

orders shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court where such application is made, and on application of the legal representative of any deceased sheriff or collector he shall be entitled to avail himself of the provisions of this section as fully as such deceased sheriff or collector could do if living.

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Whenever, prior to December 31, 1943, any property was sold for the nonpayment of any taxes and said sale has been ratified and confirmed, whether or not a deed has been delivered to the purchaser, any purchaser at any such prior tax sale is hereby empowered to proceed under the provisions of this subtitle relating to the foreclosure of rights of redemption. The collector, upon surrender to him of a receipt or any other instrument evidencing payment of the purchase price, shall deliver to such purchaser a certificate signed by the collector containing all available information concerning the prior sale. Any certificate issued under this section shall have the same force and effect as other certificates issued under the provisions of this subtitle and shall be subject to all of the provisions of this subtitle relating to such other certificates of sale. Any collector may issue the certificate provided for in this section, notwithstanding the fact that any such prior TAX sale was made by one of his predecessors in office.

100.

(a) A 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 in any of the counties, 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] OR 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