

HOUSE BILL 385

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By: **Delegate Anderson (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Abandoned Property – Tax Sales – Ground Rent**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a limitation on selling the whole fee simple interest in certain
4 property in Baltimore City when the property is subject to a ground rent or certain
5 lease; and generally relating to the tax sales of property.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Tax – Property
8 Section 14–816(b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Tax – Property**

14 14–816.

15 (b) If abandoned property in Baltimore City **CONSISTING OF EITHER A VACANT**
16 **LOT OR IMPROVED PROPERTY CITED AS VACANT AND UNFIT FOR HUMAN**
17 **HABITATION ON A HOUSING OR BUILDING VIOLATION NOTICE** sold under [§ 14–817(c)
18 of] this subtitle [with a minimum bid less than the lien amount] is subject to a ground rent
19 or lease for a term of 99 years renewable forever, the collector shall sell the whole fee simple
20 interest in the property.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
22 1, 2016.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

