

(I) HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE BODY OR COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION AUTHORIZED TO MAKE SUCH A DETERMINATION; AND

(II) BECAME DISABLED:

1. AS A RESULT OF OR IN THE COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER; OR

2. WHILE IN THE ACTIVE SERVICE OF A FIRE, RESCUE, OR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE, UNLESS THE DISABILITY WAS THE RESULT OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S OWN WILLFUL MISCONDUCT OR ABUSE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS.

[(2)] (3) (i) "Dwelling" means real property that:

1. is the legal residence of a DISABLED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR RESCUE WORKER OR A surviving spouse; and

2. is occupied by not more than two families.

(ii) "Dwelling" includes the lot or curtilage and structures necessary to use the real property as a residence.

[(3)] (4) "Fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker" means an individual who dies:

(i) as a result of or in the course of employment as a law enforcement officer OR A CORRECTIONAL OFFICER; or

(ii) while in the active service of a fire, rescue, or emergency medical service, unless the death was the result of the individual's own willful misconduct or abuse of alcohol or drugs.

[(4)] (5) "Surviving spouse" means a surviving spouse, who has not remarried, of a fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker.

(b) The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation may grant, by law, a property tax credit under this section against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a dwelling that is owned by a DISABLED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR RESCUE WORKER OR A surviving spouse of a fallen law enforcement officer or rescue worker: