

CHAPTER 506  
(House Bill 790)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 18-24 (c)(1) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1967 Supplement, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "County Commissioners," providing that the Board of County Commissioners for Prince George's County, where assessments are made against unimproved lots or property which is deemed to possess substantial frontage, may contract with the owner to defer payment of the assessment for a period of time not to exceed ten (10) years.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 18-24(c)(1) of the Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1967 Supplement, being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Prince George's County," subtitle "County Commissioners" be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

## 18-24(c).

(1) The special assessment tax levy by the Commissioners for the improvements as provided in Section 18-24(a) 1, "The Construction, Reconstruction of Roads, Bridges, Streets, Alleys, Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters with Storm Drainage Incident Thereto," shall be on a special benefit assessment basis. When the Commissioners shall be required to make the special assessment against the abutting land for these improvements, whether for the construction of roadways, bridges, sidewalks, curbs or gutters and/or storm drainage incident to such improvements, any or all of them, and such lot is located at the intersection of two streets and is what is known as a corner lot, the Board of County Commissioners shall have the power to make an assessment for the number of feet in the front of such lot, where the said improvement abuts on the front of such lot, and in case the improvement abuts on the side of such a lot, the assessment made for such improvement against the lot shall be for one-third of the number of linear feet of the side of said lot, and for the purpose of assessment the short side of such lot shall be considered the front of such lot, and in cases where the two sides are equal, the Board of County Commissioners shall determine which is front and which is the side of such lot, and such determination shall be final and conclusive; and provided, that in cases of lots, where it be determined to be inequitable to place the entire cost of such improvements upon property abutting; or lots abutting on more than two streets and of lots of irregular or unusual shape, and in cases of lots abutting on two or more streets where in one or more of such streets, bridges, roadways, sidewalks, curbs, gutters or storm drainage and street improvements, or any or all, have been or are about to be constructed under such circumstances as not to subject such lots to a special assessment by the Board of County Commissioners, the Board of County Commissioners shall have full power and authority to adjust assessments to be made against such lots for the cost of improvements herein authorized abutting such lots to such an amount as shall be just and equitable, and the cost of