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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County and Worcester County - Rights of Redemption - Limit on**  
3 **Reimbursement of Foreclosure Expenses**

4 FOR the purpose of including Dorchester County and Worcester County within a  
5 provision of law limiting the right of certain persons to be reimbursed for certain  
6 expenses in connection with the foreclosure of a right of redemption that are  
7 incurred within a certain period 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 1996 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, is  
21 entitled to be reimbursed for fees paid for recording the certificate of sale, for attorney's  
22 fees in the sum of \$400 for each certificate of sale, for expenses incurred in the  
23 publication and service of process by publication, for reasonable fees for a necessary title  
24 search, and for taxes, together with interest and penalties on the taxes, arising after the  
25 date of sale that have been paid by the plaintiff. The plaintiff or holder of a certificate of  
26 sale is not entitled to be reimbursed for any other expenses.

27 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, in Anne Arundel  
28 County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Calvert County, Caroline County, Cecil  
29 County, Charles County, DORCHESTER COUNTY, Harford County, Howard County,  
30 Kent County, Prince George's County, Queen Anne's County, St. Mary's County, [and]  
31 Washington County, AND WORCESTER COUNTY, the plaintiff or holder of a certificate of

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1 sale is not entitled to be reimbursed for expenses incurred within 4 months after the date  
2 of sale.

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

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 July 1, 1997.