

HOUSE BILL 340

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Property Tax – Renters’ Property Tax Relief Program**

3 FOR the purpose of excluding certain items from the definition of “assets” for purposes of
4 certain property tax relief provided to certain renters; altering the calculation of the
5 relief provided by altering the calculation of the combined income of a renter;
6 increasing the maximum amount of property tax relief that may be provided;
7 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the renters’
8 property tax relief program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Tax – Property
11 Section 9–102(a)(1)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Tax – Property
16 Section 9–102(a)(2), (h), and (i)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

3 **Article – Tax – Property**

4 9–102.

5 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (2) (i) “Assets” include:

- 7 1. real property;
- 8 2. cash;
- 9 3. savings accounts;
- 10 4. stocks;
- 11 5. bonds; and
- 12 6. any other investment.

13 (ii) “Assets” do not include:

14 1. the cash value of the life insurance policies on the life of
15 the renter; [or]

16 **2. THE CASH VALUE OF ANY QUALIFIED RETIREMENT**
17 **SAVINGS PLANS OR INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS; OR**

18 **[2.] 3. tangible personal property.**

19 (h) (1) The property tax relief that a renter may receive under this section is
20 the assumed property tax on real property less a percentage of the combined income of the
21 renter.

22 (2) The percentage is:

- 23 (i) 0% of the 1st \$4,000 of combined income;
- 24 (ii) 2.5% of the 2nd \$4,000 of combined income; **AND**
- 25 (iii) 5.5% of the **[3rd \$4,000 of]** combined income **;**
- 26 (iv) 7.5% of the 4th \$4,000 of combined income; and

1 (v) 9% of the combined income over \$16,000] **OVER \$8,000.**

2 (i) The property tax relief under this section may not be:

3 (1) more than [~~\$750~~] **\$1,000**;

4 (2) granted to any renter whose combined net worth exceeds \$200,000 as
5 of December 31 of the calendar year for which the property tax relief is sought;

6 (3) granted to any renter whose dwelling is exempt from property tax; and

7 (4) granted if the credit under this section is less than \$1 in any year.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
9 1, 2016, and shall be applicable to all calendar years beginning after December 31, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.