

State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 558 – Baltimore City – Tax Sales – Abandoned Property.

This bill clarifies that certain provisions related to the sale and redemption process of abandoned property in Baltimore City apply only to property sold with a minimum bid less than the lien amount. The bill also repeals a requirement that a final judgment in a proceeding involving abandoned property in Baltimore City is void in 30 days under certain circumstances, and provides that the purchaser in such a transaction is not an interested party for purposes of voiding the judgment.

Senate Bill 489, 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 558.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 558

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Tax Sales – Abandoned Property

FOR the purpose of clarifying the applicability of certain provisions making a certificate of sale for certain abandoned property in Baltimore City void unless foreclosure proceedings are brought within a certain amount of time; authorizing the holder of a certificate of sale for certain abandoned property in Baltimore City to file a complaint to foreclose certain rights of redemption at any time after the date of the sale; repealing a provision of law that voids a judgment of foreclosure on certain abandoned property in Baltimore City if certain liens are not paid within a certain amount of time and a certain deed is not recorded within a certain amount of time; providing that following a judgment of foreclosure and the enrolling of a certain certificate holder as the owner of certain property, the certificate holder in Baltimore City is not an interested party for purposes of voiding the judgment; and generally relating to tax sales of certain abandoned property in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Tax – Property

Section 14–817(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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