

## CHAPTER 183

(House Bill 317)

AN ACT to repeal Subsection (7) of Section 9 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "What shall be Taxed and Where," and to enact new subsection (7) in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the subsection repealed, providing that exemptions from tax assessment for hospitals, women's clubs and related institutions be allowed upon such institution making claim therefor, providing for method of making claim and allowing subdivisions to refund taxes on property which would have been exempt had claim been made as required.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Subsection (7) of Section 9 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1963 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "What shall be Taxed and Where," be and it is hereby repealed, and new Subsection (7) be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof to stand in the place of the subsection so repealed and to read as follows:

(7)

(a) *Buildings and the ground not exceeding one hundred acres in area appurtenant thereto, and necessary for the respective uses thereof, equipment and furniture of hospitals, asylums, charitable, fraternal or benevolent institutions or organizations incorporated or unincorporated, no part of the net income, except sick or death benefits, of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, provided such fraternal organizations are carried on solely for the mutual benefit of their members and their beneficiaries and not for profit and have a lodge system, with ritualistic form of work, and representative form of government. The above exemptions shall also apply to any such property held by any corporation or trustees for the benefit of any of the foregoing institutions or organizations. Any property of such institutions or organizations which is commercially rented shall be taxable to the extent of such commercial use on fair value of the property so rented.*

(b) *All nonpolitical women's clubs, incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, for which no stock is issued, and no part of the net income of which inures to private shareholders or individuals, and whose charter shows that the only purposes of such club are of a charitable, benevolent, educational and civic nature to promote the public welfare, and that any benefits or enjoyment or entertainment received from membership in said clubs are incidental to such purposes, shall be deemed to be a charitable, benevolent and educational institution for the purposes of this section.*

(c) *This subsection shall not apply to college or high school fraternities or sororities or other fraternal organizations, membership in which is restricted wholly or largely to students or graduates of educational institutions or professional schools.*

(d) *Real estate or any estate therein, heretofore or hereafter acquired and held for future use, and not for investment, by any hospital or asylum not organized or conducted for profit, provided that*