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Senate Bill 340

(Senator Ready, *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

Carroll County - Property Tax Credit - The Bucs Club

This bill authorizes Carroll County to grant, by law, a property tax credit for real property owned by The Bucs Club located at 3050 Bird View Road in Westminster, Maryland.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2016, and applies to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Carroll County property tax revenues decrease by approximately \$2,200 annually beginning in FY 2017 to the extent the property tax credit is granted. County expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Carroll County is authorized to grant a property tax credit for (1) property owned by the Maryland Jaycees Foundation of Carroll County; (2) property leased and used by the Sykesville Little League; (3) residential property owned by specified seniors of limited income; (4) property located in designated geographic regions of the county; owned by specified classes of persons; and renovated, upgraded, or rehabilitated in accordance with eligibility criteria established by the county; (5) property on which a

person installs environmentally friendly or green technologies; and (6) specified independent living retirement communities for housing units.

Background: The Bucs Club is a social club in Carroll County that was founded in 1960. It was originally called the Buccaneers. Currently, there are just over 200 members, and the social hall holds approximately 450 people. The club hosts fundraisers for many charities in Carroll County.

Local Fiscal Effect: Carroll County property tax revenues may decrease beginning in fiscal 2017 to the extent a property tax credit is granted to The Bucs Club.

The State Department of Assessments and Taxation has identified one property located at the location identified by the bill that is eligible for the property tax credit. The fiscal 2016 and 2017 taxable assessment for this property is \$214,800. The Carroll County real property tax rate for fiscal 2016 is \$1.018 per \$100 of assessment. Based on the assessment data and the county's current property tax rate, Carroll County revenues may decrease by approximately \$2,187 annually beginning in fiscal 2017, to the extent that a 100% property tax credit is granted to the identified property. Future year revenue decreases depend on property tax assessments and county property tax rates.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 81 of 2015 was assigned to the Budget and Taxation Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: HB 658 (Delegate Shoemaker, *et al.*) - Ways and Means.

Information Source(s): Carroll County, State Department of Assessments and Taxation, Department of Legislative Services

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