

SENATE BILL 344

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By: **Senators Brooks and Watson**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Property Tax Credit – Retail Service Station Conversions**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the
4 governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a credit against
5 the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property if use of
6 the real property has been converted from a retail service station to other certain
7 uses; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the State to pay to each county or municipal corporation
8 that grants the property tax credit under this Act an amount equal to a certain
9 percentage of certain forgone revenue of the county or municipal corporation; and
10 generally relating to a property tax credit for retail service station conversions.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Tax – Property
13 Section 9–275
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 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 **9–275.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "DISCOUNT STORE" MEANS A RETAIL STORE THAT OFFERS FOR SALE:

(I) A COMBINATION AND VARIETY OF CONVENIENCE AND CONSUMER SHOPPING GOODS; AND

(II) THE MAJORITY OF THE ITEMS IN THE INVENTORY AT A PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$5.

(3) "RETAIL USE" DOES NOT INCLUDE USE AS A DISCOUNT STORE OR A SELF-SERVICE STORAGE FACILITY.

(B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION BE GRANTED PRIMARILY TO DEFRAY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REMOVAL OF UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS AND THE REMEDIATION OF ANY CONTAMINATION ASSOCIATED WITH UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS.

(C) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY GRANT, BY LAW, A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION AGAINST THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON REAL PROPERTY IF THE USE OF THE REAL PROPERTY HAS BEEN CONVERTED FROM A RETAIL SERVICE STATION TO ANOTHER RETAIL USE, A RESIDENTIAL USE, OR A MIXED RETAIL AND RESIDENTIAL USE.

(D) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY PROVIDE, BY LAW, FOR:

(1) THE AMOUNT AND DURATION OF THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION;

(2) ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE TAX CREDIT;

(3) REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION AND UNIFORM PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR THE TAX CREDIT; AND

(4) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.

1 (E) ~~AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE STATE SHALL~~ THE STATE
2 MAY PAY TO EACH COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT GRANTS THE TAX
3 CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 50% OF THE PROPERTY TAX
4 REVENUE THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN COLLECTED IF THE TAX CREDIT UNDER THIS
5 SECTION HAD NOT BEEN GRANTED.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
7 1, 2025, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.