(5) This Act shall take effect June 1, 1976.

Approved May 17, 1976.

CHAPTER 577

(Senate Bill 396)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax Exemption - Izaak Walton League

FOR the purpose of exempting certain real and personal property owned by the Izaak Walton League, under certain conditions, from State, county, and city ordinary taxation as of a certain date.

BY adding to

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes Section 9 (1-2) Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Section 9(1-2) be and it is hereby added to Article 81 - Fevenue and Taxes, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes

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(L-2) REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH IS OWNED BY THE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE AND IS USED SOLELY FOR MAINTENANCE OF NATURAL AREAS FOR PUBLIC USE, FOR SANCTUARIES, OR FOR WILDLIFE, [[OR FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC,]] PROVIDED THAT, BY AGREEMENT, THE PROPERTY SHALL BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE STATE OR ANY OF ITS SUBDIVISIONS UPON RELEASE BY THE LEAGUE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the exemption for which provision is made by this Act shall be effective as of January 1, 1977.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That subject to the provisions of Section 2 above, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1976.