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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: Representatives Corvese, McNamara, J. Brien, Azzinaro, DeSimone,
Read, Bennett, Noret, Fascia, and Slater

Date Introduced: February 04, 2026

Referred To: House 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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