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29-87-02 A bill to be entitled 1 An act relating to local government code 2 3 enforcement; amending s. 162.09, F.S.; 4 providing that money judgments on liens apply 5 to specified real and personal property; б providing an effective date. 7 8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 9 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 162.09, Florida 10 11 Statutes, is amended to read: 162.09 Administrative fines; costs of repair; liens.--12 13 (3) A certified copy of an order imposing a fine, or a 14 fine plus repair costs, may be recorded in the public records 15 and thereafter shall constitute a lien against the land on 16 which the violation exists and upon any other real or personal 17 property owned by the violator. Upon petition to the circuit 18 court, such order shall be enforceable in the same manner as a 19 court judgment by the sheriffs of this state, including 20 execution and levy against the personal property of the violator, but such order shall not be deemed to be a court 21 22 judgment except for enforcement purposes. A fine imposed 23 pursuant to this part shall continue to accrue until the violator comes into compliance or until judgment is rendered 24 25 in a suit filed pursuant to this section, whichever occurs 26 first. A lien arising from a fine imposed pursuant to this 27 section runs in favor of the local governing body, and the 28 local governing body may execute a satisfaction or release of 29 lien entered pursuant to this section. After 3 months from the filing of any such lien which remains unpaid, the enforcement 30 board may authorize the local governing body attorney to 31 1

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foreclose on the lien or to sue to recover a money judgment for the amount of the lien plus accrued interest. No lien created pursuant to the provisions of this part may be foreclosed on real property which is a homestead under s. 4, Art. X of the State Constitution. The money judgment б provisions of this section shall not apply to real property or personal property which is covered under s. 4(a), Art. X of the State Constitution. Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. SENATE SUMMARY Authorizes local government code enforcement board attorneys to sue for money judgments on liens against specified real and personal property.

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