**Unofficial Copy** 2001 Regular Session 11r0809 Q1 By: St. Mary's County Delegation Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2001 Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee Report: Favorable with amendments House action: Adopted Read second time: February 20, 2001 CHAPTER 1 AN ACT concerning 2 St. Mary's County - Property Tax Credit - Tobacco Barns 3 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 4 5 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 6 to provide, by law, for certain provisions relating to the property tax credit; 7 providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to the authority 8 9 of the governing body of St. Mary's County to grant a property tax credit. 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article - Tax - Property 11 Section 9-320(a) 12 13 Annotated Code of Maryland 14 (1994 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 15 16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Tax - Property** 

The governing body of St. Mary's County may grant, by law, a

20 property tax credit under this section against county property tax imposed on:

property that is:

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## **HOUSE BILL 121**

1 2 Association,	Incorpor	( <del>i)</del> rated; and	<u>1.</u> I	owned by the St. George's Island Improvement	
3		<del>(ii)</del>	<u>2.</u>	used only for community or civic purposes;	
4 5 Youth Found	( <del>2)</del> dation, In	( <u>II)</u> ac.; [and]	real property that is owned by the Seventh District Optimist		
6 (3) (III) real property that is subject to the Maryland Agricultural Land 7 Preservation District Program or the St. Mary's County Agricultural Land 8 Preservation District 5-year program; AND					
9	<del>(4)</del>	<u>(IV)</u>	REAL I	PROPERTY THAT:	
10		<del>(I)</del>	<u>1.</u>	WAS FORMERLY USED SOLELY AS A TOBACCO BARN; AND	
11		<del>(II)</del>	<u>2.</u>	IS SUBJECT TO A TOBACCO BUYOUT AGREEMENT.	
12 (2) IN AUTHORIZING A CREDIT UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(IV) OF THIS 13 SUBSECTION, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY MAY PROVIDE, BY LAW, FOR:					
14		<u>(I)</u>	THE A	MOUNT OF THE CREDIT;	
15		<u>(II)</u>	THE D	URATION OF THE CREDIT; AND	
16 17 <u>CREDIT.</u>		(III)	ANY O	THER PROVISION NECESSARY TO ADMINISTER THE	

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001 June 1, 2001 and shall be effective for all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2001.