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**LET PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BUY
CERTAIN TAX SALE LANDS**

House Bill 5489

Sponsor: Rep. David Galloway

Committee: House Oversight and Ethics

Complete to 2-11-96

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5489 AS INTRODUCED 12-14-95

Public Act 317 of 1968 prohibits "public servants" from being parties to any contracts between themselves and the public entity of which they are officers or employees. The act was amended in 1992 (by Public Act 9, enrolled House Bill 4262) to exempt public servants who also served as emergency medical workers in municipalities (cities, villages, townships, or counties) with populations of less than 25,000 from conflict of interest provisions. The bill would amend this section of the act to allow public servants to buy, at tax sales, lands returned for delinquent taxes under the General Property Tax. The bill also would repeal Public Act 258 of 1861 (MCL 322.271 and 322.272), "an act to prevent officers and clerks in the state land office and auditor general's office from purchasing lands while in the employ of the state."

MCL 15.323a

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