

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

Article - Tax - Property

[14-841.

Any single holder of certificates of sale relating to several properties in the same county may include and join in 1 proceeding any number of the certificates. However, if more than 1 property owner is involved, a maximum of 10 certificates may be joined in 1 proceeding. The complaint filed in any proceeding is not subject to objection on the ground of multifariousness.]

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 REASONABLE attorney's fees [in the sum of \$400 for each certificate of sale], PROVIDED THAT THE FEES MAY NOT EXCEED \$400 UNLESS AN ACTION TO FORECLOSE THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION HAS BEEN FILED, 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, including, in Baltimore City only, taxes, interest, and penalties paid in accordance with subsection (c) of this section and interest at the rate of redemption provided in § 14-820 of this subtitle from the date of payment to the date of redemption. The plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale is not entitled to be reimbursed for any other expenses.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

Approved April 22, 2003.

CHAPTER 110

(Senate Bill 733)

AN ACT concerning

Homeland Security - Protection of Building Records

FOR the purpose of expanding the circumstances under which a custodian of public records relating to public security may deny inspection to include records of certain facilities and privately owned or operated buildings, structures, or facilities; providing that a custodian may not deny inspection of certain records relating to certain buildings, building inspections, and citations; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to inspection of public records.