

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 12F(c-1) be and it is hereby added to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland ([1969 Replacement Volume and] 1972 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "What Shall be Taxed and Where," to follow immediately after Section 12F(c) thereof, and to read as follows:

12F.

(C-1) IN WICOMICO [COUNTY] AND WORCESTER COUNTIES, IN ADDITION TO THE MANDATORY TAX CREDIT PROVISION IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION 12F, ANY HOMEOWNER WHO HAS NOT ATTAINED THE AGE OF 65 YEARS AND WHO RECEIVES BENEFITS AS A RESULT OF A FINDING OF PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY UNDER THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OR UNDER THE RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACT, AND WHOSE GROSS INCOME INCLUDING SOCIAL SECURITY AND RAILROAD RETIREMENT BENEFITS DOES NOT EXCEED \$5,000 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE FISCAL YEAR OF APPLICATION, SHALL BE ALLOWED A SINGLE TAX CREDIT FROM THE COUNTY'S REAL PROPERTY TAXES ON THE DWELLING FOR WHICH THE APPLICATION FOR THE TAX CREDIT IS MADE. THIS TAX CREDIT SHALL EQUAL 50% OF THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE DWELLING OR \$4,000, WHICHEVER IS THE LESSER AMOUNT, MULTIPLIED BY THE APPLICABLE COUNTY TAX RATE. APPLICATION FOR A TAX CREDIT SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 49C OF THIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 21, 1973.

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#### CHAPTER 433

(Senate Bill 771)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 90 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Ethics," amending the laws concerning the functions of the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics in order to provide that rules on legislative ethics shall be effective on a year-round basis.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 90 of Article 40 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Supplement), title "General Assembly," subtitle "Ethics," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

90.

It is the function of the committee:

(1) To promulgate rules of legislative ethics with respect to conflicts of interest governing members of the General Assembly. The rules shall be presented by a joint resolution and become effective after adoption by a constitutional majority of each house voting separately; AND THE RULES SHALL BE EFFECTIVE