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Dear Mr. Green:

Attorney General McLeod has referred your letter of April 27, 1972, to me. Evidently you have not received the most recent version of the Tidelands Bill, Senate Bill 977. Section 21(c) has been changed as follows:

The claimant must prove that all property taxes assessed against the property claimed have been paid when due as reflected in the property tax records for the county in which the property is located and for ten years. Taxes for any year shall be deemed to have been paid when due if paid before the due date for taxes for the following year.

This provision, in effect, gives the property owner a grace period of one year within which he may pay his taxes. The change in this provision of the Bill was inserted and former provisions deleted after it was criticized on the grounds mentioned in your letter. We believe that as revised the problems that you point out are minimized.

We appreciate your support of the zoning provisions and hope that Senate Bill 977, or another bill which zones the coastal area, is passed by this session of the General Assembly. I am sure that you are aware of the immediate need for this type of legislation.

We would appreciate any additional comments you may have on the proposed Bill.

Sincerely,

Hubbard W. McDonald, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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