

# HOUSE BILL 600

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Property Maintenance – Voluntary Agreements**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing an ordinance enacted by St. Mary's County regarding  
4 property maintenance to provide for a voluntary agreement between the county and  
5 an owner of real property for remediation by the county of certain conditions  
6 constituting a certain nuisance, including demolition of certain improvements;  
7 authorizing a certain voluntary agreement to provide for repayment by the property  
8 owner to the county of the costs of certain remediation or demolition in a certain  
9 manner; providing that certain unpaid costs may be enforced by the filing of a lien  
10 against the property until repaid; providing that the lien has a certain priority and  
11 may be collected in the same manner as county real property taxes; and generally  
12 relating to voluntary agreements entered for property maintenance in St. Mary's  
13 County.

14 BY adding to

15 The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County  
16 Section 93–5  
17 Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland  
18 (2007 Edition and March 2014 Supplement, as amended)

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

21 **Article 19 – St. Mary's County**

22 **93–5.**

23 **A. AN ORDINANCE ENACTED UNDER THIS CHAPTER MAY PROVIDE FOR A**  
24 **VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND AN OWNER OF REAL**  
25 **PROPERTY FOR REMEDIATION BY THE COUNTY OF THE CONDITIONS CONSTITUTING**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 THE NUISANCE, INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE  
2 PROPERTY.

3 B. (1) A VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT MAY PROVIDE FOR REPAYMENT BY  
4 THE PROPERTY OWNER TO ST. MARY'S COUNTY OF THE REMEDIATION OR  
5 DEMOLITION COSTS.

6 (2) (A) ANY UNPAID COSTS UNDER A VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT MAY  
7 BE ENFORCED BY THE FILING OF A LIEN AGAINST THE PROPERTY UNTIL PAID.

8 (B) A LIEN FILED UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS THE SAME  
9 PRIORITY AND MAY BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTY REAL  
10 PROPERTY TAXES.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2015.