

# HOUSE BILL 277

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By: **Howard County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2010

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Howard County – Tax Sales – Auctioneers’ Fees**

3 **Ho. Co. 4–10**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the fees auctioneers are allowed at tax sales in Howard  
5 County; and generally relating to tax sales in Howard County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Tax – Property  
8 Section 14–813(e)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 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 14–813.

15 (e) (1) The following expenses relating to the sale shall be allowed, all of  
16 which are liens on the property to be sold:

17 (i) the expense of publication of all notices;

18 (ii) the cost of the county or municipal corporation surveyor’s  
19 description and plat, if necessary;

20 (iii) except as provided in items (vi) and (vii) of this paragraph, a  
21 fee to the attorney representing the county treasurer for services, that does not exceed  
22 \$15 for each property; except that in any county that has a paid full–time solicitor,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 counsel or attorney, the fee shall be collected and paid into the general funds of the  
2 county;

3 (iv) the auctioneer's fee, as provided in paragraph (2) of this  
4 subsection;

5 (v) in Baltimore County, where provision has been made for the  
6 posting of the premises to be sold, a sum that does not exceed \$7.50;

7 (vi) in Somerset County, Wicomico County and Worcester  
8 County a fee to the attorney representing the county treasurer or director of finance,  
9 that does not exceed \$35 for each property, to be approved by the county treasurer or  
10 director of finance and by the governing body;

11 (vii) in Baltimore City:

12 1. a fee of \$30 for each property to the attorney  
13 representing the director of finance, that is collected and paid into the General Fund of  
14 Baltimore City; and

15 2. a fee that does not exceed \$10 for the mailing of  
16 statements and notices;

17 (viii) in Montgomery County, instead of the fee allowed under  
18 item (iii) of this paragraph, a fee that does not exceed \$30 for each property for legal  
19 services relating to the sale, to be collected and paid into the general funds of the  
20 county; and

21 (ix) a reasonable fee that does not exceed \$150 for examinations  
22 of title before the mailing of statements and notices.

23 (2) The auctioneer's fee allowed in paragraph (1) of this subsection  
24 shall be:

25 (i) except in Baltimore City, Caroline County, Carroll County,  
26 Cecil County, Dorchester County, **HOWARD COUNTY**, Kent County, Queen Anne's  
27 County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Wicomico County, or Worcester County:

28 1. for any date when 1, 2, or 3 properties are sold, an  
29 amount not to exceed \$10; and

30 2. for any date when 4 or more properties are sold, \$3 for  
31 each property sold;

32 (ii) in Dorchester County, \$10 for each property sold, but in no  
33 event may the auctioneer's fee be less than \$50 a day or greater than \$200 a day;

1 (iii) in Kent County, an amount not exceeding \$7.50 for each  
2 property sold;

3 (iv) in Cecil County and Queen Anne's County, \$7.50 for each  
4 property sold;

5 (v) in Somerset County and Wicomico County, \$8 for each  
6 property sold;

7 (vi) in Worcester County, the greater of \$8 for each property sold  
8 or \$300, to be allocated pro rata among each property sold;

9 (vii) in Baltimore City:

10 1. for any date when 1, 2, or 3 properties are sold, an  
11 amount not to exceed \$10;

12 2. for any date when 4 or more properties are sold, \$3 for  
13 each property sold; and

14 3. in an electronic sale, an amount not to exceed \$10 for  
15 each property sold;

16 (viii) in Carroll County, the amount set by the Carroll County  
17 Commissioners; and

18 (ix) in Caroline County, **HOWARD COUNTY**, and Talbot County,  
19 \$10 for each property sold.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
21 July 1, 2010.