

# SENATE BILL 645

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CF HB 867

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Sale of Property to Enforce Lien for Water and Sewer**  
3 **Service**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City from  
5 selling property to enforce a certain lien for unpaid charges for water and sewer  
6 service under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the sale of  
7 property in Baltimore City to enforce liens for unpaid charges for water and  
8 sewer service.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article – Tax – Property  
11 Section 14–849.1  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Tax – Property**

17 **14–849.1.**

18 **(A) IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MAY NOT**  
19 **SELL A PROPERTY SOLELY TO ENFORCE A LIEN FOR UNPAID CHARGES FOR**  
20 **WATER AND SEWER SERVICE UNLESS:**

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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           **(1) THE LIEN IS FOR AT LEAST \$350; AND**

2           **(2) THE UNPAID CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE ARE**  
3 **AT LEAST 3 QUARTERS IN ARREARS.**

4           **(B) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE MAYOR**  
5 **AND CITY COUNCIL MAY ENFORCE A LIEN ON A PROPERTY FOR UNPAID WATER**  
6 **AND SEWER SERVICE THAT IS LESS THAN \$350 IF THE PROPERTY IS BEING SOLD**  
7 **TO ENFORCE ANOTHER LIEN.**

8           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 July 1, 2011.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.