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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Personal Property Tax - Lien for Unpaid Taxes

- 3 FOR the purpose of clarifying that the lien on real property for unpaid tax on personal
- 4 property is subordinate to all other liens perfected against the real property
- 5 prior to the attachment of the lien; and providing for the application of this Act.
- 6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 7 Article Tax Property
- 8 Section 14-804(b)
- 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 10 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)
- 11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 Article - Tax - Property

14 14-804.

- 15 (b) All unpaid tax on personal property is a lien on the personal property and
- 16 on the real property of the owner of the personal property in the same manner in
- 17 which taxes on real property are now liens on the real property with respect to which
- 18 they are imposed in all subdivisions of the State[; provided], EXCEPT that the lien
- 19 will attach to the real property only after the notice has been recorded and indexed
- 20 among the judgment records in the office of the clerk of the circuit court in the county
- 21 where the land lies, or is recorded and indexed on the tax rolls of the subdivision, AND
- 22 THE LIEN WILL BE SUBORDINATE TO ALL OTHER LIENS OF EVERY KIND PERFECTED
- 23 AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY PRIOR TO THE ATTACHMENT OF THE LIEN. Any
- 24 subdivision, in lieu of recording in the appropriate court, may use a lien reporting
- 25 system, and any subdivision so doing shall provide, on request, a lien report or
- 26 memorandum with respect to any particular person.
- 27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 28 effect July 1, 1999 and shall apply to all liens for unpaid taxes on personal property in
- 29 existence on or after July 1, 1999.