



# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

## FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 909

PRINTERS NO. 1126

PRIME SPONSOR: Ross

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2014/15	FY 2015/16
County Funds	\$0	See "Fiscal Impact"

**SUMMARY:** Amends the Real Estate Tax Sale Law to provide for the collection of additional costs related to rehabilitation and maintenance of properties not sold at an upset sale. This legislation would take effect immediately.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation adds a new section to the Real Estate Tax Sale Law (Act 542 of 1947) to provide that a county tax claims bureau may incur, and may recover as 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.

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.*