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## CHAPTER\_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County - Special Taxing Districts - Creation**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing St. Mary's County to exercise certain powers  
 4 concerning the creation of special taxing districts, the levying of certain taxes,  
 5 and the issuing of bonds for developing and financing certain infrastructure  
 6 improvements under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the  
 7 authority of St. Mary's County to create special taxing districts for developing  
 8 and financing infrastructure improvements.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 10 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions  
 11 Section 9-1301(a) and (c)(1) and (2)  
 12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 13 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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 15 Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions  
 16 Section 9-1301(b)  
 17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 18 (2005 Replacement Volume)

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

1 **Article 24 - Political Subdivisions - Miscellaneous Provisions**

2 9-1301.

3 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (2) (i) "Bond" means a special obligation bond, revenue bond, note, or  
5 other similar instrument issued by the county in accordance with this section.6 (ii) "Bond" includes a special obligation bond, revenue bond, note,  
7 or similar instrument issued by the revenue authority of Prince George's County.

8 (3) "Cost" includes the cost of:

9 (i) Construction, reconstruction, and renovation, and acquisition of  
10 all lands, structures, real or personal property, rights, rights-of-way, franchises,  
11 easements, and interests acquired or to be acquired by the county;12 (ii) All machinery and equipment including machinery and  
13 equipment needed to expand or enhance county services to the special taxing district;14 (iii) Financing charges and interest prior to and during  
15 construction, and, if deemed advisable by the county, for a limited period after  
16 completion of the construction, interest and reserves for principal and interest,  
17 including costs of municipal bond insurance and any other type of financial guaranty  
18 and costs of issuance;

19 (iv) Extensions, enlargements, additions, and improvements;

20 (v) Architectural, engineering, financial, and legal services;

21 (vi) Plans, specifications, studies, surveys, and estimates of cost and  
22 of revenues;23 (vii) Administrative expenses necessary or incident to determining  
24 to proceed with the infrastructure improvements; and25 (viii) Other expenses as may be necessary or incident to the  
26 construction, acquisition, and financing of the infrastructure improvements.27 (b) This section applies only to Anne Arundel County, Calvert County, Charles  
28 County, Garrett County, Howard County, Prince George's County, ST. MARY'S COUNTY,  
29 Washington County, and Wicomico County.30 (c) (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, and for the purpose stated in  
31 paragraph (2) of this subsection, the county may:

32 (i) Create a special taxing district;

33 (ii) Levy ad valorem or special taxes; and

1 (iii) Issue bonds and other obligations.

2 (2) The purpose of the authority granted under paragraph (1) of this  
3 subsection is to provide financing, refinancing, or reimbursement for the cost of the  
4 design, construction, establishment, extension, alteration, or acquisition of adequate  
5 storm drainage systems, sewers, water systems, roads, bridges, culverts, tunnels,  
6 streets, sidewalks, lighting, parking, parks and recreation facilities, libraries, schools,  
7 transit facilities, solid waste facilities, and other infrastructure improvements as  
8 necessary, whether situated within the special taxing district or outside the special  
9 taxing district if the infrastructure improvement is reasonably related to other  
10 infrastructure improvements within the special taxing district, for the development  
11 and utilization of the land, each with respect to any defined geographic region within  
12 the county.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2006.