

## Chapter 405

### (House Bill 1190)

AN ACT concerning

#### County Property Tax – Personal Property Rate

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to set a tax rate for personal property and certain operating real property of less than a certain amount; repealing an obsolete provision; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to setting the county tax rate for personal property and certain operating real property.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 6–302

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

6–302.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section and after complying with § 6–305 of this subtitle, in each year after the date of finality and before the following July 1, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of each county annually shall set the tax rate for the next taxable year on all assessments of property subject to that county's property tax.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, §§ 6–305 and 6–306 of this subtitle and § 6–203 of this title:

(i) there shall be a single county property tax rate for all real property subject to county property tax except for operating real property described in § 8–109(c) of this article; and

(ii) the county tax rate applicable to personal property and the operating real property described in § 8–109(c) of this article [for taxable years beginning after June 30, 2001] shall be **NO MORE THAN 2.5** times the rate for real property.

(2) Paragraph (1) of this subsection does not affect a special rate prevailing in a taxing district or part of a county.

(c) (1) Intangible personal property is subject to county property tax as otherwise provided in this title at a rate set annually, if:

(i) the intangible personal property has paid interest or dividends during the 12 months that precede the date of finality;

(ii) interest or dividends were withheld on the intangible personal property during the 12 months that precede the date of finality to avoid the tax under this subsection;

(iii) the intangible personal property consists of newly issued bonds, certificates of indebtedness, or evidences of debt on which interest is not in default; or

(iv) a stock dividend has been declared on the intangible personal property during the 12 months that precede the date of finality.

(2) The county tax rate for the intangible personal property is 30 cents for each \$100 of assessment.

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 by the Governor, May 2, 2013.**