file a certain statement with the County Treasurer or certain other persons regarding the maintainance of a real estate tax escrow account; <u>altering a certain procedure relating to the transfer of property on the assessment books on records in St. Mary's County and applying the altered procedure statewide; and generally relating to procedures for the transfer of property on the assessment books or records.</u>

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Article - Real Property Section 3-104(b) Annotated Code of Maryland (1981 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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Article - Real Property Section 3-104(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (1981 Replacement Volume and 1985 Supplement)

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

Article - Real Property

3-104.

- (b) (l) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, property may not be transferred on the assessment books or records until:
- (i) All public taxes, assessments, and charges due on the property have been paid to the treasurer, tax collector, or director of finance of the county in which the property is assessed; and
- (ii) All taxes on personal property in the county due by the transferor have been paid when all land owned by him in the county is being transferred.
- (2) The certificate of the collecting agent designated by law, showing that all taxes, assessments, and charges have been paid, shall be endorsed on the deed, and the endorsement shall be sufficient authority for transfer on the assessment books.
- (3) Except as provided in subsection (c), in Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, and St. Mary's counties no property may be transferred on the assessment books or records until (1) all public taxes, assessments, any charges