

HOUSE BILL 603

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Homestead Property Tax Credit Percentage**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the homestead property tax credit percentage in Baltimore
4 County to be a certain number; and generally relating to the homestead property tax
5 credit in Baltimore County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Tax – Property
8 Section 9–105(b)(1)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Tax – Property
13 Section 9–105(e)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 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 9–105.

20 (b) (1) If there is an increase in property assessment as calculated under this
21 section, the State and the governing body of each county and of each municipal corporation
22 shall grant a property tax credit under this section against the State, county, and municipal
23 corporation property tax imposed on real property by the State, county, or municipal
24 corporation.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(e) (1) For each taxable year, the property tax credit under this section is calculated by:

(i) multiplying the prior year's taxable assessment by the homestead credit percentage as provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection;

(ii) subtracting that amount from the current year's assessment; and

(iii) if the difference is a positive number, multiplying the difference by the applicable property tax rate for the current year.

(2) For each taxable year, the homestead credit percentage under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection is:

(i) for the State property tax and for any property tax imposed for a bicounty commission, 110%;

(ii) for the county property tax:

1. the homestead credit percentage established by the county under paragraph (3) of this subsection; or

2. if the county has not set a percentage for the taxable year under paragraph (3) of this subsection or has not notified the Department as required under paragraph (6) of this subsection, the homestead credit percentage in effect for the county for the preceding taxable year; and

(iii) for the municipal corporation property tax:

1. the homestead credit percentage established by the municipal corporation under paragraph (4) of this subsection; or

2. if the municipal corporation has not set a percentage under paragraph (4) of this subsection or has not notified the Department as required under paragraph (7) of this subsection, the homestead credit percentage for the taxable year for the county in which the property is located.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City and the governing body of a county on or before March 15 of any year shall set, by law, the homestead credit percentage for the taxable year beginning the following July 1.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, on or before March 25 of any year, the governing body of a municipal corporation may set or alter, by law, a homestead credit percentage for the taxable year beginning the following July 1 and any subsequent taxable year.

(5) (I) [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE** homestead credit percentage for any county or municipal corporation property tax:

[(i)] 1. may not be less than 100% or exceed 110% for any taxable year; and

[(ii)] 2. shall be expressed in increments of 1 percentage point.

(II) THE HOMESTEAD CREDIT PERCENTAGE IN BALTIMORE COUNTY SHALL BE 100%.

(6) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City and the governing body of a county shall notify the Department of any action taken under paragraph (3) of this subsection on or before March 15 preceding the taxable year for which the action is taken.

(7) A municipal corporation shall notify the Department of any action taken under paragraph (4) of this subsection on or before March 25 preceding the taxable year for which the action is taken.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2026, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.