



Legislation Text

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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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