

CHAPTER 641**(House Bill 121)**

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County - Property Tax Credit - Tobacco Barns

FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body of St. Mary's County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property that was formerly used solely as a tobacco barn and is subject to a tobacco buyout agreement; authorizing the governing body of St. Mary's County to provide, by law, for certain provisions relating to the property tax credit; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the authority of the governing body of St. Mary's County to grant a property tax credit.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 9-320(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

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

Article - Tax - Property

9-320.

(a) (1) The governing body of St. Mary's County may grant, by law, a property tax credit under this section against county property tax imposed on:

(1) (I) property that is:

(1) 1. owned by the St. George's Island Improvement Association, Incorporated; and

(1) 2. used only for community or civic purposes;

(2) (II) real property that is owned by the Seventh District Optimist Youth Foundation, Inc.; [and]

(3) (III) real property that is subject to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation District Program or the St. Mary's County Agricultural Land Preservation District 5-year program; AND

(4) (IV) REAL PROPERTY THAT:

(1) 1. WAS FORMERLY USED SOLELY AS A TOBACCO BARN; AND

(1) 2. IS SUBJECT TO A TOBACCO BUYOUT AGREEMENT.