

*Article 66C, and for which the owner or a predecessor in title has permanently conveyed or assigned to the state, local or federal government, an easement or other interest in the land which limits the use thereof in such manner as to preserve its open character in perpetuity.*

*(b) In order to encourage and assist the preservation of open spaces, the board of county commissioners or county council of every county in this State and the Mayor and City Council, by whatever name known, of every municipal corporation in this State, by resolution or ordinance enacted under its usual procedure therefor, may provide a tax credit as to property taxes imposed upon real property in the particular political subdivision which is determined to be an "open space or area." The tax credit may be in an amount up to 50%. All determinations made by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or the Department of Forests and Parks as to the character of any place as an "open area" or "open space" shall be conclusive for the purposes of this section upon acceptance of the conveyance, assignment, or other evidence of any restriction as mentioned in this Section by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, or Department of Forests and Parks, provided, however, that such acceptance shall contain a statement of the finding that such property is an "open area" or "open space." In the event that such conveyance, assignment or other such restriction is made to the federal government, or any agency thereof, the determination of whether the property involved, constitutes an "open area" or "open space" shall be made by the State Department of Forests and Parks.*

*(c) The county or municipality may further provide for the procedure and conditions applying to any such tax credit.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.*

Approved May 4, 1965.

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CHAPTER 671

(Senate Bill 618)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, SECTION 11 (A) OF ARTICLE 36 OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1964 SUPPLEMENT), TITLE "FEES OF OFFICERS", SUB-TITLE "BAILIFFS AND CRIERS"; AND TO REPEAL AND RE-ENACT, WITH AMENDMENTS, Section 25 (a) of Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), title "Juries", sub-title "Qualifications and Selection of Jurors", and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 146 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Somerset County (1963 Edition, being Article 20 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Somerset County", sub-title "Jurors", increasing the daily attendance fee paid to jurors in Somerset County and deleting the reference to mileage in the Code of Public Local Laws