

HOUSE BILL 551

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By: **Washington County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2013

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Technology–Related Businesses – Payment in Lieu of**
3 **Taxes Agreements**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of Washington County to enter
5 into an agreement with the owner of a technology–related business for payment
6 in lieu of the county personal property tax; requiring that a payment in lieu of
7 taxes agreement include certain provisions; exempting personal property of a
8 technology–related business from county personal property tax as specified in a
9 payment in lieu of taxes agreement; providing for the application of this Act;
10 and generally relating to authorizing Washington County to enter into payment
11 in lieu of taxes agreements with technology–related businesses.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Tax – Property
14 Section 7–509.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2012 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Tax – Property**

20 **7–509.1.**

21 **(A) (1) THE GOVERNING BODY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY MAY ENTER**
22 **INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF A TECHNOLOGY–RELATED BUSINESS**
23 **THAT IS LOCATED OR LOCATES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR A NEGOTIATED**
24 **PAYMENT BY THE OWNER IN LIEU OF TAXES ON PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED**
25 **BY THE TECHNOLOGY–RELATED BUSINESS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) AN AGREEMENT FOR A NEGOTIATED PAYMENT IN LIEU OF**
2 **TAXES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE THAT, FOR THE TERM SPECIFIED**
3 **IN THE AGREEMENT:**

4 **(I) THE OWNER SHALL PAY TO WASHINGTON COUNTY A**
5 **SPECIFIED AMOUNT EACH YEAR IN LIEU OF THE PAYMENT OF WASHINGTON**
6 **COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX; AND**

7 **(II) ALL OR A SPECIFIED PART OF THE PERSONAL**
8 **PROPERTY OF THE TECHNOLOGY-RELATED BUSINESS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM**
9 **WASHINGTON COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX FOR THE TERM OF THE**
10 **AGREEMENT.**

11 **(B) AS SPECIFIED IN AN AGREEMENT FOR A NEGOTIATED PAYMENT IN**
12 **LIEU OF TAXES UNDER THIS SECTION, FOR THE TERM SPECIFIED IN THE**
13 **AGREEMENT, THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF A TECHNOLOGY-RELATED**
14 **BUSINESS THAT IS LOCATED OR LOCATES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY IS EXEMPT**
15 **FROM WASHINGTON COUNTY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 June 1, 2013, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,
18 2013.