

(b) The deed shall be prepared by the holder of the certificate of sale or the attorney for the holder of the certificate of sale and all expenses incident to the preparation and execution of the deed shall be paid by the holder of the certificate of sale.

(c) The clerk of the court in which the suit is instituted shall issue a certified copy of the judgment of the court to the collector and supervisor and the collector is not obligated to execute the deed provided for in this section until that certified copy of the judgment is delivered to the collector.

(d) (1) [Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if] IF the holder of the certificate of sale does not comply with the terms of the final judgment of the court within 90 days as to payments to the collector of the balance of the purchase price due on account of the purchase price of the property and of all taxes, interest, and penalties that accrue after the date of sale, that judgment may be stricken by the court on the motion of an interested party for good cause shown.

(2) In Baltimore City, A CERTIFICATE HOLDER WHO HAS BEEN ENROLLED AS THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS NOT AN INTERESTED PARTY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THIS SUBSECTION. [if the holder of the certificate of sale for abandoned property does not comply with the terms of final judgment of the court as to the payments necessary for the collector to execute a deed within 30 days, or does not record the deed in land records within 30 days of the execution of the deed, the final judgment is void.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

May 14, 2002

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
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 567 – Maryland Agricultural Preservation Foundation – Allegany and Garrett Counties – Natural Gas Rights.

House Bill 567 prohibits regulations and procedures adopted by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, in Allegany or Garrett Counties, from requiring a natural gas rights owner or lessee from relinquishing its interest in agricultural preservation district land under certain circumstances. Specifically, if the Foundation determines that exercising natural gas rights will not interfere with the agricultural operations on land, the gas rights owner or lessee is not required to subordinate its interest to the Foundation's interest. The bill also requires the Foundation to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2005. Last year, I vetoed identical legislation, House Bill 376 of 2001. My reasons for the veto are restated below.