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3 By Senator Beasley
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4 ENROLLED, An Act,

5 Relating to municipalities; authorizing
6 municipalities to adopt alternate procedures to abate
7 overgrown grass and weeds as a public nuisance and abated
8 after a previous abatement procedure under the existing law
9 for the same property has been followed; providing for the
10 assessment of the costs of abatement as a weed lien; and to
11 provide exceptions under certain conditions.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. (a) In the case of any property on which
14 overgrown grass or weeds have been previously abated or on
15 which abatement has been attempted through the process of
16 posting notice on the property to be abated pursuant to
17 Articles 2 or 4 of Chapter 67 of Title 11 of the Code of
18 Alabama 1975, a municipality may adopt procedures different
19 from the procedures provided in Articles 2 or 4 to abate
20 overgrown grasses and weeds for subsequent abatement.

21 (b) After the abatement of any overgrown grass or
22 weeds pursuant to the procedures provided in the ordinance
23 adopted pursuant to this section, the reasonable costs of
24 abatement shall be assessed and collected as a weed lien in
25 the same manner as provided in Section 11-67-66. The

1 municipality may assess the reasonable costs authorized
2 against any lot or lots or parcel or parcels of land purchased
3 by the State of Alabama or any purchaser at any sale for the
4 nonpayment of taxes, and where an assessment is made against a
5 lot or lots or parcel or parcels of land, a subsequent
6 redemption thereof by a person authorized to redeem or the
7 sale thereof by the state shall not operate to discharge, or
8 in any manner affect the lien of the municipality for the
9 assessment. A person redeeming the property or purchaser at a
10 sale by the state of any lot or lots or parcel or parcels of
11 land upon which an assessment has been levied, whether prior
12 to or subsequent to a sale to the state or purchaser for the
13 nonpayment of taxes, shall take the same subject to the
14 assessment.

15 (c) Any municipality that adopts or has adopted
16 alternate procedures for the abatement of overgrown grasses or
17 weeds pursuant to any other general or local law may follow
18 those procedures or may follow the procedures provided in this
19 act.

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective
21 immediately following its passage and approval by the
22 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Act originated in and passed the Senate, as amended.

Patrick Harris
Secretary

House of Representatives
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