

heading "Foreclosure of Rights of Redemption by Equity Suits," providing generally the procedure by which the holder of a certificate of sale on property purchased under the provisions of the subtitle "Tax Sales" of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland may file a bill in equity to foreclose all rights of redemption of the property and changing the times when such bill may be filed BY BALTIMORE CITY in Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 100 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Tax Sales," subheading "Foreclosure of Rights of Redemption by Equity Suits," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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The holder of any certificate of sale, his heirs or assigns, may at any time after the expiration of one year and a day from the date of sale, BY BALTIMORE CITY *or after six months from the date of sale in Baltimore City,* file a bill in equity to foreclose all rights of redemption of the property to which such certificate relates, as hereinafter provided. The right to redeem shall, nevertheless, exist and continue until finally barred by decree of the court of equity in which the foreclosure proceeding is filed. Unless a proceeding to foreclose the right of redemption is filed within two years of the date of the certificate of sale, the said certificate shall be void and any and all right, title and interest of the holder of the certificate of sale of his predecessors thereof, in and to the property sold shall cease and all money received by the collector on account of the said sale shall be deemed forfeited, and shall be applied by the collector on the taxes in arrears on said property. However, in Baltimore City, where any building or structure is sold and purchased pursuant to the provisions of the subtitle "Tax Sales" of this Article, and the [building inspection engineer of Baltimore City] *Chief, Housing Inspection Section Neighborhood Rehabilitation Division* COMMISSIONER of the Department of Housing and Community Development of Baltimore City, or the successor in this office from time to time as the case may be, shall certify that the particular building or structure involved requires, or within *six months* [a year and a day] shall require, substantial repairs to comply with the Baltimore City Building Code, then, and in that event, the holder of any certificate of sale, his heirs or assigns, may at any time after the expiration of sixty days from the date of sale, file a bill in equity to foreclose all rights of redemption of the property to which such certificate relates; provided, that in any such case the aforementioned certificate of the [building inspection engineer] *Chief, Housing Inspection Section Neighborhood Rehabilitation Division* COMMISSIONER of the Department of Housing and Community Development of Baltimore City, or the successor in this office from time to time as the case may be, shall be attached to and made a part of the bill in equity to foreclose the rights of redemption hereinbefore mentioned.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved May 14, 1969.