

claimed for certain dwellings; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the Homestead Property Tax Credit Program property tax relief for certain dwellings that are damaged or destroyed due to a natural disaster.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

~~Article Tax Property~~

~~Section 9-105~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)~~

BY adding to

Article - Tax - Property

Section 7-306, 9-109, and 9-109.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

**Article - Tax - Property**

7-306.

(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, REAL PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO STATE PROPERTY TAX IF:

(1) THE HOMEOWNER IS OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDIT ALLOWED UNDER § 9-105 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(2) (I) THE DWELLING IS:

1. DAMAGED OR DESTROYED DUE TO A NATURAL DISASTER;

AND

2. SUBSEQUENTLY REPAIRED OR RECONSTRUCTED;

(II) THE DWELLING IS REVALUED AFTER THE DWELLING IS REPAIRED OR RECONSTRUCTED; AND

(III) AS A RESULT OF THE REVALUATION, THE ASSESSMENT OF THE DWELLING EXCEEDS THE LAST ASSESSMENT OF THE DWELLING; AND

(3) THE HOMEOWNER CLAIMING THE EXEMPTION HAD A LEGAL INTEREST IN THE DWELLING AT THE TIME THE DWELLING WAS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED AS DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER THIS SECTION ONLY APPLIES FOR A TAXABLE YEAR IN WHICH A PROPERTY TAX CREDIT FOR THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS GRANTED BY THE GOVERNING