

HOUSE BILL 600

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CF SB 840

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

Introduced and read first time: February 12, 2015

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 15, 2015

CHAPTER _____

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; requiring St. Mary's County to record notice of the
11 lien in the land records of the county; providing that the lien has a certain priority
12 and may be collected in the same manner as county real property taxes; and
13 generally relating to voluntary agreements ~~entered~~ for property maintenance in St.
14 Mary's County.

15 BY adding to

16 The Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County

17 Section 93–5

18 Article 19 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

19 (2007 Edition and March 2014 Supplement, as amended)

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

22 **Article 19 – St. Mary's County**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 93-5.

2 A. AN ORDINANCE ENACTED UNDER THIS CHAPTER MAY PROVIDE FOR A
3 VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND AN OWNER OF REAL
4 PROPERTY FOR REMEDIATION BY THE COUNTY OF THE CONDITIONS CONSTITUTING
5 THE NUISANCE, INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
6 PROPERTY.

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

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

12 (B) ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHALL RECORD NOTICE OF A LIEN
13 FILED UNDER THIS CHAPTER IN THE LAND RECORDS OF THE COUNTY.

14 (C) A LIEN FILED UNDER THIS CHAPTER HAS THE SAME
15 PRIORITY AND MAY BE COLLECTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS COUNTY REAL
16 PROPERTY TAXES.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.