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By: **Somerset County Delegation**

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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset County - Rights of Redemption - Limit on Reimbursement of**  
3 **Foreclosure Expenses**

4 FOR the purpose of including Somerset County within a provision of law limiting the  
5 right of certain persons to be reimbursed for certain expenses in connection with  
6 the foreclosure of a right of redemption that are incurred within a certain period  
7 after the tax sale.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Tax - Property  
10 Section 14-843  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Tax - Property**

16 14-843.

17 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, on redemption, the  
18 plaintiff or the holder of a certificate of sale is entitled to be reimbursed for expenses  
19 incurred in any action or in preparation for any action to foreclose the right of  
20 redemption. In addition, the plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale, on redemption,  
21 is entitled to be reimbursed for fees paid for recording the certificate of sale, for  
22 attorney's fees in the sum of \$400 for each certificate of sale, for expenses incurred in

1 the publication and service of process by publication, for reasonable fees for a  
2 necessary title search, and for taxes, together with interest and penalties on the  
3 taxes, arising after the date of sale that have been paid by the plaintiff, including, in  
4 Baltimore City only, taxes, interest, and penalties paid in accordance with subsection  
5 (c) of this section and interest at the rate of redemption provided in § 14-820 of this  
6 subtitle from the date of payment to the date of redemption. The plaintiff or holder of  
7 a certificate of sale is not entitled to be reimbursed for any other expenses.

8 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, in Anne  
9 Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Calvert County, Caroline County,  
10 Cecil County, Charles County, Dorchester County, Frederick County, Harford County,  
11 Howard County, Kent County, Prince George's County, Queen Anne's County, St.  
12 Mary's County, SOMERSET COUNTY, Washington County, Wicomico County, and  
13 Worcester County, the plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale is not entitled to be  
14 reimbursed for expenses incurred within 4 months after the date of sale.

15 (2) This subsection does not apply to property for which the holder may  
16 file a complaint any time after 60 days from the date of sale, pursuant to § 14-833(e)  
17 of the Tax - Property Article.

18 (c) In Baltimore City, on or after October 1 of each year, the plaintiff or holder  
19 of a certificate of sale may pay taxes, interest, and penalties that become due after the  
20 date of the sale on the property described in the tax sale certificate and that have not  
21 been paid by the owner of the property.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 July 1, 1998.