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Final Fiscal Note

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MUNICIPAL PRIORITY LIEN SURVIVING TREASURER'S DEED **Bill Topic:**

Summary of **Fiscal Impact:** No fiscal impact. The bill specifies that a municipal lien for the costs of removing weeds, brush, and other rubbish survives the issuance of a treasurer's deed. It is

assessed as having no impact.

Appropriation Summary:

No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status:

The fiscal note reflects the enacted bill.

Summary of Legislation

The bill specifies the deadlines for recording a notice of a lien and for certifying unpaid assessments to a county treasurer for municipalities levying a lien for unpaid assessments against real property for removal of weeds, brush, and rubbish.

Background

Under current law, a municipality may levy a lien against real property for costs associated with weed, brush, and other removal from a property, including from alleys behind and sidewalk areas in front of a property. After a foreclosure action is initiated for unpaid property taxes, a person may obtain a treasurer's deed, which provides a purchaser title to real property that is free and clear of most prior encumbrances, including liens, if certain conditions are met

Assessment of No Fiscal Impact

The bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact. The bill only confirms a municipal lien is not extinguished by the issuance of a treasurer's deed, and does not change the existing order of priority of liens. As a result, the bill is not expected to change the workload, revenue, or expenditures for any state or local government agencies.

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Effective Date

The bill was signed into law by the Governor on April 3, 2023, and takes effect on August 7, 2023, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

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