

Chapter 425

**(House Bill 404)**

AN ACT concerning

**St. Mary's County – Land Records – Repeal**

FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law concerning the preparation of certain documents submitted for inclusion in the land records of St. Mary's County; and generally relating to land records in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing

The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County  
Section 73–1 and the chapter "Chapter 73. Land Records"  
Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
(2007 Edition and March 2015 Supplement, as amended)

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

**Article 19 – St. Mary's County**

[Chapter 73.  
Land Records]

[73–1.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County shall not accept for inclusion among the land records of St. Mary's County any deed, assignment, mortgage, deed of trust or other document concerning real property unless such instrument has been prepared by an attorney, duly admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of Maryland, or by an employee of such attorney or by one (1) of the parties named in the instrument.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.**