

HOUSE BILL 522

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

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2022

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

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.

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (vi) in Worcester County, the greater of \$8 for each property sold or
19 \$300, to be allocated pro rata among each property sold;

20 (vii) in Baltimore City:

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

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

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

27 (viii) in Carroll County, the amount set by the Carroll County
28 Commissioners;

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

31 (x) in Frederick County, the lowest responsive bid for each property
32 sold; **AND**

1 **(XI) IN ST. MARY’S COUNTY, THE ACTUAL COST CHARGED BY**
2 **THE AUCTIONEER FOR EACH PROPERTY SOLD.**

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