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## SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

March 13, 2025
Chair of Committee Date
Committee on Local Government & Housing.
After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:
HB25-1043 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:
Amend reengrossed bill, page 3, line 11, before "(3)" insert "(1)(f)(III.5) and".
Page 3, line 13, strike "(3) NOTWITHSTANDING" and substitute "(1) (f) In determining reasonable attorney fees pursuant to this subsection (1) relating to an association's foreclosure of a lien against a unit owner for unpaid assessments, the court shall give consideration to all relevant factors, including:  (III.5) WHETHER THE ASSOCIATION INCURRED INFLATED OF DUPLICATIVE ATTORNEY FEES DUE TO A STAY IN COURT PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE ASSOCIATION TO COME INTO STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LIEN OR FORECLOSURE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE 38;  (3) NOTWITHSTANDING".
Page 3, lines 17 and 18, strike "THIS SECTION AND".
Page 3, line 19, strike "38 or other applicable law, the" and substitute "38 and any applicable lien or foreclosure provisions of the association's".

- 18 Page 3, line 20, after the period add "IN ADDITION, IF A COURT
- 19 DETERMINES THAT A COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITY IS NOT IN STRICT
- 20 COMPLIANCE WITH THE LIEN OR FORECLOSURE PROVISIONS OF THIS TITLE
- 21 38, THE COURT MAY STAY THE PROCEEDINGS TO GRANT THE ASSOCIATION
- 22 A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME TO COME INTO STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH
- 23 THE LAW. DURING THE STAY IN PROCEEDINGS, THE ASSOCIATION SHALL
- 24 NOT ASSESS OR ACCRUE LATE FEES, INTEREST, OR OTHER DELINQUENCY

1 CHARGES AGAINST THE UNIT OWNER.".

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- 2 Page 3, line 23, after "add" insert "(1)(a.5), (1.7)(a)(I)(D), and".
  - Page 3, line 26, after "**definitions.**" add "(1) To promote responsible governance, associations shall:
    - (a.5) REQUEST PERIODICALLY FROM A UNIT OWNER OR DESIGNATED CONTACT, AND MAINTAIN IN THE ASSOCIATION'S RECORDS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE UNIT OWNER AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION AND THIS TITLE 38, A TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR PHONE CALLS, A CELLULAR NUMBER FOR TEXTS, AND AN EMAIL ADDRESS FOR EMAILS;
    - (1.7) (a) With regard to a unit owner's delinquency in paying assessments, fines, or fees, an association shall:
    - (I) First contact the unit owner to alert the unit owner of the delinquency before taking action in relation to the delinquency pursuant to subsection (1.7)(a)(II) of this section and shall maintain a record of any contact, including information regarding the type of communication used to contact the unit owner and the date and time that the contact was made. Any contact that a community association manager or a property management company makes on behalf of an association pursuant to this subsection (1.7)(a) is deemed a contact made by the association and not by a debt collector as defined in section 5-16-103 (9). A unit owner may identify another person to serve as a designated contact for the unit owner to be contacted on the unit owner's behalf for purposes of this subsection (1.7)(a)(I). A unit owner may also notify the association if the unit owner prefers that correspondence and notices from the association be made in a language other than English. If a preference is not indicated, the association shall send the correspondence and notices in English. The unit owner and the unit owner's designated contact must receive the same correspondence and notices any time communications are sent out; except that the unit owner must receive the correspondence and notices in the language for which the unit owner has indicated a preference, if any. An association may determine the manner in which a unit owner may identify a designated contact. In contacting the unit owner or a designated contact, an association shall send the same type of notice of delinquency required to be sent pursuant to subsection (5)(a)(V) of this section, including sending it by certified mail, return receipt requested. In addition, the association shall contact the unit owner or designated contact by two of the following means:
    - (D) BY REGULAR MAIL, IF THE UNIT OWNER OR DESIGNATED CONTACT HAS NOT PROVIDED A TELEPHONE NUMBER, CELLULAR NUMBER, OR EMAIL ADDRESS AS ADDITIONAL MEANS BY WHICH TO RECEIVE

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