

HOUSE BILL 598

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CF SB 131

By: **Delegates D. Jones, Bagnall, Lehman, Pruski, Schmidt, and Simmons**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Property Tax Credit – Supermarkets**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or a municipal
4 corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against
5 the personal property tax imposed on personal property of a supermarket that
6 completes certain construction and is located in a certain food desert retail incentive
7 area; requiring the governing body of Anne Arundel County or a municipal
8 corporation in Anne Arundel County to designate what constitutes a food desert
9 retail incentive area for purposes of the tax credit; and generally relating to a
10 personal property tax credit for supermarkets in Anne Arundel County.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Tax – Property

13 Section 9–303(b)(8)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 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 9–303.

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 (b) (8) (i) 1. IN THIS PARAGRAPH THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE
2 THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

3 2. “ELIGIBLE CONSTRUCTION” MEANS CONSTRUCTION
4 OF A NEW SUPERMARKET OR ANY SUBSTANTIAL RENOVATION OF AN EXISTING
5 SUPERMARKET.

6 3. “SUPERMARKET” MEANS A GROCERY STORE THAT
7 HAS:

8 A. ALL MAJOR FOOD DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING
9 PRODUCE, MEAT, SEAFOOD, DAIRY, AND CANNED AND PACKAGED GOODS;

10 B. MORE THAN 50% OF TOTAL SALES DERIVED FROM
11 FOOD SALES; AND

12 C. MORE THAN 50% OF TOTAL FLOOR SPACE DEDICATED
13 TO FOOD SALES.

14 (ii) THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OR OF
15 A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MAY GRANT, BY LAW, A
16 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH AGAINST THE COUNTY OR
17 MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON PERSONAL
18 PROPERTY THAT IS OWNED BY A SUPERMARKET THAT:

19 1. COMPLETES ELIGIBLE CONSTRUCTION; AND

20 2. IS LOCATED IN A FOOD DESERT RETAIL INCENTIVE
21 AREA.

22 (iii) THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OR OF
23 A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SHALL, BY LAW,
24 DESIGNATE WHAT CONSTITUTES A FOOD DESERT RETAIL INCENTIVE AREA FOR
25 PURPOSES OF THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

26 (iv) A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT GRANTED UNDER THIS
27 PARAGRAPH FOR A TAXABLE YEAR MAY NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY
28 TAX IMPOSED ON THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF A SUPERMARKET IN THAT YEAR.

29 (v) THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OR OF
30 A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH, BY LAW:

31 1. LIMITS ON THE CUMULATIVE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY
32 TAX CREDITS GRANTED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH;

1 **2. ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS ON THE AMOUNT OF THE**
2 **CREDIT;**

3 **3. ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR**
4 **SUPERMARKETS TO QUALIFY FOR THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH;**

5 **4. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR WHAT CONSTITUTES**
6 **ELIGIBLE CONSTRUCTION THAT MAY QUALIFY A SUPERMARKET FOR THE TAX**
7 **CREDIT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH; AND**

8 **5. ANY OTHER PROVISIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT**
9 **THIS PARAGRAPH.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
11 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.