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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE GENERALLY --  
JUDGMENTS, ORDERS, AND DECREES

Introduced By: Senators Famiglietti, Murray, Thompson, Dimitri, Appollonio, Patalano,  
Bissaillon, Bell, Paolino, and Burke

Date Introduced: January 16, 2026

Referred To: Senate Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

- 1           SECTION 1. Chapter 9-21 of the General Laws entitled "Judgments, Orders, and Decrees"
- 2   is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:
- 3           **9-21-14. Judgment lien notice.**
- 4           (a) Notwithstanding any such notice provided through the court process, within ten (10)
- 5   business days of recording a judgment lien on real property, the judgment creditor shall send written
- 6   notice to the property owner by certified mail at the last known address.
- 7           (b) The notice shall include:
- 8           (1) The name and address of the judgment creditor;
- 9           (2) The amount of the judgment;
- 10          (3) The property description affected by the lien; and
- 11          (4) Instructions on how to satisfy or contest the lien.
- 12          (c) Failure to provide the required notice shall not invalidate the lien but may toll any
- 13   deadlines related to enforcement until notice is given.
- 14          (d) The clerk of the court shall maintain records of judgment lien filings and notices sent.
- 15          SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would require that notice of a judgment lien be sent within ten (10) business days  
2 of the recording of the lien.  
3           This act would take effect on January 1, 2027.

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