communities.

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15 Article – Tax – Property

16 Section 9–308(f)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Tax – Property

22 9–308.

23 (F) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "INDEPENDENT LIVING 24 RETIREMENT COMMUNITY" MEANS A CONTINUING CARE FACILITY FOR THE

25 AGED THAT:



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2	10-401 OF THE HUMAN SERVICES ARTICLE:							

- 2. IS LICENSED AS A RELATED INSTITUTION UNDER
  4 TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE;
- 5 3. IS CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING.
- 6 (II) "INDEPENDENT LIVING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY"
  7 INCLUDES ANY COMMUNITY OR FACILITY THAT OFFERS A LIFE OCCUPANCY
- 8 AGREEMENT.
- 9 (2) THE GOVERNING BODY OF CARROLL COUNTY OR OF A
  10 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN CARROLL COUNTY MAY GRANT, BY LAW, A TAX
  11 CREDIT AGAINST THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PROPERTY TAX
  12 IMPOSED ON THAT PORTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY AN
  13 INDEPENDENT LIVING RETIREMENT COMMUNITY THAT IS USED AS HOUSING
- 14 UNITS.
- 15 (3) THE GOVERNING BODY OF CARROLL COUNTY OR OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN CARROLL COUNTY MAY PROVIDE, BY LAW, FOR:
- 17 (I) THE AMOUNT AND DURATION OF THE TAX CREDIT 18 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION;
- 19 (II) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE TAX 20 CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION;
- 21 (III) REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE 22 APPLICATION AND UNIFORM PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR THE TAX CREDIT 23 UNDER THIS SUBSECTION; AND
- 24 (IV) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE 25 TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.
- 26 (4) If the governing body of Carroll County or of a Municipal corporation in Carroll County authorizes a tax credit 28 under this subsection, the full benefit of the tax credit shall be 29 assigned to residents of the independent living retirement 30 community.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2012, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2012.