

self-employed individual by an authorized insurer that does not have any health benefit plan in force on or after [the effective date of this Act] JULY 1, 1996 that provides coverage to a small employer (as that term is defined in Section 2 of Chapter 9 of the Laws of Maryland of 1993) and any renewal of such a plan is not a renewal of a health benefit plan providing coverage to a small employer for any purpose under Article 48A, Subtitle 55 of the Code.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

Approved April 30, 1996.

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**CHAPTER 289**

**(House Bill 970)**

AN ACT concerning

**Property Tax Credit for Renovations to Commercial Buildings to Provide State-of-the-Art Communications and Utility Systems**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City and the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain real property to which certain renovations have been made to meet certain communications and utility standards for accommodating advanced computer and telecommunications systems; providing for calculation of the amount of the credit; requiring certain review and approval of the plans for and implementation of renovations to qualify for the tax credit; and generally relating to authorization for a property tax credit for certain renovations to meet certain communications and utility standards for accommodating advanced computer and telecommunications systems.

BY adding to

Article - Tax - Property

Section 9-227

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

**Article - Tax - Property**

9-227.

(A) THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY GRANT, BY LAW, A TAX CREDIT AGAINST THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION