

HOUSE BILL 505

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Property Tax – Credit for Seniors to Offset Property Tax**
3 **Rate Increase**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law,
5 a certain property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on a dwelling
6 owned by an individual who is at least a certain age; requiring the credit to equal a
7 certain percentage of any increase in the property tax imposed on the dwelling
8 attributable to a certain property tax rate; authorizing the governing body of
9 Baltimore County to provide, by law, for certain matters relating to the credit;
10 defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally
11 relating to a property tax credit for senior citizen homeowners in Baltimore County.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Tax – Property
14 Section 9–305(g)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2019 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Tax – Property**

20 9–305.

21 **(G) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “DWELLING” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN**
22 **§ 9–105 OF THIS TITLE.**

23 **(2) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE**
24 **GOVERNING BODY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY MAY GRANT, BY LAW, A PROPERTY TAX**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 CREDIT AGAINST THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON A DWELLING THAT IS
2 OWNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS AT LEAST 65 YEARS OLD.

3 (II) THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX CREDIT GRANTED UNDER THIS
4 SUBSECTION SHALL EQUAL 100% OF ANY INCREASE IN THE PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED
5 ON THE DWELLING THAT IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO A COUNTY PROPERTY TAX RATE THAT
6 EXCEEDS \$1.10 FOR EACH \$100 OF ASSESSMENT.

7 (3) THE GOVERNING BODY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH,
8 BY LAW:

9 (I) THE DURATION OF THE TAX CREDIT;

10 (II) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE TAX CREDIT;

11 (III) REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION
12 AND UNIFORM PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR THE TAX CREDIT; AND

13 (IV) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TAX
14 CREDIT.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
16 1, 2020, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2020.