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AN ACT to amend and reenact §11A-3-58 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to distributions to purchasers after land has been redeemed; and increasing the amount of expenses that may be paid to a purchaser for expenses incurred in preparing the list of those to be served with notice to redeem and title examination to \$500.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 3. SALE OF TAX LIENS AND NONENTERED, ESCHEATED, AND WASTE AND UNAPPROPRIATED LANDS.

§11A-3-58. Distribution to purchaser.

- (a) Where the land has been redeemed in the manner set forth in §11A-3-56 of this code, and the deputy commissioner has delivered the redemption money to the sheriff pursuant to §11A-3-57 of this code, the sheriff shall, upon delivery of the sum necessary to redeem, promptly notify the purchaser, his or her heirs or assigns, by mail, of the redemption and pay to the purchaser, his or her heirs or assigns, the following amounts: (1) The amount paid to the deputy commissioner at the sale; (2) all other taxes thereon, which have since been paid by the purchaser, his or her heirs or assigns, with interest at the rate of one percent per month from the date of payment; (3) such additional expenses as may have been incurred in preparing the list of those to be served with notice to redeem, and any title examination incident thereto, with interest at the rate of one percent per month from the date of payment, but the amount which shall be paid, excluding said interest, for such expenses incurred for the preparation of the list of those to be served with notice to redeem required by §11A-3-52 of this code, and any title examination incident thereto, shall not exceed \$500; and (4) all additional statutory costs paid by the purchaser.
 - (b) (1) The notice shall include:
 - (A) A copy of the redemption certificate issued by the deputy commissioner;
- (B) An itemized statement of the redemption money to which the purchaser is entitled pursuant to the provisions of this section; and

- (C) Where, at the time of the redemption, the deputy commissioner has not received from the purchaser satisfactory proof of the expenses incurred in preparing the list of those to be served with notice to redeem and any title examination incident thereto, the deputy commissioner shall also include instructions to the purchaser as to how these expenses may be claimed.
- (2) Subject to the limitations of this section, the purchaser is entitled to recover any expenses incurred in preparing the list of those to be served with notice to redeem and any title examination incident thereto from the date of the sale to the date of the redemption.
- (c) Where, pursuant to §11A-3-56 of this code, the deputy commissioner has not received from the purchaser satisfactory proof of the expenses incurred in preparing the notice to redeem, and any title examination incident thereto, in the form of receipts or other evidence thereof, and therefore received from the purchaser as required by §11A-3-56 of this code and delivered to the sheriff the sum of \$500, plus interest thereon at the rate of one percent per month from the date of the sale to the date of redemption, and the sheriff has not received from the purchaser such satisfactory proof of such expenses within 30 days from the date of notification, the sheriff shall refund such amount to the person redeeming and the purchaser is barred from any claim thereto. Where, pursuant to §11A-3-56 of this code, the deputy commissioner has received from the purchaser and therefore delivered to the sheriff said sum of \$500, plus interest thereon at the rate of one percent per month from the date of the sale to the date of redemption, and the purchaser provides the sheriff within 30 days from the date of notification such satisfactory proof of such expenses, and the amount of such expenses is less than the amount paid by the person redeeming, the sheriff shall refund the difference to the person redeeming.

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