



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1230

PRINTERS NO. 1562

PRIME SPONSOR: Ross

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2013/14	FY 2014/15
County Funds	See "Fiscal Impact"	See "Fiscal Impact"

**SUMMARY:** Amends the Real Estate Tax Sale Law regarding the maintenance of certain properties held by the county tax claims bureau. This legislation would take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation, in the case of property exposed to upset sale and not sold at upset sale, would allow a county tax claims bureau to incur, and recover costs, prior to any distribution from a subsequent sale, the following:

1. Costs of rehabilitation and maintenance as may be needed, in the sole discretion of the tax claims bureau, to address safety issues or restore or maintain the property in a salable condition.
2. Costs of rehabilitation and maintenance necessary to ensure the property is maintained in compliance with property maintenance codes.

The costs incurred will be recoverable by the county from the proceeds of any subsequent sale of the property. This legislation shall not be construed as creating any affirmative duty on the part of the county or the tax claims bureau to rehabilitate or maintain property. This legislation shall not impose any liability on a county or tax claims bureau for injuries to persons or property that may occur on property subject to rehabilitation and maintenance under this provision.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. This legislation provides the opportunity for Second Class A through Eighth Class counties to recover costs associated with maintaining properties held by a county tax claims bureau. It is impossible to predict the amount of costs incurred that will be recovered as a result of this legislation.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*