

bonds or real property owned or controlled by the State [Roads Commission] HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.

SECTION 20. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 8(e), 9A(g), 19(a)(6), 218, 273, 274, 276, 288(c), 326(g), 412A, 414(b), 423(d), 425(k), and 429 of Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1975 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes

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(e) The interest or privilege of any lessee, bailee, pledgee, agent or other person in possession of or using any real or personal property which is owned by the federal or State governments, and which is leased, loaned, or otherwise made available to any person, firm, corporation, association, or other legal entity, with the privilege to use or possess such property in connection with a business conducted for profit, except where the use is by way of a concession for occupancy of a public airport, park, market, or fairground, which is available to the use of the general public, shall be subject to taxation in the same amount and to the same extent as though the lessee or user were the owner of such property, provided, that the foregoing shall not apply to federal or State property for which negotiated payments are made in lieu of taxes by any of the aforesaid owners, nor shall it apply to any personal property which is owned by the federal or State governments and which is in the possession of any person, persons or corporation pursuant to a contract with such federal or State governments for (1) the manufacture, construction or assembling of equipment, supplies or component parts thereof, to be used for national defense purposes, or (2) research or development for national defense purposes, nor shall it apply to port facilities owned by the federal or State governments (or any agencies or instrumentality thereof) or by any political subdivision of the State of Maryland. The foregoing shall apply to an international trade center (referred to in [Article 62B, § 4 (g) (2), of this Code] §6-101(D) (4) OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE) owned by the State government (or any agency or instrumentality thereof) unless negotiated payments in lieu of taxes or voluntary contributions are made by the aforesaid owner. Provided further that for the purposes of municipal and county taxation in the counties of Allegany, Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Washington, the county commissioners or governing body of any municipality may, by adoption of an appropriate resolution or ordinance, exempt such property from county or municipal taxation, but the valuation shall be carried on the assessment books as though it is taxable for the purposes of computing payments to the several political subdivisions which are provided for in the laws of this