

# HOUSE BILL 573

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By: **Delegates Fisher and O'Donnell**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2014

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Calvert County – Personal Property Tax – Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting from the Calvert County property tax certain personal  
4 property purchased by businesses during a certain period; exempting certain  
5 personal property from the Calvert County property tax beginning on a certain  
6 date; providing that certain personal property remains subject to the Calvert  
7 County property tax; providing that certain personal property that is subject to  
8 a payment in lieu of taxes agreement shall be subject to the Calvert County  
9 property tax on the termination of the agreement; providing for the application  
10 of this Act; and generally relating to an exemption from the Calvert County  
11 personal property tax.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Tax – Property

14 Section 7–402

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

17 Preamble

18 WHEREAS, Calvert County imposes a personal property tax at a rate of \$2.23  
19 per \$100 of assessed value on businesses that purchase new equipment; and

20 WHEREAS, Calvert County businesses should not be penalized for investing in  
21 new equipment and growing the economy; and

22 WHEREAS, The purpose of this Act is to eliminate the burden the personal  
23 property tax places on business investment and job creation in Calvert County; now,  
24 therefore,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Tax – Property**

4 **7-402.**

5 (A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN CALVERT COUNTY.

6 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (D) OF THIS  
7 SECTION:

8 (1) DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2014, TO JUNE 30, 2017,  
9 NEW PERSONAL PROPERTY PURCHASED BY A BUSINESS IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE  
10 COUNTY PROPERTY TAX; AND

11 (2) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017, PERSONAL PROPERTY IS NOT  
12 SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY PROPERTY TAX.

13 (C) THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO THE COUNTY  
14 PROPERTY TAX:

15 (1) OPERATING PERSONAL PROPERTY OF A RAILROAD OR A  
16 PUBLIC UTILITY;

17 (2) PROPERTY OF A CELLULAR TELEPHONE COMPANY,  
18 INCLUDING CELLULAR TELEPHONE TOWERS; AND

19 (3) ELECTRONIC BINGO MACHINES AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE  
20 UNDER § 12-308 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

21 (D) PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION AS OF  
22 JULY 1, 2014, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT  
23 UNDER § 7-514(C) OR § 7-517 OF THIS TITLE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE  
24 COUNTY PROPERTY TAX ON THE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 June 1, 2014, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,  
27 2014.