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BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 453

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Rosenberg” and substitute “Rosenberg, Mosby, Tarlau, A. Washington, C. Howard, Walker, Ebersole, Hornberger, Wilkins, Ali, and Turner”; in line 2, after “Liens” insert “- Moratorium”; in line 4, after “services” insert “during a certain period”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 4 down through “change;” in line 6 and substitute “defining a certain term;”; in line 10, after “14-801(d)” insert “, 14-808, and 14-849.1”; and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 22, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 2 on page 2 through line 11 on page 3 and substitute:

“14-801.

(d) (1) “Tax” means any tax, or charge of any kind due to the State or any of its political subdivisions, or to any other taxing agency, that by law is a lien against the real property on which it is imposed or assessed.

(2) “Tax” includes interest, penalties, and service charges.

14-808.

(a) The collector shall proceed to sell and shall sell under this subtitle, at the time required by local law but in no case, except in Baltimore City, later than 2 years from the date the tax is in arrears, all property in the county in which the collector is elected or appointed on which the tax is in arrears. The collector is required to sell, but

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failure of the collector to sell within the 2-year period does not affect the validity or collectibility of any tax, or the validity of any sale thereafter made.

(b) In Calvert County the collector shall proceed to advertise and sell any real property immediately after the tax is delinquent for a period of 1 year.

(c) In St. Mary's County, the Board of County Commissioners shall set by resolution the date and time of a tax sale.

(d) In Garrett County, the Board of County Commissioners shall set by resolution the date and time of a tax sale.

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) (i) for a property other than owner-occupied residential property, the lien is for at least \$350; or

(ii) for an owner-occupied residential property, the lien is for at least \$750; and

(2) the unpaid charges for water and sewer service are at least 3 quarters in arrears.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1)(i) of this section, the Mayor and City Council may enforce a lien on a property other than owner-occupied residential property for unpaid water and sewer service that is less than \$350 if the property is being sold to enforce another lien.

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(2) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1)(ii) of this section, the Mayor and City Council may enforce a lien on owner-occupied residential property for unpaid water and sewer service that is less than \$750 if the property is being sold to enforce another lien.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) In this section, “collector” has the meaning stated in § 1-101 of the Tax - Property Article.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, during the period from July 1, 2017, until July 1, 2018, a collector may not sell real property solely to enforce a lien for unpaid water, sewer, or sanitary system charges, fees, or assessments.”.

On page 3, in line 12, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; in line 15, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”; and in line 16, strike “October” and substitute “July”.