

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 300

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

### Subtitle

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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