Chapter 361

(House Bill 235)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax – Assessment Worksheets – Internet Access Valuation of Residential Real Property – Database

FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to maintain a database, available to the public on the Department's Web site, of assessment worksheets and cards that relate relates to the valuation of certain real property in the State and includes certain information; providing that assessment worksheets and cards may not include certain statements; and generally relating to a database, accessible to the public, of real property assessment worksheets and cards valuation information.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property Section 14–201(e) <u>(b)(4)</u> Annotated Code of Maryland (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

Article - Tax - Property

14-201.

- (E) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A DATABASE, AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE AND SEARCHABLE BY INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY, OF ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS AND CARDS THAT RELATE TO THE VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE STATE.
- (2) THE ASSESSMENT WORKSHEETS AND CARDS MADE ACCESSIBLE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT INCLUDE INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENTS.
- (B) (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL MAINTAIN A DATABASE, AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEB SITE AND SEARCHABLE BY INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY, THAT RELATES TO THE VALUATION OF SINGLE-FAMILY

RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY IN THE STATE AND INCLUDES FOR EACH PROPERTY:

- (I) THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE ENCLOSED IMPROVEMENTS ABOVE GROUND;
- (II) THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS BELOW GROUND;
 - (III) THE NUMBER OF BATHROOMS;
 - (IV) THE NUMBER OF GARAGES; AND
- (V) THE DATE OF THE INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF THE MOST RECENTLY COMPLETED IMPROVEMENTS ASSESSED AFTER JULY 1, 2000 UNDER \$ 8–104(C)(1)(III) OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2013.