

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

Article - Criminal Law

8-523.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "HOUSING AGENCY" MEANS AN AGENCY ESTABLISHED TO ADMINISTER A HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER ARTICLE 44A OR ARTICLE 83B OF THE CODE.

(3) "HOUSING ASSISTANCE" MEANS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 83B, § 1-101(E) OF THE CODE, OFFERED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING HOUSING BASED ON NEED UNDER A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY A HOUSING AGENCY AND FINANCED WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL FUNDS.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY MAKE A ~~MISSTATEMENT~~ FALSE STATEMENT OF A MATERIAL FACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING A HOUSING AGENCY REGARDING:

(1) AN APPLICATION FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE; OR

(2) AN ACTION AFFECTING HOUSING ASSISTANCE ALREADY PROVIDED.

(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

Approved May 16, 2002.

CHAPTER 557

(House Bill 1098)

AN ACT concerning

Income Tax - Credit for ~~Homeowner~~ Aquaculture Oyster Float

FOR the purpose of allowing an individual to claim a credit against the State income tax in a certain amount for the purchase price of aquaculture oyster floats under certain conditions; defining a certain term; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to a credit against the State income tax for the purchase price of an aquaculture oyster float.

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