

Chapter 434

**(Senate Bill 296)**

AN ACT concerning

**Property Tax – Exemptions – Nonprofit Charitable Museums**

FOR the purpose of providing that certain property owned by a certain nonprofit charitable museum is not subject to a certain limitation concerning an exemption of certain charitable or educational properties from the property tax; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the property tax and certain exemptions for charitable or educational property.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Tax – Property  
Section 7–202(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Tax – Property  
Section 7–202(c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

**Article – Tax – Property**

7–202.

(b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section and subject to § 7–204.1 of this subtitle, property is not subject to property tax if the property:

(i) is necessary for and actually used exclusively for a charitable or educational purpose to promote the general welfare of the people of the State, including an activity or an athletic program of an educational institution; and

(ii) is owned by:

1. a nonprofit hospital;

2. a nonprofit charitable, fraternal, educational, or literary organization including:

- Education Article; and
- A. a public library that is authorized under Title 23 of the
- B. a men’s or women’s club that is a nonpolitical and nonstock club;
3. a corporation, limited liability company, or trustee that holds the property for the sole benefit of an organization that qualifies for an exemption under this section; or
4. a nonprofit housing corporation.

(2) The exemption under paragraph (1)(ii)1 of this subsection includes any personal property initially leased by a nonprofit hospital for more than 1 year under a lease that is noncancellable except for cause.

(c) **(1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY A NONPROFIT CHARITABLE MUSEUM THAT:**

**(I) IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC; AND**

**(II) DOES NOT CHARGE AN ADMISSION FEE.**

**[(1)] (2)** Except for a nonprofit hospital, not more than 100 acres of real property owned by an exempt organization and appurtenant to the premises of the exempt organization is exempt from property tax, if the property is located outside of a municipal corporation or Baltimore City.

**[(2)] (3)** Not more than 100 acres of real property of a nonprofit hospital that is appurtenant to the hospital is exempt from property tax.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2019, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2019.

**Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2019.**