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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 300

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR WORK DONE TO TAX-  
9 DELINQUENT LANDS TO PREVENT DETERIORATION OR TO  
10 COMPLY WITH CODE REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

15 TO PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR WORK DONE TO  
16 TAX-DELINQUENT LANDS TO PREVENT  
17 DETERIORATION OR TO COMPLY WITH CODE  
18 REQUIREMENTS.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 26-37-209 is amended to read as follows:  
24 26-37-209. Compensation for improvements.

25 (a)(1) ~~No~~ A purchaser under this chapter of any land or town lot or  
26 city lot ~~nor any or another~~ person claiming under ~~him or her~~ the purchaser  
27 shall not be entitled to any compensation for any improvement that ~~he or she~~  
28 the purchaser shall make on the land or town lot or city lot within the time  
29 frame established in § 26-37-203, except for:

30 (A) The cost of repairs necessary to prevent deterioration  
31 of any improvements on the land or town lot or city lot; or

32 (B) The cost necessary to comply with any state, county,  
33 or city code requirements.

34 (2) ~~No purchaser of land that was sold at a negotiated sale~~  
35 ~~under § 26-27-101 shall be entitled to any compensation for an improvement~~  
36 ~~that he or she makes to the land within the time frame established in § 26-~~



1 ~~37-203.~~ The compensation allowed under subdivision (a)(1) of this section  
2 shall be a charge upon the land.

3 (b)~~(1)~~ For an improvement made after the expiration of the time frame  
4 established in § 26-37-203, the purchaser under this chapter shall be allowed  
5 the full cash value of the improvement, and the allowance shall be a charge  
6 upon the land.

7 ~~(2) For an improvement made after the expiration of the time~~  
8 ~~frame established in § 26-37-203 to a subdivided lot that was purchased at a~~  
9 ~~negotiated sale under § 26-37-202(b), the purchaser shall be allowed the full~~  
10 ~~cash value of the improvement, and the allowance shall be a charge upon the~~  
11 ~~land.~~

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13 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
14 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that tax-delinquent properties are  
15 in need of repairs to prevent deterioration, satisfy building code  
16 requirements, and combat blight; and that the failure to make prompt repairs  
17 leaves citizens, especially children, susceptible to disease and dangerous  
18 and harmful conditions. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and  
19 this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public  
20 peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

21 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

22 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,  
23 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the  
24 bill; or

25 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is  
26 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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