

# HOUSE BILL 950

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By: **Delegate Hogan**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2014

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Property Tax – Charitable, Educational, or Religious Properties – Tax on**  
3 **Formerly Exempt Property**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that, except under certain circumstances, when certain  
5 charitable, educational, or religious property that was formerly exempt from  
6 property tax under certain provisions of law is sold and the property is no longer  
7 entitled to the exemption, the property tax is payable for the remainder of the  
8 taxable year from the date of transfer; providing for the application of this Act;  
9 and generally relating to the property tax and certain exemptions for charitable,  
10 educational, or religious property.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Tax – Property  
13 Section 7–202(b)(1)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article – Tax – Property  
18 Section 7–202(e)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
22 Article – Tax – Property  
23 Section 7–204  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Tax – Property**

2 7–202.

3 (b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, property is not  
4 subject to property tax if the property:5 (i) is necessary for and actually used exclusively for a  
6 charitable or educational purpose to promote the general welfare of the people of the  
7 State, including an activity or an athletic program of an educational institution; and

8 (ii) is owned by:

9 1. a nonprofit hospital;

10 2. a nonprofit charitable, fraternal, educational, or  
11 literary organization including:12 A. a public library that is authorized under Title 23 of  
13 the Education Article; and14 B. a men’s or women’s club that is a nonpolitical and  
15 nonstock club;16 3. a corporation, limited liability company, or trustee  
17 that holds the property for the sole benefit of an organization that qualifies for an  
18 exemption under this section; or

19 4. a nonprofit housing corporation.

20 **(E) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, WHEN ANY**  
21 **PROPERTY THAT WAS FORMERLY EXEMPT UNDER THIS SECTION IS SOLD AND**  
22 **THE PROPERTY IS NO LONGER ENTITLED TO AN EXEMPTION, THE PROPERTY**  
23 **TAX IS PAYABLE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TAXABLE YEAR FROM THE DATE**  
24 **OF TRANSFER.**

25 7–204.

26 **(A)** Property that is owned by a religious group or organization is not subject  
27 to property tax if the property is actually used exclusively for:

28 (1) public religious worship;

29 (2) a parsonage or convent; or

1           (3) educational purposes.

2           **(B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, WHEN ANY**  
3 **PROPERTY THAT WAS FORMERLY EXEMPT UNDER THIS SECTION IS SOLD AND**  
4 **THE PROPERTY IS NO LONGER ENTITLED TO AN EXEMPTION, THE PROPERTY**  
5 **TAX IS PAYABLE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TAXABLE YEAR FROM THE DATE**  
6 **OF TRANSFER.**

7           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 June 1, 2014, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,  
9 2014.