

# HOUSE BILL 522

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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Tax Sales – Auctioneer Expenses**

3 FOR the purpose of including the actual cost of an auctioneer fee for the tax sale of property  
4 in St. Mary's County as an expense of the sale of the property; and generally relating  
5 to tax sales of property in St. Mary's County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article – Tax – Property  
8 Section 14–813(e)(1)(iv)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Tax – Property  
13 Section 14–813(e)(2)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Tax – Property**

19 14–813.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (e) (1) The following expenses relating to the sale shall be allowed, all of which  
2 are liens on the property to be sold:

3 (iv) the auctioneer's fee, as provided in paragraph (2) of this  
4 subsection;

5 (2) The auctioneer's fee allowed in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
6 be:

7 (i) except in Baltimore City, Caroline County, Carroll County, Cecil  
8 County, Dorchester County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Harford County, Howard  
9 County, Kent County, Prince George's County, Queen Anne's County, Somerset County,  
10 **ST. MARY'S COUNTY**, Talbot County, Wicomico County, or Worcester County:

11 1. for any date when 1, 2, or 3 properties are sold, an amount  
12 not to exceed \$10; and

13 2. for any date when 4 or more properties are sold, \$3 for each  
14 property sold;

15 (ii) in Dorchester County, \$7.50 for each property sold;

16 (iii) in Kent County, an amount not exceeding \$7.50 for each property  
17 sold;

18 (iv) in Cecil County and Queen Anne's County, \$7.50 for each  
19 property sold;

20 (v) in Garrett County, Somerset County, and Wicomico County, \$8  
21 for each property sold;

22 (vi) in Worcester County, the greater of \$8 for each property sold or  
23 \$300, to be allocated pro rata among each property sold;

24 (vii) in Baltimore City:

25 1. for any date when 1, 2, or 3 properties are sold, an amount  
26 not to exceed \$10;

27 2. for any date when 4 or more properties are sold, \$3 for each  
28 property sold; and

29 3. in an electronic sale, an amount not to exceed \$10 for each  
30 property sold;

31 (viii) in Carroll County, the amount set by the Carroll County  
32 Commissioners;

1 (ix) in Caroline County, Harford County, Howard County, Prince  
2 George's County, and Talbot County, \$10 for each property sold; [and]

3 (x) in Frederick County, the lowest responsive bid for each property  
4 sold; AND

5 (XI) IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, THE ACTUAL COST CHARGED BY  
6 THE AUCTIONEER FOR EACH PROPERTY SOLD.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
8 October 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.