such plan is not a renewal of a health benefit plan providing coverage to a small employer for any purpose under Title 15, Subtitle 12 of the Insurance Article.

SECTION 2. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1 and 3 of this Act shall take effect October June 1, 1997.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

Approved May 22, 1997.

CHAPTER 651

(House Bill 219)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County and Worcester County – Rights of Redemption – Limit on Reimbursement of Foreclosure Expenses

FOR the purpose of including Dorchester County and Worcester County within a provision of law limiting the right of certain persons to be reimbursed for certain expenses in connection with the foreclosure of a right of redemption that are incurred within a certain period after the tax sale.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
  Article – Tax – Property
  Section 14–843
  Annotated Code of Maryland
  (1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article – Tax – Property

14–843.

(a)   Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, on redemption, the plaintiff or the holder of a certificate of sale is entitled to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in any action or in preparation for any action to foreclose the right of redemption. In addition, the plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale, on redemption, is entitled to be reimbursed for fees paid for recording the certificate of sale, for attorney's fees in the sum of $400 for each certificate of sale, for expenses incurred in the publication and service of process by publication, for reasonable fees for a necessary title search, and for taxes, together with interest and penalties on the taxes, arising after the date of sale that have been paid by the plaintiff. The plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale is not entitled to be reimbursed for any other expenses.