



The House Urban Affairs Committee has scheduled a March 22nd meeting to consider several blight and land bank bills that may be of interest. The meeting agenda is provided below.

House Urban Affairs Committee New -
TUESDAY - 3/22/22
9:30 a.m., Room 205, Ryan Office Building

To Consider:

HB 960 Freeman

Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in land banks, further providing for legislative findings and purpose, for powers and for disposition of property and providing for exemption from realty transfer tax. The bill establishes that a transfer of real property to or from a land bank shall be exempt from both the state and local realty transfer tax under the Tax Reform Code and the Local Tax Enabling Act. Effective in 60 days.

HB 1791 Twardzik

Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, further providing for definitions and providing for vacant property registration and annual assessment. This legislation provides that a municipality may impose a vacant property registration fee and annual assessment on vacant and blighted properties. The legislation also provides for the cost of the annual assessment, exemptions of certain vacant properties, and penalties for failure to register a vacant property with a municipality. The legislation establishes that the amount of unpaid fees or annual assessments authorized under the relevant section shall constitute a lien against the property. The legislation also provides that a municipality imposing a vacant property annual registration fee and a vacant property annual assessment shall

		<p>establish a blight remediation and eradication fund into which all vacancy registration fees, annual assessments, and penalties collected by the municipality must be deposited. Effective in 60 days.</p>
HB 1827	Merski	<p>Amended Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, establishing a grant program for municipalities to establish code enforcement programs and hire code enforcement personnel; providing for powers and duties of the Department of Community and Economic Development; providing for imposition of a surcharge; and establishing the Municipal Maintenance Code Assistance Fund. Requires a municipality to provide matching funds equal to the grant provided. Grants shall not be issued to the same recipient three consecutive years, exceed \$100,000 or to pay code enforcement personnel. Effective in 90 days.</p>
HB 2209	Major	<p>Amends Title 68 (Real and Personal Property), in land banks, replacing current language requiring a physical presence of members with language allowing a quorum to be established virtually if the meeting is conducted online. Effective in 60 days.</p>
HB 2210	Pennycuick	<p>Amends the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act adding land banks to the definition of "party in interest." Effective in 60 days. .</p>
HB 2329	Sturla	<p>Amends Title 53 (Municipalities Generally), in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, providing for a state blight data collection system. Establishes the Property Maintenance Code Violations Registry for property maintenance code violation reports filed by municipalities. A municipality shall file a property maintenance code violation report for a person who owns real property within the municipality with current serious property maintenance code violations that remain unabated for at least 180 days. Provides for dissemination of information and auditing requirements of the registry. Provides administrative requirements and expungement of records. A property owner that is in violation of a municipal property maintenance code for more than 90 days without an attempt by the property owner to remediate the violation shall be subject</p>

to a surcharge in the amount of \$500 for each inspection by a local codes official that reveals one or more municipal property maintenance code violations. Effective in 120 days.

SB 439

Argall

Amends the Recorder of Deeds Fee Law repealing the 10-year expiration date for the fee of each deed and mortgage recorded for a demolition program. Effective in 60 days.