

HOUSE BILL 543
EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegate Marriott (By Request - Baltimore City Administration) and
Delegates Carter, Doory, Goodwin, Hammen, Harrison, Haynes, Kirk,
Krysiak, McIntosh, Paige, and Rosenberg**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Tax Sales - Auctioneer's Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the auctioneer's fee in Baltimore City allowed as an
4 expense relating to certain tax sales of property; making this Act an emergency
5 measure; and generally relating to the auctioneer's fee in Baltimore City
6 allowed as an expense relating to certain tax sales of property.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Tax - Property
9 Section 14-813(e)(2)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 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 14-813.

16 (e) (2) The auctioneer's fee allowed in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall
17 be:

18 (i) except in BALTIMORE CITY, Caroline County, Carroll County,
19 Dorchester County, Kent County, Queen Anne's County, Somerset County, Wicomico
20 County, or Worcester County:

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2 not to exceed \$10; and
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4 each property sold;
- 5 (ii) in Caroline County, Dorchester County, and Somerset County,
6 \$10 for each property sold, but in no event may the auctioneer's fee be less than \$50
7 a day or greater than \$200 a day;
- 8 (iii) in Kent County, an amount not exceeding \$7.50 for each
9 property sold;
- 10 (iv) in Queen Anne's County, \$7.50 for each property sold;
- 11 (v) in Wicomico County, \$8 for each property sold;
- 12 (vi) in Worcester County, the greater of \$8 for each property sold or
13 \$300, to be allocated pro rata among each property sold; [and]
- 14 (VII) IN BALTIMORE CITY:
- 15 1. FOR ANY DATE WHEN 1, 2, OR 3 PROPERTIES ARE SOLD, AN
16 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10;
- 17 2. FOR ANY DATE WHEN 4 OR MORE PROPERTIES ARE SOLD,
18 \$3 FOR EACH PROPERTY SOLD; AND
- 19 3. IN AN ELECTRONIC SALE, AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
20 \$10 FOR EACH PROPERTY SOLD; AND
- 21 [(vii)] (VIII) in Carroll County, the amount set by the Carroll
22 County Commissioners.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
24 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,
25 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
26 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
27 the date it is enacted.