Chapter 462

(House Bill 502)

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Sale of Electricity Generated by Solar Energy <u>and</u> <u>Residential Wind Energy</u> Equipment – Exemption

FOR the purpose of providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of electricity generated by certain solar energy equipment <u>or certain residential</u> <u>wind energy equipment</u> for certain purposes; and generally relating to a sales and use tax exemption for the sale of certain electricity.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – General Section 11–207(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2010 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – Tax – General

11-207.

(a) The sales and use tax does not apply to:

(1) a sale of electricity, steam, or artificial or natural gas for use in residential condominiums;

(2) a sale of electricity, steam, or artificial or natural gas that is delivered under a residential or domestic rate schedule on file with the Public Service Commission;

(3) a sale of coal, firewood, heating oil, or propane gas or similar liquefied gas for use in residential property that contains not more than 4 units, cooperative housing, condominiums, or other similar residential living arrangements; [or]

(4) a sale of electricity through 3 or more bulk meters for use in a nonprofit planned retirement community of more than 2,000 housing cooperative or condominium units if:

- (i) ownership of units is restricted by age;
- (ii) any unit is served by an individual meter; and
- (iii) on or before July 1, 1979, at least 3 bulk meters served the community; \mathbf{OR}

(5) A SALE OF ELECTRICITY GENERATED BY SOLAR ENERGY EQUIPMENT <u>OR RESIDENTIAL WIND ENERGY EQUIPMENT</u>, AS DEFINED UNDER § 11–230 OF THIS SUBTITLE, FOR USE IN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OR FOR SUPPLY TO THE ELECTRIC GRID <u>OWNED BY AN ELIGIBLE CUSTOMER-GENERATOR</u> <u>UNDER § 7–306 OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES ARTICLE</u>.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.