

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2001 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 840 (Montgomery County Delegation)  
Ways and Means

Budget and Taxation

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**Montgomery County - Property Tax Sales - High-Bid Premiums for Group and Sealed Bid Sales**  
**MC 108-01**

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This bill exempts Montgomery County from the requirement that a tax collector establish hid-bid premiums for properties to be sold in groups or by sealed bid process at tax sales.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2001.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Potential reduction in Montgomery County revenues. Montgomery County expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A tax collector must establish a high-bid premium for properties to be sold at tax sales if the properties are to be sold in groups or by sealed bid process. The collector may establish a high-bid premium for all properties to be sold at a tax sale.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Montgomery County has collected approximately \$100,000 in interest on high-bid premiums over the last two years. If Montgomery County discontinues charging the high-bid premium, county revenues will decrease.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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