

## CHAPTER 400

(House Bill 778)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 8 of Chapter 142 of the Acts of 1949, to empower the Mayor and Common Council of Forest Heights, whenever the owner or person in charge of any unimproved lot or vacant premises shall fail, after written notice, to remove any menace to the public health or safety arising from the growth of weeds, the accumulation of refuse, the presence of stagnant water or combustible material, to enter upon the premises by its officers and agents and cause such menace to be abated; to require notice of the reasonable costs incurred to be delivered or mailed to the person in charge of the property and to the person in whose name the property is assessed for taxation and if such costs be not paid within sixty days to authorize the Mayor and Common Council of Forest Heights to recover the costs by civil action, or after written notice, published advertisement, and hearing to assess the costs and advertising expense as a special tax against the property; to provide for the collection of the special tax; and to declare such special tax assessment a lien against the property from the date of assessment until paid and providing for a referendum thereon.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 8 of Chapter 142 of the Acts of 1949 be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

8. (a) The Mayor and Town Council may provide by ordinance for the good government of the town, for the preservation of the peace and good order therein, and for securing to the residents of said town all rights of persons and property to which they are by law entitled, for the surveying, grading, paving, repairing, draining, laying out, extending, opening, closing, straightening, or relocating any of the streets, sidewalks or alleys in said town, and may condemn or purchase the right-of-way for any street or alley which it may determine shall be opened for the

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.