

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

**Article - Commercial Law**

[11-1105.

Any county or municipal corporation law that concerns distress sales shall prevail over the provisions of this subtitle.]

11-1105.

(A) THIS SUBTITLE PROVIDES MINIMUM STANDARDS TO PROTECT CONSUMERS IN THE STATE.

(B) A COUNTY, A MUNICIPALITY, OR AN AGENCY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY ADOPT STANDARDS CONCERNING DISTRESS SALES, WITHIN THE SCOPE OF ITS AUTHORITY, ONLY IF THE STANDARDS:

(1) ARE AT LEAST AS STRINGENT AS THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THIS SUBTITLE IS ENFORCEABLE UNDER TITLE 13 OF THIS ARTICLE OR BY ANY APPROPRIATE LOCAL JURISDICTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED; That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

Approved April 13, 1993.

**CHAPTER 52**

**(House Bill 670)**

AN ACT concerning

**St. Mary's County - Public Facilities Bonds**

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$20,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in St. Mary's County, as herein defined, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; empowering the County to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rate or rates or method of determining the same, terms, conditions, maturities; and all other details incident to the issuance and sale of the bonds; empowering the County to issue refunding bonds for the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity; empowering and directing the County to levy, impose, and collect, annually, ad valorem taxes in rate and amount sufficient to provide funds for