

HOUSE BILL 792

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Property Tax Credit – Elderly Homeowners**

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 property tax
5 credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain
6 residential property owned by an individual who is at least a certain age, who was a
7 resident of the property for a certain number of years, who is making regular
8 mortgage payments, and whose household gross income and net worth does not
9 exceed a certain amount; providing for the amount of the property tax credit;
10 authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a
11 county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for regulations, procedures, and
12 any other provision necessary to carry out the tax credit; defining certain terms;
13 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a property tax
14 credit for certain residential property.

15 BY adding to

16 Article – Tax – Property

17 Section 9–257

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Tax – Property**

23 **9–257.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (2) "DWELLING" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-105(A) OF THIS
4 TITLE.

5 (3) "GROSS INCOME" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-104(A) OF
6 THIS TITLE.

7 (4) "HOMEOWNER" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-105(A) OF THIS
8 TITLE.

9 (5) "NET WORTH" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 9-104(A) OF THIS
10 TITLE.

11 (6) "PREVIOUS ASSESSMENT" MEANS:

12 (I) FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2015, THE
13 TAXABLE ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY FOR THE TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1,
14 2014; AND

15 (II) FOR EACH TAXABLE YEAR BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JULY 1,
16 2016, THE TAXABLE ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY FOR THE PREVIOUS TAXABLE YEAR.

17 (B) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE
18 GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY GRANT, BY LAW,
19 A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
20 PROPERTY TAX THAT IS EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF THE PROPERTY TAX IMPOSED ON
21 THE INCREASE, IF ANY, IN THE ASSESSMENT VALUE OF THE DWELLING WHEN
22 COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS ASSESSMENT OF THE DWELLING, LESS THE AMOUNT
23 OF ANY OTHER PROPERTY TAX CREDIT GRANTED UNDER THIS ARTICLE IF:

24 (1) A HOMEOWNER OF THE DWELLING WILL BE AT LEAST 70 YEARS
25 OLD ON THE FIRST DAY OF A TAXABLE YEAR;

26 (2) THE HOMEOWNER HAS RESIDED IN THE DWELLING FOR AT LEAST
27 10 YEARS PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF A TAXABLE YEAR;

28 (3) THE HOMEOWNER IS MAKING REGULAR MORTGAGE PAYMENTS ON
29 THE DWELLING;

30 (4) THE HOMEOWNER'S HOUSEHOLD GROSS INCOME DOES NOT
31 EXCEED \$45,000; AND

1 **(5) THE HOMEOWNER’S HOUSEHOLD NET WORTH DOES NOT EXCEED**
2 **\$250,000 AS OF DECEMBER 31 OF THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR, EXCLUDING**
3 **THE VALUE OF THE DWELLING OF THE HOMEOWNER.**

4 **(C) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE**
5 **GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY PROVIDE, BY**
6 **LAW, FOR:**

7 **(1) REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THE APPLICATION AND**
8 **UNIFORM PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR THE TAX CREDIT; AND**

9 **(2) ANY OTHER PROVISION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE TAX**
10 **CREDIT UNDER THIS SECTION.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
12 1, 2015, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2015.