

(VI) ENCOURAGE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES IN THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES.

~~(H) THE GOVERNOR SHALL PROVIDE OFFICE AND MEETING SPACE AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF SUPPORT TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.~~

~~(H)~~ ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1999, THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ~~ITS DRAFT STATE POLICY~~ ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR, AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 22, 1997.

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**CHAPTER 742**

**(House Bill 1357)**

AN ACT concerning

**Queen Anne's County – Property Tax Credit – Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated**

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing~~ *requiring* the governing body of Queen Anne's County and the governing body of a municipal corporation in Queen Anne's County to grant a property tax credit against certain property owned by the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 9-319(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

**Article – Tax – Property**

9-319.

(a) The governing body of Queen Anne's County and the governing body of a municipal corporation in Queen Anne's County shall grant a property tax credit under this section against the county and municipal corporation property tax imposed on property that is not used for a commercial purpose and is owned by: