

requirements of this Act and explaining the State financial and technical assistance that is available to assist farmers in complying with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 15. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That under the provisions of § 7-209(e)(2)(iv) of the State Finance and Procurement Article for fiscal year 1999 only, appropriations and positions may be transferred between the Departments of Agriculture, Business and Economic Development, and the Environment to carry out the intent of this legislation.

SECTION ~~12~~ 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

CHAPTER 326
(Senate Bill 378)

AN ACT concerning

Property Tax - Tax Sales

FOR the purpose of authorizing collectors of property tax to establish certain terms for the conduct of tax sales; authorizing collectors of property tax to determine the manner of tax sales; providing for the authority to accept or refuse to accept bids at tax sales by the collector or as delegated by the collector; authorizing certain collectors of property tax to establish certain high-bid ~~amounts~~ premiums for property to be auctioned at a tax sale ~~and certain rates for high bid premiums; establishing limits for high bid amounts and rates for high bid premiums;~~ establishing the conditions under which the highest bidder at a tax sale is required to pay a high-bid premium; requiring the collector to refund the high-bid premium under certain conditions; providing that the high-bid premium is not refundable under certain conditions; ~~providing for the application of this Act;~~ making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to tax sales.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 14-817 and 14-818

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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