employers that provide certain commuter benefits to employees; providing for the maximum amount of the credit per year per employee; providing for the earryover of unused credit if the credit exceeds the total tax otherwise payable for a taxable year; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a tax credit against the State income tax certain taxes for employer provided commuter benefits to employees.

## BY adding to

Article - Environment

Section 2-901 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 9. Tax Credits for Employer-Provided Commuter Benefits"

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(1996 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

### BY adding to

Article - Tax - General

Section 8-220 and 10-712

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

#### BY adding to

Article - Insurance

Section 6-119

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1997 Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

#### Article - Tax - General Article - Environment

# SUBTITLE 9. TAX CREDITS FOR EMPLOYER-PROVIDED COMMUTER BENEFITS. 10-712, 2-901.

- (A) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.
  - (1) "BUSINESS ENTITY" MEANS:
- (I) A PERSON CONDUCTING OR OPERATING A TRADE OR BUSINESS IN MARYLAND; OR
- (II) AN ORGANIZATION OPERATING IN MARYLAND THAT IS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OR (4) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.
- (2) "INSTRUMENT" MEANS A PASS, TOKEN, FARE CARD, VOUCHER, OR SIMILAR ITEM.
  - (B) A BUSINESS ENTITY MAY CLAIM A TAX CREDIT ACAINST THE-STATE