

## **Chapter 511**

**(House Bill 867)**

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY adding to

Article – Tax – Property

Section 14–849.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

#### **Article – Tax – Property**

##### **14–849.1.**

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

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

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

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

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

**Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2011.**