By: **St. Mary's County Delegation** Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2006 Assigned to: Ways and Means

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

| 2<br>3                   | St. Mary's County - Property Tax Credit for Individuals Over Age 70 - Repeal<br>of Sunset   |
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| 4<br>5<br>6<br>7         | FOR the purpose of repealing a termination provision for certain authorization for the governing body of St. Mary's County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain real property owned by certain individuals; and generally relating to property tax in St. Mary's County. |
| 8<br>9<br>10<br>11<br>12 | BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,<br>Article - Tax - Property<br>Section 9-320(c)<br>Annotated Code of Maryland<br>(2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)   |
| 13<br>14<br>15           | BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,<br>Chapter 195 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005<br>Section 2   |
| 16<br>17                 | SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:  |
| 18                       | Article - Tax - Property  |
| 19                       | 9-320.  |
| 22                       | (c) (1) The governing body of St. Mary's County may grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property used as a principal residence and owned by an individual at least 70 years old who is of limited income.  |
| 24                       | (2) The governing body of St. Mary's County may provide, by law, for:   |
| 25                       | (i) eligibility criteria for the credit under this section;   |
| 26                       | (ii) the amount and duration of the tax credit under this section;  |
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1 (iii) regulations and procedures for the application and uniform 2 processing of requests for the tax credit; and

3 (iv) any other provision necessary to carry out the credit under this 4 section.

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## Chapter 195 of the Acts of 2005

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect

7 June 1, 2005, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30,

8 2005 [but before July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 1

9 month, and at the end of June 30, 2008, with no further action required by the

10 General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect].

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 12 June 1, 2006.