

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 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 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 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.

(B) THE HOLDER OF ANY CERTIFICATE OF SALE ISSUED BY ANY COUNTY SUBSEQUENT TO JULY 1, 1969, THAT BEING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHAPTER 603, ACTS OF 1969, SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO FILE A BILL IN EQUITY TO FORECLOSE RIGHTS OF REDEMPTION AS IF THIS SECTION HAD NOT BEEN AMENDED BY SAID CHAPTER 603.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1970.

Approved May 5, 1970

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CHAPTER 556

(Senate Bill 403)

AN ACT to add new Section 112 (t) to Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Birds, Game and Inland Water Fish," SUBHEADING "TITLE AND DEFINITIONS," to follow immediately after Section 112 (s) thereof, to provide that the term "resident" include Armed Forces personnel officially stationed in Maryland; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 219 (f) of the same Article, title and subtitle, SUBHEADING "GAME AND FRESH WATER FISH," to