

SENATE BILL 760

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By: **Senator Hayes**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Property Tax Exemption – Religious Group or Organization – Third-Party**
3 **Leases**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that real property owned by a religious group or organization
5 that is leased to a third party does not qualify for a certain property tax exemption;
6 and generally relating to an exemption from the property tax for property owned by
7 a religious group or organization.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Tax – Property
10 Section 7–204
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Tax – Property**

16 7–204.

17 (A) Subject to **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION** AND § 7–204.1 of this subtitle,
18 property that is owned by a religious group or organization is not subject to property tax if
19 the property is actually used exclusively for:

- 20 (1) public religious worship;
- 21 (2) a parsonage or convent; or
- 22 (3) educational purposes.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY A RELIGIOUS GROUP OR ORGANIZATION**
2 **THAT IS LEASED TO A THIRD PARTY DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR THE EXEMPTION UNDER**
3 **THIS SECTION.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
5 1, 2022, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022.