

HOUSE BILL 270

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CF SB 279

By: **Delegates Eckardt, Cane, and Haddaway-Riccio**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2011

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Dorchester County – Tax Sales – Advertisement and Auctioneer Fees**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of times a certain notice is required to be
4 published in Dorchester County in connection with certain tax sales of property;
5 altering the auctioneer’s fee in Dorchester County allowed as an expense
6 relating to certain tax sales of property; and generally relating to certain tax
7 sales of property in Dorchester County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Tax – Property
10 Section 14–813(a)(1) and (e)(1)(iv)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Tax – Property
15 Section 14–813(a)(2) and (e)(2)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Tax – Property**

21 14–813.

22 (a) (1) At any time after 30 days from the mailing of the statement and
23 notice, the collector shall cause to be published, 4 times, once a week for 4 successive
24 weeks in 1 or more newspapers that have a general circulation in the county in which

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 the property is located, a notice that the property will, on the date and at the place
2 named in the notice, be sold at public auction.

3 (2) In **DORCHESTER COUNTY**, Frederick County, Garrett County,
4 Kent County, and Queen Anne's County, the notice shall be published 3 times, once a
5 week for 3 successive weeks.

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

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

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

12 (i) except in Baltimore City, Caroline County, Carroll County,
13 Cecil County, Dorchester County, Howard County, Kent County, Prince George's
14 County, Queen Anne's County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Wicomico County, or
15 Worcester County:

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

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

20 (ii) in Dorchester County, [\$10 for each property sold, but in no
21 event may the auctioneer's fee be less than \$50 a day or greater than \$200 a day]
22 **\$7.50 FOR EACH PROPERTY SOLD;**

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

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

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

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

31 (vii) in Baltimore City:

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

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

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

5 (viii) in Carroll County, the amount set by the Carroll County
6 Commissioners; and

7 (ix) in Caroline County, Howard County, Prince George’s
8 County, and Talbot County, \$10 for each property sold.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 July 1, 2011.