

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB4824

Introduced 01/18/06, by Rep. John D'Amico

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

35 ILCS 5/1109

from Ch. 120, par. 11-1109

Amends the Illinois Income Tax Act. In a Section concerning demands and seizures, sets forth procedures for financial institutions to surrender, to the Department of Revenue, funds that are subject to a levy for the nonpayment of taxes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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1 AN ACT concerning revenue.

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

Section 5. The Illinois Income Tax Act is amended by changing Section 1109 as follows:

6 (35 ILCS 5/1109) (from Ch. 120, par. 11-1109)

Sec. 1109. Demand and Seizure. In addition to any other remedy provided for by the laws of this State, if the tax imposed by this Act is not paid within the time required by this Act, the Department, or some person designated by it, may cause a demand to be made on the taxpayer for the payment thereof. If such tax remains unpaid for 10 days after such demand has been made and no proceedings have been taken to review the same, the Department may issue a warrant directed to any sheriff or other person authorized to serve process, commanding the sheriff or other person to levy upon the property and rights to property (whether real or personal, tangible or intangible) of the taxpayer, without exemption, found within his jurisdiction, for the payment of the amount thereof with the added penalties, interest and the cost of executing the warrant. The term "levy" includes the power of distraint and seizure by any means. In any case in which the warrant to levy has been issued, the sheriff or other person to whom the warrant was directed may seize and sell such property or rights to property. Such warrant shall be returned to the Department together with the money collected by virtue thereof within the time therein specified, which shall not be less than 20 nor more than 90 days from the date of the warrant. The sheriff or other person to whom such warrant is directed shall proceed in the same manner as prescribed by law in respect to the enforcement against property upon judgments by a court, and shall be entitled to the same fees for his services in 1

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executing the warrant, to be collected in the same manner. The Department, or some officer, employee or agent designated by it, is hereby authorized to bid for and purchase any property sold under the provisions hereof. No proceedings for a levy under this Section shall be commenced more than 20 years after the latest date for filing of the notice of lien under the provisions of Section 1103, without regard to whether such notice was actually filed.

Any officer or employee of the Department designated in writing by the Director is authorized to serve process under this Section to levy upon accounts or other intangible assets of a taxpayer held by a financial organization, as defined in Section 1501 of this Act. A Notice of Levy shall be served on the financial organization and shall require the financial organization to place a hold on funds in the taxpayer's accounts as of the time that the financial organization receives the Notice of Levy or on the rights to payment on intangible assets of the taxpayer that are in the possession or under control of the financial organization as of the time that the financial organization receives the Notice of Levy, up to the amount stated in the Notice of Levy. The financial organization shall surrender to the Department the funds, including interest earned on the funds, that were in the accounts or other assets or rights to payment that were subject to the levy as of the time that the financial organization received the Notice of Levy. The funds, assets, or rights to payment are transferable to the Department by the financial organization on the date or after the time period specified in the Notice of Levy. In addition to any other provisions of this Section, any officer or employee of the Department designated in writing by the Director may levy upon the following property and rights to property belonging to a taxpayer: contractual payments, accounts and notes receivable and other evidences of debt, and interest on bonds, by serving a notice of levy on the person making such payment. Levy shall not be made until the Department has caused a demand to be made on the taxpayer in

1 the manner provided above. In addition to any other provisions 2 of this Section, any officer or employee of the Department 3 designated in writing by the Director, may levy upon the 4 wages, commissions and bonuses of any employee, 5 including officers, employees, or elected officials of the United States as authorized by Section 5520a of the Government 6 Organization and Employees Act (5 U.S.C. 5520a), but not upon 7 8 the salary or wages of officers, employees, or elected 9 officials of any state other than this State, by serving a notice of levy on the employer, as defined in Section 701(d). 10 11 Levy shall not be made until the Department has caused a demand 12 to be made on the employee in the manner provided above. The provisions of Section 12-803 of the Code of Civil Procedure 13 relating to maximum compensation subject to collection under 14 15 wage deduction orders shall apply to all levies made upon compensation under this Section. To the extent of the amount 16 17 due on the levy, the employer or other person making payments to the taxpayer shall hold any non-exempt wages or other 18 19 payments due or which subsequently come due. The levy or 20 balance due thereon is a lien on wages or other payments due at the time of the service of the notice of levy, and such lien 21 22 shall continue as to subsequent earnings and other payments 23 until the total amount due upon the levy is paid, except that 24 such lien on subsequent earnings or other payments shall 25 terminate sooner if the employment relationship is terminated 26 or if the notice of levy is rescinded or modified. The employer 27 or other person making payments to the taxpayer shall file, on 28 or before the return dates stated in the notice of levy (which 29 shall not be more often than bimonthly) a written answer under 30 oath to interrogatories, setting forth the amount due as wages 31 or other payments to the taxpayer for the payment periods 32 ending immediately prior to the appropriate return date. A lien 33 obtained hereunder shall have priority over any subsequent lien obtained pursuant to Section 12-808 of the Code of Civil 34 35 Procedure, except that liens for the support of a spouse or dependent children shall have priority over all liens obtained 36

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In any case where property or rights to property have been seized by an officer of the Illinois Department of State Police, or successor agency thereto, under the authority of a warrant to levy issued by the Department of Revenue, the Department of Revenue may take possession of and may sell such property or rights to property and the Department of Revenue may contract with third persons to conduct sales of such property or rights to the property. In the conduct of such sales, the Department of Revenue shall proceed in the same manner as is prescribed by law for proceeding against property to enforce judgments which are entered by a circuit court of this State. If, in the Department of Revenue's opinion, no offer to purchase at such sale is acceptable and the State's interest would be better served by retaining the property for sale at a later date, then the Department may decline to accept any bid and may retain the property for sale at a later date.

18 (Source: P.A. 89-399, eff. 8-20-95.)