

poration, association, or other legal entity, with the privilege to use or possess such property in connection with a business conducted for profit, except where the use is by way of a concession for occupancy of a public airport, park, market, fairground, or similar property, which is available to the use of the general public, shall be subject to taxation in the same amount and to the same extent as though the lessee or user were the owner of such property; provided, that the foregoing shall not apply to federal or State property for which negotiated payments are made in lieu of taxes by any of the aforesaid owners, nor shall it apply to any real or personal property which is owned by the federal or State governments and which is in the possession of any person, persons or corporation who or which is engaged in (1) the manufacture, construction, or assembling of equipment, supplies or component parts thereof, to be used for national defense purposes, or (2) research or development for national defense purposes, nor shall it apply to port facilities owned by the federal or State governments (or any agencies or instrumentality thereof) or by any political subdivision of the State of Maryland. [Provided further that for purposes of municipal and county taxation in the counties of Allegany, Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Washington, any such interest or privilege shall not be subject to assessment and taxation.] *Provided further that for the purposes of municipal and county taxation in the counties of Allegany, Anne Arundel, Montgomery and Washington, the county commissioners or governing body of any municipality may, by adoption of an appropriate resolution or ordinance, exempt such property from county or municipal taxation, but the valuation shall be carried on the assessment books as though it is taxable for the purposes of computing payments to the several political subdivisions which are provided for in the laws of this State and which in any manner are based upon or related to assessments and assessed valuations.* As used herein, the term "port facilities" shall mean and shall include, without intending thereby to limit the generality of such term, any one or more of the following or any combination thereof: Lands, piers, docks, wharves, warehouses, sheds, transit sheds, elevators, compressors, refrigeration storage plants, buildings, structures, and other facilities, appurtenances and equipment necessary or useful in connection with the operation of a modern port or in connection with shipbuilding and ship repair and every kind of terminal or storage structure or facility now in use or hereafter designed for use in the handling, storage, loading or unloading of freight or passengers at steamship terminals, and every kind of transportation facility now in use or hereafter designed for use in connection therewith.

(f) All interests subject to taxation by subparagraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) above, shall be valued and assessed at the full value of the property to the same extent as though the holders of the interests were the complete and absolute owners of such property.

(g) Taxes under subparagraph (e) hereof shall be assessed to such lessees or users of such property, and collected in the same manner as taxes assessed to owners of other taxable property, except that such taxes shall not become a lien against the property nor the interest therein. When due and unpaid, such taxes shall constitute a debt due from the lessee or user to the State or political subdivision thereof for which the taxes were assessed, and shall be recoverable by civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction.