SENATE BILL 506

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By: Senators Shank, Edwards, and Young Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2013 Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

Committee Report: Favorable Senate action: Adopted Read second time: March 12, 2013

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

Washington County - Technology-Related Businesses - Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Washington County to enter 4 $\mathbf{5}$ into an agreement with the owner of a technology-related business for payment 6 in lieu of the county personal property tax; requiring that a payment in lieu of 7 taxes agreement include certain provisions; exempting personal property of a technology-related business from county personal property tax as specified in a 8 9 payment in lieu of taxes agreement; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to authorizing Washington County to enter into payment 10 11 in lieu of taxes agreements with technology-related businesses.

- 12 BY adding to
- 13 Article Tax Property
- 14 Section 7–509.1
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2012 Replacement Volume)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article – Tax – Property

20 **7–509.1**.

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 (A) (1) THE GOVERNING BODY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY MAY ENTER 2 INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF A TECHNOLOGY-RELATED BUSINESS 3 THAT IS LOCATED OR LOCATES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR A NEGOTIATED 4 PAYMENT BY THE OWNER IN LIEU OF TAXES ON PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED 5 BY THE TECHNOLOGY-RELATED BUSINESS.

6 (2) AN AGREEMENT FOR A NEGOTIATED PAYMENT IN LIEU OF 7 TAXES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE THAT, FOR THE TERM SPECIFIED 8 IN THE AGREEMENT:

9 (I) THE OWNER SHALL PAY TO WASHINGTON COUNTY A 10 SPECIFIED AMOUNT EACH YEAR IN LIEU OF THE PAYMENT OF WASHINGTON 11 COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX; AND

12 (II) ALL OR A SPECIFIED PART OF THE PERSONAL 13 PROPERTY OF THE TECHNOLOGY-RELATED BUSINESS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM 14 WASHINGTON COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FOR THE TERM OF THE 15 AGREEMENT.

16 (B) AS SPECIFIED IN AN AGREEMENT FOR A NEGOTIATED PAYMENT IN 17 LIEU OF TAXES UNDER THIS SECTION, FOR THE TERM SPECIFIED IN THE 18 AGREEMENT, THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF A TECHNOLOGY-RELATED 19 BUSINESS THAT IS LOCATED OR LOCATES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IS EXEMPT 20 FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
June 1, 2013, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,
2013.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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