

SENATE BILL 1001

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By: **Senator Edwards**

Introduced and read first time: February 25, 2022

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Property Tax – Withholding of Property From Tax Sale – Demolition**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a county or municipal corporation to withhold a property
4 from tax sale if the county or municipal corporation intends to demolish a vacant and
5 blighted building or structure on the property; and generally relating to tax sales.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Tax – Property
8 Section 14–811(c)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 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 14–811.

15 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the governing body of a
16 county or municipal corporation may withhold from sale property that:

17 **(1) HAS A VACANT BUILDING OR STRUCTURE THAT THE COUNTY OR**
18 **MUNICIPAL CORPORATION INTENDS TO DEMOLISH BECAUSE THE BUILDING OR**
19 **STRUCTURE IS UNSAFE OR UNFIT FOR HABITATION; OR**

20 **(2)** has been designated for redevelopment purposes if:

21 **[(1)] (I)** the county or municipal corporation certifies that the property:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [(i)] 1. is a vacant lot; or

2 [(ii)] 2. has a building or structure that is:

3 [1.] A. vacant; and

4 [2.] B. unsafe or unfit for habitation;

5 [(2)] (II) the governing body of the county or municipal corporation finds
6 that withholding the property from sale under this subsection is necessary:

7 [(i)] 1. to eliminate a blighting influence; and

8 [(ii)] 2. to prevent the tax abandonment of the property; and

9 [(3)] (III) the property meets any additional objective criteria established
10 by the governing body of the county or municipal corporation for withholding property from
11 sale for redevelopment purposes.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 October 1, 2022.