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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Property Tax Sales - Taxes Due after Sale - Payment and Reimbursement

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that on or after a certain date each year certain persons
4 may pay the property tax, interest, and penalties on property that becomes due after
5 a tax sale of the property and be entitled to reimbursement for the amount paid plus
6 interest at a certain rate.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Tax - Property
9 Section 14-843
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

14 **Article - Tax - Property**

15 14-843.

16 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, on redemption, the
17 plaintiff or the holder of a certificate of sale is entitled to be reimbursed for expenses
18 incurred in any action or in preparation for any action to foreclose the right of
19 redemption. In addition, the plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale, on redemption, is
20 entitled to be reimbursed for fees paid for recording the certificate of sale, for attorney's
21 fees in the sum of \$400 for each certificate of sale, for expenses incurred in the
22 publication and service of process by publication, for reasonable fees for a necessary title
23 search, and for taxes, together with interest and penalties on the taxes, arising after the
24 date of sale that have been paid by the plaintiff, INCLUDING TAXES, INTEREST, AND
25 PENALTIES PAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION AND
26 INTEREST AT THE RATE OF REDEMPTION PROVIDED IN § 14-820 OF THIS SUBTITLE
27 FROM THE DATE OF PAYMENT TO THE DATE OF REDEMPTION. The plaintiff or holder
28 of a certificate of sale is not entitled to be reimbursed for any other expenses.

29 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, in Anne Arundel
30 County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Calvert County, Caroline County, Cecil
31 County, Charles County, Harford County, Howard County, Kent County, Prince George's
32 County, Queen Anne's County, St. Mary's County, and Washington County, the plaintiff

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1 or holder of a certificate of sale is not entitled to be reimbursed for expenses incurred
2 within 4 months after the date 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 (C) ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE PLAINTIFF OR HOLDER OF
7 A CERTIFICATE OF SALE MAY PAY TAXES, INTEREST, AND PENALTIES THAT BECOME
8 DUE AFTER THE DATE OF THE SALE ON THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE TAX
9 SALE CERTIFICATE AND THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PAID BY THE OWNER OF THE
10 PROPERTY.

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