

## 99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 HB2648

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

65 ILCS 5/9-2-4.10 new

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Defines "compliance lien". Provides that if a compliance lien has been filed against a property, then those costs associated with the lien may be treated as an existing, judicially-approved special assessment, as though an assessment warrant had been issued. Further provides that the municipality may collect the costs as a special assessment if it complies with applicable procedures. Requires that the owner of record or persons interested in the property shall pay the costs incurred by the municipality for collecting the costs associated with the lien. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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1 AN ACT concerning local government.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by adding Section 9-2-4.10 as follows:

6 (65 ILCS 5/9-2-4.10 new)

Sec. 9-2-4.10. Special assessment for payment of costs associated with unpaid utility bills. In addition to any other method authorized by law, if a lien with respect to any unpaid utility bills has been filed against a property, then those costs associated with the lien may be treated as an existing, judicially-approved special assessment, as though assessment warrant had been issued and all conditions precedent had been satisfied. The municipality may collect those costs as a special assessment on the property if it complies with the applicable procedures set forth under Section 9-2-80 through Section 9-2-98. In such cases, the county recorder or other officer of the county in which the municipality is located that has the authority to receive State and county taxes and the court rendering judgment and ordering sale of the delinquent special assessment shall exempt the municipality from the otherwise applicable special assessment warrant and certified assessment roll requirements because the same will be deemed to

- 1 have occurred by operation of law. Upon payment of the costs by
- 2 the owner of record or persons interested in the property,
- 3 including any cost incurred by the municipality for collecting
- 4 the costs under this Section, the lien shall be released by the
- 5 municipality and the release shall be filed of record in the
- 6 same manner as the filing of notice of the lien.
- 7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 8 becoming law.