

(2) (I) [Bonds] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, BONDS may not be issued under this section unless the County obtains a rating of investment grade for the bonds from at least one of the organizations that rate the County's general obligation bonds.

(II) AN INVESTMENT GRADE RATING IS NOT REQUIRED FOR BONDS THAT ARE SOLD TO NOT MORE THAN 35 PURCHASERS, EACH OF WHOM CERTIFIES TO THE COUNTY AND THE PARTICIPATING UNDERWRITER THAT THE PURCHASER:

1. HAS SUCH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS MATTERS THAT IT IS CAPABLE OF EVALUATING THE MERITS AND RISKS OF INVESTMENT IN THE BONDS; AND

2. IS NOT PURCHASING FOR MORE THAN ONE ACCOUNT OR WITH A VIEW TO DISTRIBUTING THE BONDS.

(3) BONDS OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE TREATED AS SECURITIES TO THE SAME EXTENT PERMITTED FOR SPECIAL OBLIGATION DEBT ISSUED UNDER ARTICLE 24, § 9-1301 OF THE CODE.

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

Approved May 23, 1996.

CHAPTER 626

(House Bill 609)

AN ACT concerning

Work, Not Welfare, and Enterprise Zone Income Tax Credits - Tax Exempt Organizations - ~~Withholding Taxes~~ Unrelated Business Taxable Income

FOR the purpose of allowing certain tax exempt organizations to apply certain tax credits against certain ~~taxes withheld from the wages of employees and required to be paid to the Comptroller; providing that certain addition modifications relating to certain tax credits do not apply to certain tax exempt organizations~~ income tax due on unrelated business taxable income; altering certain definitions; providing for the application of this Act; providing for the termination of part of this Act; and generally relating to certain tax credits for certain tax exempt organizations against certain taxes.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - General

Section 10-702(a)(2)(i), ~~(b), (c), and (f)~~ and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland