

and recreational benefits, should not be minimized.

In conclusion, I am vetoing Senate Bill 778 because it will serve as a disincentive to the development and continued growth of planned communities in Maryland; because it will have the effect of imposing a penalty tax in an instance where the intent of the current law was accomplished; and because it will unnecessarily escalate the cost of housing to many of our citizens.

Sincerely,  
Harry Hughes  
Governor

Senate Bill No. 778

AN ACT concerning

Property Assessments - Transfer Tax on Special Assessments

FOR the purpose of providing that real property subject to a special assessment is subject to an agricultural transfer tax under certain conditions after a certain taxable year; providing for termination of a special assessment under certain circumstances; and making stylistic changes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes  
Section 19(f)(6) and 278F(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(1980 Replacement Volume and 1982 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 81 - Revenue and Taxes

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(f) (6) [Whenever lands subject to said special assessment are rezoned at the instance of the owner thereof to a zoning classification which does not meet the criteria of this subsection, then, the special assessment shall terminate for that portion of the land so rezoned and a tax shall become due thereon]

(I) LAND SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION LOSES THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THAT PORTION OF THE LAND-- THAT IS

-1- - REZONED AT THE INSTANCE OF THE OWNER