

Chapter 210

(House Bill 1137)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Credit – Business Entities – State of Emergency

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain property owned or leased by a business entity affected by a certain state of emergency; authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for certain matters relating to the tax credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a tax credit for business entities affected by a state of emergency.

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property

Section 9–266

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Tax – Property

9–266.

(A) 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 OR PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS OWNED OR LEASED BY A BUSINESS ENTITY AFFECTED BY A STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED UNDER TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.

(B) 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.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2021, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021.

Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.