

Chapter 489

(House Bill 551)

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Technology–Related Businesses – Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Washington County to enter into an agreement with the owner of a technology–related business for payment in lieu of the county personal property tax; requiring that a payment in lieu of taxes agreement include certain provisions; exempting personal property of a technology–related business from county personal property tax as specified in a payment in lieu of taxes agreement; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to authorizing Washington County to enter into payment in lieu of taxes agreements with technology–related businesses.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property
Section 7–509.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2012 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Tax – Property

7–509.1.

(A) (1) THE GOVERNING BODY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF A TECHNOLOGY–RELATED BUSINESS THAT IS LOCATED OR LOCATES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR A NEGOTIATED PAYMENT BY THE OWNER IN LIEU OF TAXES ON PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TECHNOLOGY–RELATED BUSINESS.

(2) AN AGREEMENT FOR A NEGOTIATED PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE THAT, FOR THE TERM SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT:

(I) THE OWNER SHALL PAY TO WASHINGTON COUNTY A SPECIFIED AMOUNT EACH YEAR IN LIEU OF THE PAYMENT OF WASHINGTON COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX; AND

(II) ALL OR A SPECIFIED PART OF THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE TECHNOLOGY-RELATED BUSINESS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FOR THE TERM OF THE AGREEMENT.

(B) AS SPECIFIED IN AN AGREEMENT FOR A NEGOTIATED PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES UNDER THIS SECTION, FOR THE TERM SPECIFIED IN THE AGREEMENT, THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF A TECHNOLOGY-RELATED BUSINESS THAT IS LOCATED OR LOCATES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IS EXEMPT FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2013, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2013.