

**CHAPTER 401**

**(House Bill 997)**

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore City - ~~Abandoned Property Subject to Ground Rent Rents on~~  
Abandoned Property - Tax Sales - Donations**

FOR the purpose of providing that, at a tax sale of certain abandoned property in Baltimore City that is subject to a ground rent or lease for a term of 99 years renewable forever, the collector shall sell the whole fee simple interest in the property; providing that certain ground rents may be donated to Baltimore City or a certain entity; and generally relating to ~~tax sales of certain ground rents on certain abandoned property in Baltimore City that is subject to a ground rent or lease for a term of years renewable forever.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Real Property

Section 8-110

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 14-816

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 14-817(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

**Article - Real Property**

**8-110.**

(a) (1) This section does not apply to leases of property leased for business, commercial, manufacturing, mercantile, or industrial purposes or any other purpose which is not primarily residential, where the term of the lease, including all renewals provided for, does not exceed 99 years. A lease of the entire property improved or to be improved by any apartment, condominium, cooperative, or other building for multiple-family use on the property constitutes a business and not a residential