



## Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Collection of Taxes, Fees, etc. - Warning of Lien and Potential Foreclosure FOR the purpose of requiring certain City bills, invoices, and other statements to contain a warning of the potential consequences of a failure to pay.

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10/19/2015	0	Mayor	Signed by Mayor	
9/21/2015	0	City Council	Approved and Sent to the Mayor	
8/17/2015	0	City Council	Advanced to 3rd Reader, for Final Passage	
8/17/2015	0	Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee	Recommended Favorably with Amendment	
8/13/2015	0	Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee	Scheduled for a Public Hearing	
8/13/2015	0	Taxation, Finance and Economic Development Committee	Recommended Favorably with Amendment	Pass
3/26/2015	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Finance	
3/26/2015	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Public Works	
3/26/2015	0	The City Council	Refer to Environmental Control Board	
3/26/2015	0	The City Council	Refer to Housing and Community Development	
3/26/2015	0	The City Council	Refer to Dept. of Transportation	
3/26/2015	0	The City Council	Refer to City Solicitor	
3/23/2015	0	City Council	Assigned	
3/23/2015	0	City Council	Introduced	

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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INTRODUCTORY\*

CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Stokes

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

**Collection of Taxes, Fees, etc. - Warning of Lien and Potential Foreclosure**

FOR the purpose of requiring certain City bills, invoices, and other statements to contain a warning of the potential consequences of a failure to pay.

BY adding

Article 28 - Taxes

Section(s) 4-4

Baltimore City Code

(Edition 2000)

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 28. Taxes

Subtitle 4. Collections

◆ 4-4. WARNING OF LIEN AND POTENTIAL FORECLOSURE.

(A) SCOPE OF SECTION.

THIS SECTION APPLIES TO EVERY BILL, INVOICE, OR OTHER STATEMENT ISSUED BY OR FOR THE CITY TO COLLECT A TAX, FEE, OR OTHER CHARGE THAT, BY OPERATION OF LAW, CONSTITUTES A LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY.

(B) WARNING REQUIRED.

EACH BILL, INVOICE, OR OTHER STATEMENT TO WHICH THIS SECTION APPLIES SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING WARNING, PROMINENTLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY DISPLAYED IN BOLD FACE TYPE:

◆WARNING: THESE CHARGES ARE A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED. FAILURE TO TIMELY PAY THESE CHARGES CAN LEAD TO FORECLOSURE OF THE LIEN AND THE SALE AT AUCTION OF YOUR PROPERTY.◆

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.

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