personal property with a total original cost of less than a certain amount; defining a certain term used in connection with a business, occupation, or profession that is located at an individual's principal residence under certain circumstances; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the personal property taxation of certain business entities owning certain tangible personal property with a total original cost of less than a certain amount.

## BY adding to repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 7-241 7-227

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

## Article - Tax - Property

## $\frac{7}{241}$

- (A) IN THIS SECTION, "SMALL BUSINESS" MEANS A BUSINESS ENTITY THAT OWNS TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY WITH A TOTAL ORIGINAL COST OF LESS THAN \$10,000, EXCLUDING VEHICLES EXEMPT UNDER \$ 7-280 OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- (B) PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT IS OWNED AND EXCLUSIVELY USED BY A SMALL BUSINESS IS NOT SUBJECT TO VALUATION OR TO PROPERTY TAX.

## 7–227.

- (a) Except for personal property used in connection with a business, occupation, or profession, personal property owned by an individual and located at the individual's place of residence is not subject to valuation or to property tax.
- (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, personal property is not subject to valuation or to property tax if the personal property is:
  - (1) owned by an individual;
  - (2) located at the individual's place of residence; and
- (3) used in connection with a family day care home that is registered under Title 5, Subtitle 5, Part V of the Family Law Article.
- (C) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, PERSONAL PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO VALUATION OR TO PROPERTY TAX IF;
- (1) THE PERSONAL PROPERTY IS OWNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL AND IS USED IN CONNECTION WITH A BUSINESS, OCCUPATION, OR PROFESSION THAT IS LOCATED AT THE INDIVIDUAL'S PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE; AND