97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB1384

Introduced 2/14/2011, by Rep. Jehan A. Gordon

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/9-2-4.5

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Defines "compliance lien". Provides that if a compliance lien has been filed against a property, then those costs associated with the lien may be treated as an existing, judicially-approved special assessment, as though an assessment warrant had been issued. Further provides that the municipality may collect the costs as a special assessment if it complies with applicable procedures. Requires that the owner of record or persons interested in the property shall pay the costs incurred by the municipality for collecting the costs associated with the lien. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by 5 changing Section 9-2-4.5 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/9-2-4.5)

Sec. 9-2-4.5. Special assessment for payment of costs
associated with certain ordinance violations.

9 (a) For the purposes of this Section, the term "compliance 10 <u>lien</u>" means: For purposes of this Section, "Code" means any 11 municipal ordinance that requires, after notice, the cutting of 12 grass and weeds, the removal of garbage and debris, the removal 13 of inoperable motor vehicles, and rodent and vermin abatement.

14 (1) a lien filed under Division 20 of Article 11;

(2) a situation in which (i) a property owner is cited 15 16 with a Code violation under Division 31.1 of Article 11, 17 (ii) non-compliance is found upon reinspection of the 18 property after the due date for compliance with an order to 19 correct the Code violation or with an order for abatement, 20 (iii) costs for services rendered by the municipality to 21 correct the Code violation remain unpaid at the point in 22 time that they would become a debt due and owing the 23 municipality, as provided in Division 31.1 of Article 11,

and (iv) a lien has been filed of record by the 1 2 municipality in the office of the recorder in the county in 3 which the property is located; or 4 (3) a lien filed by the municipality with respect to 5 any unpaid utility bills. (b) In addition to any other method authorized by law, if a 6 7 compliance lien has been filed against a property (i) a owner is cited with a Code violation, (ii) 8 property 9 non compliance is found upon reinspection of the property after 10 the due date for compliance with an order to correct the Code 11 violation or with an order for abatement, (iii) costs for 12 services rendered by the municipality to correct the Code olation remain unpaid at the point in time that they would 13 become a debt due and owing the municipality, as provided in 14 Division 31.1 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code, and 15 16 (iv) a lien has been filed of record by the municipality in the 17 office of the recorder in the county in which the property is located, then those costs associated with the lien may be 18 treated collected as an existing, judicially-approved a 19 20 special assessment, as though an assessment warrant had been issued and all conditions precedent had been satisfied. The 21 22 municipality may collect those costs as a special assessment on 23 the property if it complies with the applicable procedures set 24 forth under Section 9-2-80 through Section 9-2-98. In such 25 cases, the county recorder or other officer of the county in which the municipality is located that has the authority to 26

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receive State and county taxes and the court rendering judgment 1 2 and ordering sale of the delinquent special assessment shall 3 exempt the municipality from the otherwise applicable special 4 assessment warrant and certified assessment roll requirements 5 because the same will be deemed to have occurred by operation 6 of law under this Division. Upon payment of the costs by the owner of record or persons interested in the property, 7 including any cost incurred by the municipality for collecting 8 9 the costs under this Section, the lien shall be released by the 10 municipality and the release shall be filed of record in the 11 same manner as the filing of notice of the lien.

12 (Source: P.A. 93-993, eff. 1-1-05.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.