

5. A SMALL PROCUREMENT PROCESS, IF THE PROCUREMENT IS ESTIMATED BY THE SERVICE TO RESULT IN AN EXPENDITURE OF \$25,000 OR LESS; OR

6. AN EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT PROCESS, IF THE PROCUREMENT IS NECESSARY TO AVOID OR TO MITIGATE SERIOUS DAMAGE TO PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, OR WELFARE.

(4) THE SERVICE MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS TO RESOLVE DISPUTES BETWEEN THE SERVICE AND ITS CONTRACTORS, THAT MAY INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION BY THE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a presently existing obligation or contract right may not be impaired in any way by this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

Approved April 26, 2005.

CHAPTER 258
(House Bill 1100)

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County - Tax Sales - Auctioneers - Fees

FOR the purpose of altering the fees auctioneers are allowed at tax sales in Somerset County; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to tax sales in Somerset County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Tax - Property
Section 14-813(e)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

Article - Tax - Property

14-813.

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

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