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1	AMENDMENTS TO JUDGMENT LIENS
2	1999 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Sponsor: Greg J. Curtis
5	AN ACT RELATING TO JUDICIAL CODE; PROVIDING CIRCUMSTANCE UNDER WHICH
6	A JUDGMENT COULD BE TERMINATED.
7	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
8	AMENDS:
9	78-22-1, as last amended by Chapter 327, Laws of Utah 1998
10	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
11	Section 1. Section 78-22-1 is amended to read:
12	78-22-1. Duration of judgment Judgment as lien upon real property Abstract
13	of judgment Small claims judgment not lien.
14	(1) Judgments shall continue for eight years unless previously satisfied or unless
15	enforcement of the judgment is stayed in accordance with law.
16	(2) Prior to July 1, 1997, except as limited by Subsection (4), the entry of judgment by a
17	district court is a lien upon the real property of the judgment debtor, not exempt from execution,
18	owned or acquired during the existence of the judgment, located in the county in which the
19	judgment is entered.
20	(3) Prior to and after July 1, 1997, an abstract of judgment issued by the court in which the
21	judgment is entered may be recorded in any court of this state and shall have the same force and
22	effect as a judgment entered in that court.
23	(4) Prior to July 1, 1997, and after May 15, 1998, a judgment entered in the small claims
24	division of any court shall not qualify as a lien upon real property unless abstracted to the civil
25	division of the district court and recorded in accordance with Subsection (3).
26	(5) In the event any presently existing or future judgment has been or is appealed, upon
27	provision of an undertaking in a form and amount considered sufficient by the court to secure the

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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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