

HOUSE BILL 69

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By: **Delegates Luedtke, Buckel, Hixson, Krebs, Shoemaker, and Tarlau**

Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Personal Property Tax – Credit for New or Small Business**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the
4 governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide a property tax credit
5 against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain
6 personal property that is owned or leased by certain new or small businesses;
7 authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a
8 county or municipal corporation to provide for certain matters relating to the tax
9 credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property
10 tax credit for personal property owned or leased by certain new or small businesses.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Tax – Property

13 Section 9–257

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Tax – Property**

19 **9–257.**

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) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE**
 2 **GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY GRANT, BY LAW,**
 3 **A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR UP TO ~~100%~~ 50% OF THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL**
 4 **CORPORATION PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS:**

5 **(1) NOT OPERATING PROPERTY OF A RAILROAD OR PUBLIC UTILITY;**
 6 **AND**

7 **(2) OWNED OR LEASED BY A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT:**

8 **(I) HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR NO MORE THAN 2 YEARS; OR**

9 **(II) HAS NO MORE THAN 15 EMPLOYEES.**

10 **(B) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE**
 11 **GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY PROVIDE, BY**
 12 **LAW, FOR:**

13 **(1) THE AMOUNT AND DURATION OF THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS**
 14 **SECTION;**

15 **(2) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE TAX CREDIT UNDER**
 16 **THIS SECTION;**

17 **(3) REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION AND**
 18 **UNIFORM PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR THE TAX CREDIT; AND**

19 **(4) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TAX**
 20 **CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.**

21 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**
 22 **1, 2016, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.**

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.