

Be Taxed and Where," to follow immediately after Section 9 (63) thereof providing an exemption for certain unimproved fee simple property in Howard County owned by community associations and matters generally related thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 9 (64) be and it is hereby added to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume and 1967 Cumulative Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "What Shall Be Taxed and Where," to follow immediately after Section 9 (63) thereof and to read as follows:

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(64) Except as hereinafter provided, no fee simple property in Howard County owned by community associations for the purpose of public parks, playgrounds or picnic areas shall be subject to local front footage charges for water, sanitary, storm sewers or other utilities, provided that such property is not improved by buildings or other structures (excluding comfort stations or shelter of picnic facilities), and further provided that where such comfort stations or picnic facilities are connected to the County Metropolitan Commissions systems, only a minimum front footage levy shall be applicable.

For purposes of this subsection, "community associations" shall be defined as those incorporated associations whose memberships are limited to voluntary subscription by residents of the community or development and do not have the power by law, covenant or hold other powers to assess fees based on property value against residents or property owners.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.

CHAPTER 583

(Senate Bill 486)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 354, 355 and 356 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "20. Nonprofit Health Service Plans," and to add a new Section 470A to said Article (1964 Replacement Volume), subtitle "25. Health Insurance," to follow immediately after Section 470 thereof, amending the laws concerning nonprofit health service plans and health insurance with particular respect to the inclusion of optometric service therein; and to correct errors therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 354, 355 and 356 of Article 48A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Insurance Code," subtitle "20. Nonprofit Health Service Plans," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that new Section 470A be