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Occasionally, something happens and someone fails to pay their taxes. In many cases this is a simple oversight and they make arrangements with the government to pay their taxes and everything goes on as normal. However, in those situations where the individuals do not make good on the taxes that they owe, the government can (and usually will) place a lien on property owned by a person in financial trouble.

Usually, a lien is placed on their home; however, any property owned by the person can have a lien on it. The government can hold onto the lien for as long as they want, or they can sell the tax lien certificate to an investor which would let them do as they wish.

The tax lien certificate makes it possible for the new owner to make decisions about the property the lien covers. In most cases, an investor will charge the person who owns the property with the lien on it a monthly fee until the price of the lien, plus interest is paid off. However, if they believe that the person is not going to pay what they owe, they are able to sell the property in order to receive the monies that they now can rightfully collect.

If they are not careful, the person owing the taxes could be in deep water. That is because no matter how little they owe, their house can have a lien on it and if the government so chooses they can sell the lien to an investor. For example, if you owe the government five thousand dollars and they put a lien on your million-dollar property, you could lose your home and a good deal to go a long with it all in the name of that five thousand dollars.

Though this is bad for the owner, its a blessing for the investor. While most investors will hold on to tax lien certificates and use them for long term investments, some do choose to demand payment if full and end up getting a home for the price of the taxes owed. Typically, however, this doesn't happen. Most homeowners are relieved to have an opportunity to arrange payments and this makes for an excellent investment, even though sometimes it is rather long.

If you are looking for a good investment, then perhaps tax lien certificates are for you. Sometimes you can purchase a tax lien of a thousand dollars and end up with an excellent long term investment.

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