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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

12 **Article – Tax – Property**

13 14–813.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) the cost of the county or municipal corporation surveyor's
2 description and plat, if necessary;

3 (iii) except as provided in items (vi) and (vii) of this paragraph, a
4 fee to the attorney representing the county treasurer for services, that does not exceed
5 \$15 for each property; except that in any county that has a paid full-time solicitor,
6 counsel or attorney, the fee shall be collected and paid into the general funds of the
7 county;

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

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

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

16 (vii) in Baltimore City:

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

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

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

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

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

3 (i) except in Baltimore City, Caroline County, Carroll County,
4 Cecil County, Dorchester County, **HOWARD COUNTY**, Kent County, Queen Anne’s
5 County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Wicomico County, or Worcester County:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (vii) in Baltimore City:

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

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

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

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

3 (ix) in Caroline County, **HOWARD COUNTY**, and Talbot County,
4 \$10 for each property sold.

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