

Chapter 802

**(House Bill 929)**

AN ACT concerning

**Carroll County – Office of Permits and Inspections – Denial of Commercial Permit or License for Unpaid Personal Property Taxes**

FOR the purpose of ~~prohibiting~~ authorizing the Carroll County Office of Permits and Inspections ~~from issuing or renewing to deny the issuance or renewal of~~ a commercial license or permit in the county if the applicant has unpaid personal property taxes except under certain circumstances; authorizing the Carroll County Office of Permits and Inspections to issue or renew a commercial license or permit if the applicant submits certain evidence that the applicant has paid any previously unpaid personal property taxes; and generally relating to the issuance or renewal of commercial licenses and permits in Carroll County.

BY adding to  
Article – Local Government  
Section 12–906  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

**Article – Local Government**

**12–906.**

**(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO CARROLL COUNTY.**

**(B) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW AND SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE CARROLL COUNTY OFFICE OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS MAY DENY THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A COMMERCIAL LICENSE OR PERMIT IN THE COUNTY IF THE APPLICANT HAS UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.**

**(2) THE CARROLL COUNTY OFFICE OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS MAY NOT DENY THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF A COMMERCIAL LICENSE OR PERMIT FOR UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THE APPLICANT SUBMITS EVIDENCE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE OFFICE THAT THE APPLICANT HAS DISPUTED THE AMOUNT OF UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.**

**(c) THE CARROLL COUNTY OFFICE OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS MAY ISSUE OR RENEW A COMMERCIAL LICENSE OR PERMIT IN THE COUNTY THAT WAS DENIED UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION IF THE APPLICANT SUBMITS EVIDENCE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE OFFICE THAT THE APPLICANT HAS PAID ANY PREVIOUSLY UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2026.

**Approved by the Governor, May 26, 2026.**