

# HOUSE BILL 1516

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By: **Delegates Hixson and Frick**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Economic Development – Arts and Entertainment Districts – Qualifying**  
3 **Residing Artists**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of qualifying residing artist for an arts and  
5 entertainment district to include individuals who own or rent residential real  
6 property in the State and who conduct business and derive income in certain  
7 areas; altering the eligibility for certain individuals to claim certain tax  
8 incentives; and generally relating to qualifying residing artists in arts and  
9 entertainment districts.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Economic Development  
12 Section 4–701(a) and (c) and 4–706(a)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2008 Volume and 2013 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Economic Development  
17 Section 4–701(f)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2008 Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Economic Development**

23 4–701.

24 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) "Arts and entertainment district" means a developed district of public  
2 and private uses that:

3 (1) is distinguished by physical and cultural resources that play a vital  
4 role in the life and development of the community and contribute to the public through  
5 interpretive, educational, and recreational uses; and

6 (2) ranges in size from a portion of a political subdivision to a regional  
7 district with a special coherence.

8 (f) "Qualifying residing artist" means an individual who:

9 (1) owns or rents residential real property in the [county where the  
10 arts and entertainment district is located] **STATE**;

11 (2) conducts a business in [the] **ANY** arts and entertainment district;  
12 and

13 (3) derives income from the sale or performance within [the] **ANY** arts  
14 and entertainment district of an artistic work that the individual wrote, composed, or  
15 executed, either alone or with others, in [the] **ANY** arts and entertainment district.

16 4-706.

17 (a) In an arts and entertainment district:

18 (1) each qualifying residing artist is eligible for the income tax  
19 subtraction modification under § 10-207(v) of the Tax – General Article;

20 (2) the property tax credit under § 9-240 of the Tax – Property Article  
21 applies; and

22 (3) the exemption from the admissions and amusement tax under §  
23 4-104 of the Tax – General Article applies.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 July 1, 2014, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31,  
26 2013.