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By: Senator Della Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2005 Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings Committee Report: Favorable with amendments Senate action: Adopted Read second time: March 15, 2005 CHAPTER___ 1 AN ACT concerning 2 Baltimore City - Tax Sales for Nonpayment of Environmental Citations -3 **Prohibition** FOR the purpose of prohibiting tax sales of real or personal property by any person 5 for nonpayment of certain municipal charges imposed for certain environmental violations in the City of Baltimore; and generally relating to tax sales of real or 6 personal property for nonpayment of municipal charges. 7 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 9 The Charter of Baltimore City Article II - General Powers 10 11 Section (19) 12 (1996 Edition and 2000 Supplement, as amended) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 13 14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 15 The Charter of Baltimore City 16 Article II - General Powers 17 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to 18 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of 19 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; 20 and in particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by 21 ordinance, or such other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the

22 provisions of said Constitution and Public General Laws:

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- 1 (19)
- 2 (A) To establish a Bureau of Liens and to provide for the issuance of
- 3 certificates stating what, if any, State and municipal taxes, charges and assessments
- 4 exist against any particular property, all of which taxes, charges and assessments
- 5 shall be liens against the property affected until paid, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER
- 6 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, and to make a reasonable charge for furnishing
- 7 each such certificate. No charge not shown on such certificate shall be a lien against
- 8 the property mentioned therein. No statute of limitations shall run against charges
- 9 listed on such certificate.
- 10 (B) SALES OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BY ANY PERSON MAY NOT BE
- 11 OFFERED FOR SALE IN A BALTIMORE CITY TAX SALE SOLELY FOR NONPAYMENT OF
- 12 ENVIRONMENTAL CITATIONS ISSUED UNDER § 40-7 ARTICLE 1, SUBTITLE 40 OF THE
- 13 BALTIMORE CITY CODE ARE PROHIBITED.
- 14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 15 effect October 1, 2005.