COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Bill No. CB-75-2020

Chapter No. 69

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Davis, Taveras, Ivey, Dernoga, Streeter, Hawkins, Turner and Anderson-Walker

Introduced by Council Members Franklin, Glaros, Harrison, Davis, Taveras, Ivey, Dernoga, Streeter, Hawkins, Turner and Anderson-Walker

Date of Introduction October 20, 2020

BILL

AN ACT concerning

Grocery Store Real Property Tax Credit Focus Area

For the purpose of modifying the definition of a Grocery Store Focus Area and making Healthy Food Priority Areas eligible for the Grocery Store Real Property Tax Credit.

BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

Section 10-310,

The Prince George's County Code


SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County, Maryland, that Section 10-310 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION.

DIVISION 3. GROCERY STORE TAX CREDIT.

Sec. 10-310. Definitions.

(a) In this Division, the following words have the meanings indicated:

(1) **Grocery store** means an entity:

(A) Whose primary business is selling food at retail to the general public for off-premises consumption; and

(B) At least 20% of the gross receipts of which are derived from the retail sale of
fresh produce, meats, and dairy products.

(2) **Grocery Store Tax Credit** means the tax credit authorized by Section 10-311.

(3) **Grocery Store Focus Area** means an economically disadvantaged or underserved area in Prince George's County. This term shall solely include a **Healthy Food Priority Area**, as defined in Section 10-235.26 of the Code.

   [(A) an area designated as a food desert by:

   (i) the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Housing and Economic Development in accordance with Section 6-308(c) of the Housing and Community Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; or

   (ii) the United States Department of Agriculture; or

   (B) a vacant commercial space in Prince George's County that

   (i) was previously occupied by a grocery store; or

   (ii) is located within a commercial shopping center in operation for more than twenty-five (25) years.]

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45) calendar days after it becomes law.
Adopted this 17th day of November, 2020.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____________________________
    Todd M. Turner
    Council Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _________________________  BY: _____________________________
    Angela D. Alsobrooks
    County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.