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Bill Summary

Bill Number: House Bill 2120, P.N. 3862

Prime Sponsor: Representative Masser

Synopsis

An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in neighborhood blight and reclamation and revitalization, further providing for definitions, for asset attachment, for duty of out-of-state owners of property in this Commonwealth and for duty of association and trust owners.

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House Bill 2120 adds new definitions to Chapter 61 (Neighborhood Blight Reclamation and Revitalization – Act 90 of 2010), including:

- Agent: any director, officer, servant, employee or other person authorized to act in behalf of a corporation or association and, in the case of an unincorporated association, a member of such association.
- Expands existing definition of “code” to also include “municipal code.”
- Expands the definition of “owner” to include a mortgage lender, who possesses and controls the real estate.

HB 2120 clarifies that a person or “any responsible party” who lives outside of Pennsylvania and owns a property with citations for code violations may be extradited to the Commonwealth to face criminal charges relating to the violations.

HB 2120 includes a provision for municipalities to provide notice for municipal code violations to corporations via registered address on file with the Department of State.

The bill would take effect in 60 days.

Additional Information

HB 2120 unanimously passed the House of Representatives (201-0) on June 27, 2014.