

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

Article - Tax - Property

14-817.

(A) The sale shall be held on the day and at the place stated in the notice by advertising. The sale shall be held in the county in which the land to be sold is located. If the sale cannot be completed on that day, the collector shall continue the same from day to day until all property included in the sale is sold. All sales shall be at public auction to the highest bidder, in fee or leasehold, as the case may be.

(B) [Property] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, PROPERTY may not be sold for a sum less than the total amount of all taxes on the property that are certified to the collector under § 14-810 of this subtitle, together with interest and penalties on the taxes and the expenses incurred in making the sale, and the lien for the taxes, interest, penalties, and expenses passes to the purchaser.

(C) (1) IN BALTIMORE CITY, PROPERTY CITED AS VACANT AND ABANDONED ON A HOUSING OR BUILDING VIOLATION NOTICE MAY BE SOLD FOR A SUM LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF:

(I) ALL TAXES ON THE PROPERTY THAT ARE CERTIFIED TO THE COLLECTOR UNDER § 14-810 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(II) INTEREST AND PENALTIES ON THE TAXES; AND

(III) EXPENSES INCURRED IN MAKING THE SALE.

(2) THE PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TAXES PRIOR TO THE SALE SHALL REMAIN LIABLE TO THE COLLECTOR FOR THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE AMOUNT RECEIVED IN THE TAX SALE UNDER THIS SECTION AND THE TAXES, INTEREST, PENALTIES, AND EXPENSES REMAINING AFTER THE SALE.

(3) THE BALANCE REMAINING AFTER THE TAX SALE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO REDEEM THE PROPERTY UNDER § 14-828 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(4) IN A PROCEEDING TO FORECLOSE THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMPLAINT SHALL REQUEST ~~AND THE FINAL ORDER SHALL INCLUDE~~ A JUDGMENT FOR THE COUNTY CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF THE BALANCE OTHERWISE DUE UNDER THIS SECTION.

14-828.

(a) If the property is redeemed, the person redeeming shall pay the collector:

(1) the total price paid at the tax sale for the property together with interest;