

SENATE BILL 354

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By: **Senator Della**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2007

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Property Tax – Tax Sales – Attorney’s Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering a certain provision of law authorizing a holder of a
4 certificate of sale to be reimbursed for certain attorney’s fees; and generally
5 relating to certain provisions of law authorizing a holder of a certificate of sale
6 to be reimbursed for certain expenses.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Tax – Property
9 Section 14–843(a)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2006 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
21 reasonable attorney’s fees, provided that the fees may not exceed \$400 [unless an

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 action to foreclose the right of redemption has been filed], for expenses incurred in the
2 publication and service of process by publication, for reasonable fees for a necessary
3 title search, and for taxes, together with interest and penalties on the taxes, arising
4 after the date of sale that have been paid by the plaintiff, including, in Baltimore City
5 only, taxes, interest, and penalties paid in accordance with subsection (c) of this
6 section and interest at the rate of redemption provided in § 14–820 of this subtitle
7 from the date of payment to the date of redemption. The plaintiff or holder of a
8 certificate of sale is not entitled to be reimbursed for any other expenses.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 2007.