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	HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS
	2013 GENERAL SESSION
	STATE OF UTAH
	Chief Sponsor: Jon E. Stanard
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	LONG TITLE
	General Description:
	This bill clarifies an association's right to attach and enforce liens following a period of
	noncompliance with the registration requirements described in this bill.
	Highlighted Provisions:
	This bill:
	 specifies how an association ends a period of noncompliance with the registration
ľ	requirements described in this bill;
	 clarifies that, under certain circumstances, after an association ends a period of
r	noncompliance with the registration requirements described in this bill:
	• a lien may arise for the nonpayment of any assessment that occurred during the
]	period of noncompliance; and
	 the association may enforce any lien that arose before the period of
	noncompliance; and
	makes technical changes.
	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
	None
	Other Special Clauses:
	None
	Utah Code Sections Affected:
	AMENDS:
	57-8-3, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 166
	57-8-13.1, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 63

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57-8-44 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 355
57-8-45 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 355
57-8a-102 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 355
57-8a-105 , as last amended by Laws of Utah 2012, Chapter 63
57-8a-301 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 355
57-8a-302 , as enacted by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 355
Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section 57-8-3 is amended to read:
57-8-3. Definitions.
As used in this chapter:
(1) "Assessment" means any charge imposed by the association, including:
(a) common expenses on or against a unit owner pursuant to the provisions of the
declaration, bylaws, or this chapter; and
(b) an amount that an association of unit owners assesses to a unit owner under
Subsection 57-8-43(9)(h).
(2) "Association of unit owners" means all of the unit owners:
(a) acting as a group in accordance with the declaration and bylaws; or
(b) organized as a legal entity in accordance with the declaration.
(3) "Building" means a building, containing units, and comprising a part of the
property.
(4) "Common areas and facilities" unless otherwise provided in the declaration or
lawful amendments to the declaration means:
(a) the land included within the condominium project, whether leasehold or in fee
simple;
(b) the foundations, columns, girders, beams, supports, main walls, roofs, halls,
corridors, lobbies, stairs, stairways, fire escapes, entrances, and exits of the building;
(c) the basements, yards, gardens, parking areas, and storage spaces;

58	(d) the premises for lodging of janitors or persons in charge of the property;
59	(e) installations of central services such as power, light, gas, hot and cold water,
60	heating, refrigeration, air conditioning, and incinerating;
61	(f) the elevators, tanks, pumps, motors, fans, compressors, ducts, and in general all
62	apparatus and installations existing for common use;
63	(g) such community and commercial facilities as may be provided for in the
64	declaration; and
65	(h) all other parts of the property necessary or convenient to its existence, maintenance,
66	and safety, or normally in common use.
67	(5) "Common expenses" means:
68	(a) all sums lawfully assessed against the unit owners;
69	(b) expenses of administration, maintenance, repair, or replacement of the common
70	areas and facilities;
71	(c) expenses agreed upon as common expenses by the association of unit owners; and
72	(d) expenses declared common expenses by this chapter, or by the declaration or the
73	bylaws.
74	(6) "Common profits," unless otherwise provided in the declaration or lawful
75	amendments to the declaration, means the balance of all income, rents, profits, and revenues
76	from the common areas and facilities remaining after the deduction of the common expenses.
77	(7) "Condominium" means the ownership of a single unit in a multiunit project
78	together with an undivided interest in common in the common areas and facilities of the
79	property.
80	(8) "Condominium plat" means a plat or plats of survey of land and units prepared in
81	accordance with Section 57-8-13.
82	(9) "Condominium project" means a real estate condominium project; a plan or project
83	whereby two or more units, whether contained in existing or proposed apartments, commercial

or industrial buildings or structures, or otherwise, are separately offered or proposed to be

offered for sale. Condominium project also means the property when the context so requires.

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(10) "Condominium unit" means a unit together with the undivided interest in the common areas and facilities appertaining to that unit. Any reference in this chapter to a condominium unit includes both a physical unit together with its appurtenant undivided interest in the common areas and facilities and a time period unit together with its appurtenant undivided interest, unless the reference is specifically limited to a time period unit.

- (11) "Contractible condominium" means a condominium project from which one or more portions of the land within the project may be withdrawn in accordance with provisions of the declaration and of this chapter. If the withdrawal can occur only by the expiration or termination of one or more leases, then the condominium project is not a contractible condominium within the meaning of this chapter.
- (12) "Convertible land" means a building site which is a portion of the common areas and facilities, described by metes and bounds, within which additional units or limited common areas and facilities may be created in accordance with this chapter.
- (13) "Convertible space" means a portion of the structure within the condominium project, which portion may be converted into one or more units or common areas and facilities, including limited common areas and facilities in accordance with this chapter.
- (14) "Declarant" means all persons who execute the declaration or on whose behalf the declaration is executed. From the time of the recordation of any amendment to the declaration expanding an expandable condominium, all persons who execute that amendment or on whose behalf that amendment is executed shall also come within this definition. Any successors of the persons referred to in this subsection who come to stand in the same relation to the condominium project as their predecessors also come within this definition.
- (15) "Declaration" means the instrument by which the property is submitted to the provisions of this act, as it from time to time may be lawfully amended.
- (16) "Expandable condominium" means a condominium project to which additional land or an interest in it may be added in accordance with the declaration and this chapter.
 - (17) "Independent third party" means a person that:
- (a) is not related to the unit owner;

114	(b) shares no pecuniary interests with the unit owner; and
115	(c) purchases the unit in good faith and without the intent to defraud a current or future
116	<u>lienholder.</u>
117	[(17)] (18) "Leasehold condominium" means a condominium project in all or any
118	portion of which each unit owner owns an estate for years in his unit, or in the land upon which
119	that unit is situated, or both, with all those leasehold interests to expire naturally at the same
120	time. A condominium project including leased land, or an interest in the land, upon which no
121	units are situated or to be situated is not a leasehold condominium within the meaning of this
122	chapter.
123	[(18)] (19) "Limited common areas and facilities" means those common areas and
124	facilities designated in the declaration as reserved for use of a certain unit or units to the
125	exclusion of the other units.
126	[(19)] (20) "Majority" or "majority of the unit owners," unless otherwise provided in
127	the declaration or lawful amendments to the declaration, means the owners of more than 50%
128	in the aggregate in interest of the undivided ownership of the common areas and facilities.
129	[(20)] (21) "Management committee" means the committee as provided in the
130	declaration charged with and having the responsibility and authority to make and to enforce all
131	of the reasonable rules covering the operation and maintenance of the property.
132	[(21)] (22) "Par value" means a number of dollars or points assigned to each unit by the
133	declaration. Substantially identical units shall be assigned the same par value, but units located
134	at substantially different heights above the ground, or having substantially different views, or
135	having substantially different amenities or other characteristics that might result in differences
136	in market value, may be considered substantially identical within the meaning of this
137	subsection. If par value is stated in terms of dollars, that statement may not be considered to
138	reflect or control the sales price or fair market value of any unit, and no opinion, appraisal, or
139	fair market transaction at a different figure may affect the par value of any unit, or any
140	undivided interest in the common areas and facilities, voting rights in the unit owners'
141	association, liability for common expenses, or right to common profits, assigned on the basis

142	thereof.
143	[(22)] (23) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, association, trustee,
144	or other legal entity.
145	[(23)] (24) "Property" means the land, whether leasehold or in fee simple, the building,
146	if any, all improvements and structures thereon, all easements, rights, and appurtenances
147	belonging thereto, and all articles of personal property intended for use in connection
148	therewith.
149	[(24)] (25) "Record," "recording," "recorded," and "recorder" have the meaning stated
150	in Title 57, Chapter 3, Recording of Documents.
151	[(25)] (26) "Size" means the number of cubic feet, or the number of square feet of
152	ground or floor space, within each unit as computed by reference to the record of survey map
153	and rounded off to a whole number. Certain spaces within the units including attic, basement,
154	or garage space may be omitted from the calculation or be partially discounted by the use of a
155	ratio, if the same basis of calculation is employed for all units in the condominium project and
156	if that basis is described in the declaration.
157	[(26)] (27) "Time period unit" means an annually recurring part or parts of a year
158	specified in the declaration as a period for which a unit is separately owned and includes a
159	timeshare estate as defined in Subsection 57-19-2(19).
160	[(27)] (28) "Unit" means either a separate physical part of the property intended for any
161	type of independent use, including one or more rooms or spaces located in one or more floors
162	or part or parts of floors in a building or a time period unit, as the context may require. A
163	convertible space shall be treated as a unit in accordance with Subsection 57-8-13.4(3). A
164	proposed condominium unit under an expandable condominium project, not constructed, is a
165	unit two years after the date the recording requirements of Section 57-8-13.6 are met.
166	[(28)] (29) "Unit number" means the number, letter, or combination of numbers and
167	letters designating the unit in the declaration and in the record of survey map.
168	[(29)] (30) "Unit owner" means the person or persons owning a unit in fee simple and
169	an undivided interest in the fee simple estate of the common areas and facilities in the

170 percentage specified and established in the declaration or, in the case of a leasehold 171 condominium project, the person or persons whose leasehold interest or interests in the 172 condominium unit extend for the entire balance of the unexpired term or terms. 173 Section 2. Section **57-8-13.1** is amended to read: 57-8-13.1. Registration with Department of Commerce. 174 (1) As used in this section, "department" means the Department of Commerce created 175 176 in Section 13-1-2. 177 (2) (a) No later than 90 days after the recording of a declaration, an association of unit owners shall register with the department in the manner established by the department. 178 179 (b) An association of unit owners existing under a declaration recorded before May 10, 180 2011, shall, no later than July 1, 2011, register with the department in the manner established 181 by the department. 182 (3) The department shall require an association of unit owners registering as required 183 in this section to provide with each registration: 184 (a) the name and address of the association of unit owners; 185 (b) the name, address, telephone number, and, if applicable, email address of the 186 president of the association of unit owners; 187 (c) the name and address of each management committee member; (d) the name, address, telephone number, and, if the contact person wishes to use email 188 189 or facsimile transmission for communicating payoff information, the email address or facsimile 190 number, as applicable, of a primary contact person who has association payoff information that 191 a closing agent needs in connection with the closing of a unit owner's financing, refinancing, or 192 sale of the owner's unit; and 193 (e) a registration fee not to exceed \$37.

(4) An association of unit owners that has registered under Subsection (2) shall submit to the department an updated registration, in the manner established by the department, within 90 days after a change in any of the information provided under Subsection (3).

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(5) (a) During any period of noncompliance with the registration requirement [of]

198	<u>described in</u> Subsection (2) or the requirement for an updated registration [<u>under</u>] <u>described in</u>
199	Subsection (4):
200	(i) a lien [for the nonpayment of common expenses] may not arise under Section
201	[57-8-20 against any condominium unit] <u>57-8-44</u> ; and
202	(ii) an association of unit owners may not enforce [a previous] an existing lien that
203	arose under Section [57-8-20 against any condominium unit] 57-8-44.
204	(b) A period of noncompliance with the registration requirement of Subsection (2) or
205	with the updated registration requirement of Subsection (4) does not begin until after the
206	expiration of the 90-day period specified in Subsection (2) or (4), respectively.
207	(c) An association of unit owners that is not in compliance with the registration
208	requirement described in Subsection (2) may end the period of noncompliance by registering
209	with the department in the manner established by the department under Subsection (2).
210	(d) An association of unit owners that is not in compliance with the updated
211	registration requirement described in Subsection (4) may end the period of noncompliance by
212	submitting to the department an updated registration in the manner established by the
213	department under Subsection (4).
214	(e) Except as described in Subsection (5)(f), beginning on the date an association of
215	unit owners ends a period of noncompliance:
216	(i) a lien may arise under Section 57-8-44 for any event that:
217	(A) occurred during the period of noncompliance; and
218	(B) would have given rise to a lien under Section 57-8-44 had the association of unit
219	owners been in compliance with the registration requirements described in this section; and
220	(ii) an association of unit owners may enforce a lien described in Subsection (5)(e) or a
221	lien that existed before the period of noncompliance.
222	(f) If an owner's unit is conveyed to an independent third party during a period of
223	noncompliance described in this Subsection (5):
224	(i) a lien that arose under Section 57-8-44 before the conveyance of the unit became
225	final is extinguished when the conveyance of the unit becomes final; and

(ii) an event that occurred before the conveyance of the unit became final, and that
would have given rise to a lien under Section 57-8-44 had the association of unit owners been
in compliance with the registration requirements of this section, may not give rise to a lien
under Section 57-8-44 if the conveyance of the unit becomes final before the association of unit
owners ends the period of noncompliance.
Section 3. Section 57-8-44 is amended to read:
57-8-44. Lien in favor of association of unit owners for assessments and costs of
collection.
(1) (a) [An] Except as provided in Section 57-8-13.1, an association of unit owners has
a lien on a unit for:
(i) an assessment;
(ii) except as provided in the declaration, fees, charges, and costs associated with
collecting an unpaid assessment, including:
(A) court costs and reasonable attorney fees;
(B) late charges;
(C) interest; and
(D) any other amount that the association of unit owners is entitled to recover under the
declaration, this chapter, or an administrative or judicial decision; and
(iii) a fine that the association of unit owners imposes against the owner of the unit.
(b) The recording of a declaration constitutes record notice and perfection of a lien
described in Subsection (1)(a).
(2) If an assessment is payable in installments, a lien described in Subsection (1)(a)(i)
is for the full amount of the assessment from the time the first installment is due, unless the
association of unit owners otherwise provides in a notice of assessment.
(3) An unpaid assessment or fine accrues interest at the rate provided:
(a) in Subsection 15-1-1(2); or
(b) in the governing documents, if the governing documents provide for a different
interest rate.

254	(4) A lien under this section has priority over each other lien and encumbrance on a
255	unit except:
256	(a) a lien or encumbrance recorded before the declaration is recorded;
257	(b) a first or second security interest on the unit secured by a mortgage or deed of trust
258	that is recorded before a recorded notice of lien by or on behalf of the association of unit
259	owners; or
260	(c) a lien for real estate taxes or other governmental assessments or charges against the
261	unit.
262	(5) A lien under this section is not subject to Title 78B, Chapter 5, Part 5, Utah
263	Exemptions Act.
264	(6) Unless the declaration provides otherwise, if two or more associations of unit
265	owners have liens for assessments on the same unit, the liens have equal priority, regardless of
266	when the liens are created.
267	Section 4. Section 57-8-45 is amended to read:
268	57-8-45. Enforcement of a lien.
269	(1) (a) [To] Except as provided in Section 57-8-13.1, to enforce a lien established
270	under Section 57-8-44, an association of unit owners may:
271	(i) cause a unit to be sold through nonjudicial foreclosure as though the lien were a
272	deed of trust, in the manner provided by:
273	(A) Sections 57-1-24, 57-1-25, 57-1-26, and 57-1-27; and
274	(B) this chapter; or
275	(ii) foreclose the lien through a judicial foreclosure in the manner provided by:
276	(A) law for the foreclosure of a mortgage; and
277	(B) this chapter.
278	(b) For purposes of a nonjudicial or judicial foreclosure as provided in Subsection
279	(1)(a):
280	(i) the association of unit owners is considered to be the beneficiary under a trust deed;

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282	(ii) the unit owner is considered to be the trustor under a trust deed.
283	(2) A unit owner's acceptance of the owner's interest in a unit constitutes a
284	simultaneous conveyance of the unit in trust, with power of sale, to the trustee designated as
285	provided in this section for the purpose of securing payment of all amounts due under the
286	declaration and this chapter.
287	(3) (a) A power of sale and other powers of a trustee under this part and under Sections
288	57-1-19 through 57-1-34 may not be exercised unless the association of unit owners appoints a
289	qualified trustee.
290	(b) An association of unit owners' execution of a substitution of trustee form
291	authorized in Section 57-1-22 is sufficient for appointment of a trustee under Subsection (3)(a).
292	(c) A person may not be a trustee under this part unless the person qualifies as a trustee
293	under Subsection 57-1-21(1)(a)(i) or (iv).
294	(d) A trustee under this part is subject to all duties imposed on a trustee under Sections
295	57-1-19 through 57-1-34.
296	(4) This chapter does not prohibit an association of unit owners from bringing an
297	action against a unit owner to recover an amount for which a lien is created under Section
298	57-8-44 or from taking a deed in lieu of foreclosure, if the action is brought or deed taken
299	before the sale or foreclosure of the unit owner's unit under this chapter.
300	Section 5. Section 57-8a-102 is amended to read:
301	57-8a-102. Definitions.
302	As used in this chapter:
303	(1) (a) "Assessment" means a charge imposed or levied:
304	(i) by the association;
305	(ii) on or against a lot or a lot owner; and
306	(iii) pursuant to a governing document recorded with the county recorder.
307	(b) "Assessment" includes:

(ii) an amount assessed against a lot owner under Subsection 57-8a-405(8).

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(i) a common expense; and

310	(2) (a) Except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), "association" means a corporation or
311	other legal entity, each member of which:
312	(i) is an owner of a residential lot located within the jurisdiction of the association, as
313	described in the governing documents; and
314	(ii) by virtue of membership or ownership of a residential lot is obligated to pay:
315	(A) real property taxes;
316	(B) insurance premiums;
317	(C) maintenance costs; or
318	(D) for improvement of real property not owned by the member.
319	(b) "Association" or "homeowner association" does not include an association created
320	under Title 57, Chapter 8, Condominium Ownership Act.
321	(3) "Board of directors" or "board" means the entity, regardless of name, with primary
322	authority to manage the affairs of the association.
323	(4) "Common areas" means property that the association:
324	(a) owns;
325	(b) maintains;
326	(c) repairs; or
327	(d) administers.
328	(5) "Common expense" means costs incurred by the association to exercise any of the
329	powers provided for in the association's governing documents.
330	(6) "Declarant":
331	(a) means the person who executes a declaration and submits it for recording in the
332	office of the recorder of the county in which the property described in the declaration is
333	located; and
334	(b) includes the person's successor and assign.
335	(7) (a) "Governing documents" means a written instrument by which the association
336	may:
337	(i) exercise powers; or

338	(ii) manage, maintain, or otherwise affect the property under the jurisdiction of the
339	association.
340	(b) "Governing documents" includes:
341	(i) articles of incorporation;
342	(ii) bylaws;
343	(iii) a plat;
344	(iv) a declaration of covenants, conditions, and restrictions; and
345	(v) rules of the association.
346	(8) "Independent third party" means a person that:
347	(a) is not related to the owner of the residential lot;
348	(b) shares no pecuniary interests with the owner of the residential lot; and
349	(c) purchases the residential lot in good faith and without the intent to defraud a current
350	or future lienholder.
351	[(8)] (9) "Judicial foreclosure" means a foreclosure of a lot:
352	(a) for the nonpayment of an assessment; and
353	(b) (i) in the manner provided by law for the foreclosure of a mortgage on real
354	property; and
355	(ii) as provided in Part 3, Collection of Assessments.
356	[9] (10) "Lease" or "leasing" means regular, exclusive occupancy of a lot:
357	(a) by a person or persons other than the owner; and
358	(b) for which the owner receives a consideration or benefit, including a fee, service,
359	gratuity, or emolument.
360	[(10)] (11) "Limited common areas" means common areas described in the declaration
361	and allocated for the exclusive use of one or more lot owners.
362	[(11)] <u>(12)</u> "Lot" means:
363	(a) a lot, parcel, plot, or other division of land:
364	(i) designated for separate ownership or occupancy; and
365	(ii) (A) shown on a recorded subdivision plat; or

366	(B) the boundaries of which are described in a recorded governing document; or	
367	(b) (i) a unit in a condominium association if the condominium association is a part of	
368	a development; or	
369	(ii) a unit in a real estate cooperative if the real estate cooperative is part of a	
370	development.	
371	$[\frac{(12)}{(13)}]$ "Nonjudicial foreclosure" means the sale of a lot:	
372	(a) for the nonpayment of an assessment; and	
373	(b) (i) in the same manner as the sale of trust property under Sections 57-1-19 through	
374	57-1-34; and	
375	(ii) as provided in Part 3, Collection of Assessments.	
376	[(13)] (14) "Residential lot" means a lot, the use of which is limited by law, covenant,	
377	or otherwise to primarily residential or recreational purposes.	
378	Section 6. Section 57-8a-105 is amended to read:	
379	57-8a-105. Registration with Department of Commerce.	
380	(1) As used in this section, "department" means the Department of Commerce created	
381	in Section 13-1-2.	
382	(2) (a) No later than 90 days after the recording of a declaration of covenants,	
383	conditions, and restrictions establishing an association, the association shall register with the	
384	department in the manner established by the department.	
385	(b) An association existing under a declaration of covenants, conditions, and	
386	restrictions recorded before May 10, 2011, shall, no later than July 1, 2011, register with the	
387	department in the manner established by the department.	
388	(3) The department shall require an association registering as required in this section to	
389	provide with each registration:	
390	(a) the name and address of the association;	
391	(b) the name, address, telephone number, and, if applicable, email address of the chair	
392	of the association board;	
393	(c) contact information for the manager;	

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(d) the name, address, telephone number, and, if the contact person wishes to use email or facsimile transmission for communicating payoff information, the email address or facsimile number, as applicable, of a primary contact person who has association payoff information that a closing agent needs in connection with the closing of a lot owner's financing, refinancing, or sale of the owner's lot; and (e) a registration fee not to exceed \$37. (4) An association that has registered under Subsection (2) shall submit to the department an updated registration, in the manner established by the department, within 90 days after a change in any of the information provided under Subsection (3). (5) (a) During any period of noncompliance with the registration requirement [of] described in Subsection (2) or the requirement for an updated registration [under] described in Subsection (4): (i) a lien [for the nonpayment of an assessment] may not arise under Section [57-8a-203 against any lot] <u>57-8a-301</u>; and (ii) an association may not enforce [a previous] an existing lien that arose under Section [57-8a-203 against any lot] 57-8a-301. (b) A period of noncompliance with the registration requirement of Subsection (2) or with the updated registration requirement of Subsection (4) does not begin until after the expiration of the 90-day period specified in Subsection (2) or (4), respectively. (c) An association that is not in compliance with the registration requirement described in Subsection (2) may end the period of noncompliance by registering with the department in the manner established by the department under Subsection (2). (d) An association that is not in compliance with the updated registration requirement

- (d) An association that is not in compliance with the updated registration requirement described in Subsection (4) may end the period of noncompliance by submitting to the department an updated registration in the manner established by the department under Subsection (4).
- (e) Except as described in Subsection (5)(f), beginning on the date an association ends a period of noncompliance:

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422	(i) a lien may arise under Section 57-8a-301 for any event that:
423	(A) occurred during the period of noncompliance; and
424	(B) would have given rise to a lien under Section 57-8a-301 had the association been in
425	compliance with the registration requirements described in this section; and
426	(ii) an association may enforce a lien described in Subsection (5)(e) or a lien that
427	existed before the period of noncompliance.
428	(f) If an owner's residential lot is conveyed to an independent third party during a
429	period of noncompliance described in this Subsection (5):
430	(i) a lien that arose under Section 57-8a-301 before the conveyance of the residential
431	lot became final is extinguished when the conveyance of the residential lot becomes final; and
432	(ii) an event that occurred before the conveyance of the residential lot became final,
433	and that would have given rise to a lien under Section 57-8a-301 had the association been in
434	compliance with the registration requirements of this section, may not give rise to a lien under
435	Section 57-8a-301 if the conveyance of the residential lot becomes final before the association
436	ends the period of noncompliance.
437	Section 7. Section 57-8a-301 is amended to read:
438	57-8a-301. Lien in favor of association for assessments and costs of collection.
439	(1) (a) [An] Except as provided in Section 57-8a-105, an association has a lien on a lot
440	for:
441	(i) an assessment;
442	(ii) except as provided in the declaration, fees, charges, and costs associated with
443	collecting an unpaid assessment, including:
444	(A) court costs and reasonable attorney fees;
445	(B) late charges;
446	(C) interest; and
447	(D) any other amount that the association is entitled to recover under the declaration,
448	this chapter, or an administrative or judicial decision; and
449	(iii) a fine that the association imposes against the owner of the lot.

450	(b) The recording of a declaration constitutes record notice and perfection of a lien	
451	described in Subsection (1)(a).	
452	(2) If an assessment is payable in installments, a lien described in Subsection (1)(a)(i)	
453	is for the full amount of the assessment from the time the first installment is due, unless the	
454	association otherwise provides in a notice of assessment.	
455	(3) An unpaid assessment or fine accrues interest at the rate provided:	
456	(a) in Subsection 15-1-1(2); or	
457	(b) in the declaration, if the declaration provides for a different interest rate.	
458	(4) A lien under this section has priority over each other lien and encumbrance on a lot	
459	except:	
460	(a) a lien or encumbrance recorded before the declaration is recorded;	
461	(b) a first or second security interest on the lot secured by a mortgage or trust deed that	
462	is recorded before a recorded notice of lien by or on behalf of the association; or	
463	(c) a lien for real estate taxes or other governmental assessments or charges against the	
464	lot.	
465	(5) A lien under this section is not subject to Title 78B, Chapter 5, Part 5, Utah	
466	Exemptions Act.	
467	(6) Unless the declaration provides otherwise, if two or more associations have liens	
468	for assessments on the same lot, the liens have equal priority, regardless of when the liens are	
469	created.	
470	Section 8. Section 57-8a-302 is amended to read:	
471	57-8a-302. Enforcement of a lien.	
472	(1) (a) [To] Except as provided in Section 57-8a-105, to enforce a lien established	
473	under Section 57-8a-301, an association may:	
474	(i) cause a lot to be sold through nonjudicial foreclosure as though the lien were a deed	
475	of trust, in the manner provided by:	
476	(A) Sections 57-1-24, 57-1-25, 57-1-26, and 57-1-27; and	
477	(B) this part; or	

478	(ii) foreclose the lien through a judicial foreclosure in the manner provided by:
479	(A) law for the foreclosure of a mortgage; and
480	(B) this part.
481	(b) For purposes of a nonjudicial or judicial foreclosure as provided in Subsection
482	(1)(a):
483	(i) the association is considered to be the beneficiary under a trust deed; and
484	(ii) the lot owner is considered to be the trustor under a trust deed.
485	(2) A lot owner's acceptance of the owner's interest in a lot constitutes a simultaneous
486	conveyance of the lot in trust, with power of sale, to the trustee designated as provided in this
487	section for the purpose of securing payment of all amounts due under the declaration and this
488	chapter.
489	(3) (a) A power of sale and other powers of a trustee under this part and under Sections
490	57-1-19 through 57-1-34 may not be exercised unless the association appoints a qualified
491	trustee.
492	(b) An association's execution of a substitution of trustee form authorized in Section
493	57-1-22 is sufficient for appointment of a trustee under Subsection (3)(a).
494	(c) A person may not be a trustee under this part unless the person qualifies as a trustee
495	under Subsection 57-1-21(1)(a)(i) or (iv).
496	(d) A trustee under this part is subject to all duties imposed on a trustee under Sections
497	57-1-19 through 57-1-34.
498	(4) This part does not prohibit an association from bringing an action against a lot
499	owner to recover an amount for which a lien is created under Section 57-8a-301 or from taking

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of the lot owner's lot under this part.

a deed in lieu of foreclosure, if the action is brought or deed taken before the sale or foreclosure