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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

2023 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to Original House  
Bill No. 537 by Representative Hodges

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 2, between lines 24 and 25, insert the following:

3 "(5) If an action is brought pursuant to this Section, the attorney general shall  
4 record in the public mortgage records of the parish clerk of court of each parish in  
5 which any portion of the immovable property is located a notice of pendency of the  
6 action pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Article 3751, et seq.

7 (6) Prior to bringing an action pursuant to this Section, the attorney general  
8 shall provide written notice to the holder of each mortgage, lien, privilege, and other  
9 encumbrance encumbering the subject immovable property, which is filed in the  
10 public mortgage records in the parish where the immovable property is located.  
11 Such notice shall be provided in the same manner as provided in R.S. 40:2608 or  
12 R.S. 14:90.1."

13 AMENDMENT NO. 2

14 On page 3, line 1, after "sale" and before the period "." insert "in accordance with the  
15 requirements of Code of Civil Procedure Article 3031, et seq.

16 AMENDMENT NO. 3

17 On page 3, line 4, after "(2)" and before "proceeds" delete "The" and insert "After satisfying  
18 all mortgages, liens, privileges, and other encumbrances encumbering the property subject  
19 to this Section, the remaining"

20 AMENDMENT NO. 4

21 On page 3, line 5, after "paid to" delete the remainder of the line and delete line 6 in its  
22 entirety and insert the following:

23 "the Department of Justice to fund services for veterans of foreign wars. The  
24 attorney general may also enter into cooperative endeavor agreements with other  
25 state agencies or local governments to provide services for veterans who suffer from  
26 injury or disability as a result of foreign war."

27 AMENDMENT NO. 5

28 On page 3, at the beginning of line 13, after "Section" delete the remainder of the line and  
29 delete lines 14 through 16 in their entirety and insert a period ":

30 AMENDMENT NO. 6

31 On page 3, line 20, after "identify a" and before "as" delete "buyer" and insert "party to or  
32 affiliated with a transaction"

33 AMENDMENT NO. 7

34 On page 3, line 20, after "or" and before "person" delete "the"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 8

2 On page 3, line 21, after "create" and before "liability" delete "additional" and insert "any"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 9

4 On page 3, line 22, after "lender," and before "or" insert "mortgage servicer,"

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6 AMENDMENT NO. 10

7 On page 3, line 23, after "attorney" and before "nor" insert a comma "," and "or any of their  
8 directors, officers, or employees,"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 11

10 On page 3, line 24, after "lender," and before "or" insert "mortgage servicer,"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 12

12 On page 3, line 25, after "attorney" and before the period "." insert a comma "," and "or any  
13 of their directors, officers, or employees"

14 AMENDMENT NO. 13

15 On page 3, between lines 25 and 26 insert the following:

- 16 "F. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any of the following:  
17 (1) A natural person who is an American citizen, regardless of whether the  
18 United States citizenship was acquired by birth or the United States citizenship was  
19 granted to a lawful permanent resident after meeting the requirements established by  
20 the United States Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1158,  
21 et seq.  
22 (2) A person who is not a United States citizen but is a permanent legal  
23 resident or is lawfully present in the United States by virtue of having a valid visa  
24 issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, including but not  
25 limited to a student or employment visa.  
26 (3) Immovable property purchased, leased, or otherwise acquired by a  
27 natural person that is used as a single family residential property."

28 AMENDMENT NO. 14

29 On page 3, at the beginning of line 26, change "F." to "G."

30 AMENDMENT NO. 15

31 On page 4, at the end of line 3, delete "a person that is" and delete lines 4 through 7 in its  
32 entirety and insert the following:

- 33 "any one of the following:  
34 (a) A juridical person, as defined in Civil Code Article 24, that is owned by  
35 or controlled by a foreign adversary or is acting on behalf of a foreign adversary.  
36 (b) A natural person, as defined in Civil Code Article 24, that is employed  
37 by, contracted by, or controlled by a foreign adversary or acting on behalf of a  
38 foreign adversary.  
39 (c) A natural person, as defined in Civil Code Article 24, that is employed  
40 by, contracted by or controlled by a juridical person if the juridical person meets the  
41 definition provided by Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph."