

HOUSE BILL No. 4808

April 21, 2009, Introduced by Rep. Rick Jones and referred to the Committee on Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs.

A bill to require municipalities to provide notice to property owners within a specified time of abating a nuisance; to permit municipalities to have a lien for expenses incurred in abating nuisances; to provide for reimbursement of expenses incurred by municipalities; and to provide for certain procedures.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1. As used in this act:

2 (a) "Municipality" means a city, township, or village.

3 (b) "Owner" means any person or persons, natural or corporate,
4 owning a legal or equitable title to property in a municipality
5 where a nuisance is abated.

6 Sec. 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
7 contrary, if a municipality abates a nuisance as provided in the
8 charter or ordinances of the municipality, the municipality shall,

1 within 30 days of abating the nuisance, notify by first-class mail
2 the owner of the expense incurred by the municipality to abate the
3 nuisance.

4 Sec. 5. The expense incurred by a municipality to abate a
5 nuisance shall be a lien on the property. Any amount delinquent for
6 30 days or more after the date notice is sent to the owner under
7 section 3 shall be certified to the proper tax assessing officer or
8 agency of the municipality to be entered on the tax roll against
9 the property. The expense incurred by a municipality to abate a
10 nuisance shall be collected and the lien enforced in the same
11 manner as provided for the collection of taxes assessed upon the
12 tax roll and the enforcement of a lien for unpaid taxes.