

# HOUSE BILL 1343

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By: **Delegates D. Jones, Bagnall, and Behler**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Property Tax – Day Care Centers and Child Care**  
3 **Centers**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting personal property used in connection with certain large  
5 family child care homes from valuation and taxation in Anne Arundel County;  
6 authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County or the governing body of a  
7 municipal corporation in Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit  
8 against the real property tax owed on the portion of real property used for certain  
9 child care centers and day care centers; and generally relating to property tax credits  
10 and exemptions for child care centers and day care centers.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Tax – Property  
13 Section 7–227  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article – Tax – Property  
18 Section 9–303(b)(8) and (9)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Tax – Property**

24 7–227.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) Except for personal property used in connection with a business, occupation,  
2 or profession, personal property owned by an individual and located at the individual's  
3 place of residence is not subject to valuation or to property tax.

4 (b) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, personal property is not  
5 subject to valuation or to property tax if the personal property is:

6 [(1)] (I) owned by an individual;

7 [(2)] (II) located at the individual's place of residence; and

8 [(3)] (III) used in connection with a family child care home that is  
9 registered under [Title 5, Subtitle 5, Part V of the Family Law Article] **TITLE 9.5,**  
10 **SUBTITLE 3 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

11 (2) **IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION**  
12 **(A) OF THIS SECTION, PERSONAL PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO VALUATION OR TO**  
13 **PROPERTY TAX IF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY IS:**

14 (I) **OWNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL;**

15 (II) **LOCATED AT THE INDIVIDUAL'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE; AND**

16 (III) **USED IN CONNECTION WITH A LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE**  
17 **HOME THAT IS REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 9.5, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE EDUCATION**  
18 **ARTICLE.**

19 (c) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, personal property is not  
20 subject to valuation or to property tax if:

21 (i) the personal property is owned by an individual and is used in  
22 connection with a business, occupation, or profession that is located at the individual's  
23 principal residence; and

24 (ii) the sum total of the personal property, excluding vehicles exempt  
25 under § 7-230 of this subtitle, had a total original cost of less than \$20,000.

26 (2) If the individual attests to owning a sum total of personal property with  
27 an original cost of less than \$20,000, the Department may not:

28 (i) collect personal property information from the individual; or

29 (ii) require the individual to submit a personal property tax return.

1           (b)   (8)   (i)   THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OR OF  
2 A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MAY GRANT, BY LAW, A  
3 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
4 PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON THAT PORTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY ON WHICH AN  
5 IMPROVEMENT IS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED IF:

6                           1.   THE PROPERTY IS OWNED BY A BUSINESS HAVING AT  
7 LEAST 25 EMPLOYEES; AND

8                           2.   THE IMPROVEMENT CONTAINS AN AREA SET ASIDE  
9 AND DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR A CHILD CARE CENTER THAT IS:

10                           A.   REGISTERED AS A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OR  
11 LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME UNDER TITLE 9.5, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE  
12 EDUCATION ARTICLE; OR

13                           B.   LICENSED AS A CHILD CARE CENTER UNDER TITLE  
14 9.5, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

15                           (ii)   THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL CREDIT MAY NOT EXCEED  
16 \$10,000 OR THE AMOUNT OF COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PROPERTY TAX  
17 ATTRIBUTABLE TO THAT PORTION OF PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE CREDIT WAS  
18 GRANTED, WHICHEVER IS LESS.

19                           (iii)   SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (ii) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE  
20 GOVERNING BODY OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OR OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
21 IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MAY PROVIDE, BY LAW, FOR:

22                           1.   THE AMOUNT AND DURATION OF THE PROPERTY TAX  
23 CREDIT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

24                           2.   ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT  
25 THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.

26           (9)   (i)   THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OR OF  
27 A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MAY GRANT, BY LAW, A  
28 PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
29 PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON THAT PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ANY  
30 IMPROVEMENT, THAT CONTAINS AN AREA SET ASIDE AND DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY  
31 FOR A DAY CARE CENTER THAT IS:

1                   1.     REGISTERED AS A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME OR  
2 LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME UNDER TITLE 9.5, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE  
3 EDUCATION ARTICLE;

4                   2.     LICENSED AS A CHILD CARE CENTER UNDER TITLE  
5 9.5, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE;

6                   3.     LICENSED AS A DAY CARE CENTER FOR THE ELDERLY  
7 UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE; OR

8                   4.     LICENSED AS A DAY CARE CENTER FOR ADULTS  
9 UNDER TITLE 14, SUBTITLE 3 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.

10                   (ii)    THE AMOUNT OF THE ANNUAL CREDIT MAY NOT EXCEED  
11 \$10,000 OR THE AMOUNT OF COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PROPERTY TAX  
12 ATTRIBUTABLE TO THAT PORTION OF PROPERTY FOR WHICH THE CREDIT WAS  
13 GRANTED, WHICHEVER IS LESS.

14                   (iii)   SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (ii) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE  
15 GOVERNING BODY OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OR OF A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION  
16 IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MAY PROVIDE, BY LAW, FOR:

17                   1.     THE AMOUNT OF THE PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER  
18 THIS PARAGRAPH;

19                   2.     THE DURATION OF A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER  
20 THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

21                   3.     ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT  
22 THIS PARAGRAPH.

23                   (iv)    A CREDIT UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT BE GRANTED  
24 IF THE REAL PROPERTY QUALIFIES FOR A CREDIT UNDER PARAGRAPH (8) OF THIS  
25 SUBSECTION.

26                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
27 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.