

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

House Bill 431  
Ways and Means

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

Budget and Taxation

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**St. Mary's County - Tax Exemptions - Repeal of Local Provisions**

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This bill repeals provisions of public local law in St. Mary's County pertaining to tax abatements for specified manufacturing property.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill repeals obsolete provisions of the Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapters 598 and 599 of 2016 authorize St. Mary's County or a municipality in St. Mary's County to grant, by law, a property tax credit for any property owned or leased by a new or expanding business that creates 10 or more full-time jobs in an industry targeted for expansion by the St. Mary's County Economic Development Commission. A tax credit may not be granted for more than 10 years.

**Background:** St. Mary's County advises that the provision of law being repealed by the bill was first enacted in 1894, last amended in 1967, and is now obsolete with the enactment of Chapters 598 and 599 of 2016.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 297 (Senator Waugh) - Budget and Taxation.

**Information Source(s):** St. Mary's County; Comptroller's Office; State Department of Assessments and Taxation; Department of Legislative Services

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