

Chapter 328

(House Bill 270)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Tax Sales – Advertisement and Auctioneer Fees

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

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

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

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

Article – Tax – Property

14–813.

(a) (1) At any time after 30 days from the mailing of the statement and notice, the collector shall cause to be published, 4 times, once a week for 4 successive weeks in 1 or more newspapers that have a general circulation in the county in which the property is located, a notice that the property will, on the date and at the place named in the notice, be sold at public auction.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(vii) in Baltimore City:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2011.