

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

May 22, 2003

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 556 – Baltimore City – Tax Sales – Abandoned Property.

The bill alters provisions regarding proceedings to foreclose the right of redemption following a tax sale of abandoned property in Baltimore.

Senate Bill 346, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 556.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 556

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Tax Sales – Abandoned Property

FOR the purpose of altering certain provisions regarding proceedings to foreclose the right of redemption following a tax sale of certain abandoned property in Baltimore City to provide the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore the discretion to request a deficiency judgment; prohibiting a person from filing to reopen a judgment foreclosing rights of redemption with respect to certain abandoned property in Baltimore City based on inadequate notice; limiting the damages in certain actions regarding foreclosure of rights of redemption following a tax sale of certain abandoned property in Baltimore City; and generally relating to the tax sales of certain abandoned property in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 14–817(c), 14–835(a), 14–844(e), and 14–845

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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