

(1957 Edition), title "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title "Procedure", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

594. All motions for new trials in criminal cases shall be heard by the court in which said motion is pending [, or by the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City in cases of motions for new trials pending in the Criminal Court of Baltimore City,] within ten days after the filing of said motion, or, in the event of an agreed statement of the evidence, or a statement of the evidence certified by the judge before whom the case was tried, is filed, within ten days after the filing of said statement; provided, however, that the time for the hearing of any such motion may be extended either by an agreement in writing, signed by the State's Attorney of the county or the City of Baltimore, wherein such motion is pending, and by the defendant or his counsel, or by an order signed by the trial judge.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.

Approved May 4, 1965.

CHAPTER 669
(Senate Bill 499)

AN ACT to add a new Section 12E to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Powers of Montgomery, Prince George's, CALVERT, ST. MARY'S and Charles Counties to Provide Tax Credits for Lands Affected by the Conveyance of Scenic Easements or Development Rights", to follow immediately after Section 12D thereof, concerning the power of Montgomery, Prince George's, CALVERT, ST. MARY'S and Charles Counties to provide for a tax credit or a limited rate of taxation applicable to properties which are affected by the conveyance of scenic easements or development rights; and to further provide that such conveyances of scenic easements or development rights be categorized for the purpose of providing uniform tax credits or exemptions within such categories.

WHEREAS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT THE PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE AND AREAS OF LOW-DENSITY DEVELOPMENT IS NECESSARY FOR THE CREATION OF AN EFFICIENT AND LIVABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE CONSERVATION OF WATER, SOIL AND OTHER MATERIAL RESOURCES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, AND FOR THE SCENIC AND ESTHETIC CHARACTER OF THE STATE'S LANDSCAPE; AND

WHEREAS, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT THE RAPID GROWTH AND SPREAD OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT IS ENCROACHING UPON, OR ELIMINATING, MANY OPEN SPACES AND AREAS OF LOW-DENSITY DEVELOPMENT WHICH IF PRESERVED WOULD CONSTITUTE IMPORTANT