

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WEINSTEIN, DINOWITZ -- read once and referred to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the real property actions and proceedings law, in relation to directing the department of financial services to conduct periodic inspections of vacant and abandoned residential real property required to be maintained by the mortgagee, authorize the department of financial services and municipalities to impose a daily civil penalty upon mortgagees which fail to maintain abandoned and vacant residential real property, and requiring lenders having a duty to maintain residential real property to register with the statewide vacant and abandoned property registry

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 1307 of the real property actions and proceedings  
2 law is amended by adding a new subdivision 2-a to read as follows:

3 2-a. The department of financial services shall cause an inspection to  
4 be conducted, with regard to compliance with the provisions of this  
5 section, of each residential real property that is subject to the  
6 provisions of this section within four months of the date the lender,  
7 assignee or mortgage loan servicer registers with the statewide vacant  
8 and abandoned property registry pursuant to section thirteen hundred ten  
9 of this article and every six months thereafter until the property is no  
10 longer subject to the provisions of this section.

11 § 2. Subdivision 3 of section 1307 of the real property actions and  
12 proceedings law, as added by chapter 507 of the laws of 2009, is amended  
13 to read as follows:

14 3. The department of financial services, the municipality in which  
15 such residential real property is located, any tenant lawfully in  
16 possession, and a board of managers of a condominium in which the prem-  
17 ises are located or a homeowners association if said premises are  
18 subject to the rules and regulations of such an association, shall have  
19 the right to enforce the obligations described in this section in any  
20 court of competent jurisdiction after at least seven days notice to the  
21 plaintiff in the foreclosure action unless emergency repairs are

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 required. Any entity acting pursuant to this subdivision shall have a  
2 cause of action in any court of competent jurisdiction against the  
3 plaintiff in the foreclosure action to recover costs incurred as a  
4 result of maintaining the property. In addition, the department of  
5 financial services or the municipality in which the residential property  
6 is located may impose a civil penalty of five hundred dollars for each  
7 day a party required to maintain property pursuant to this section fails  
8 to do so or fails to comply with the provisions of section thirteen  
9 hundred ten of this article. The authority provided by this subdivision  
10 shall be in addition to, and shall not be deemed to diminish or reduce,  
11 any rights of the parties described in this section under existing law  
12 against the mortgagor of such property for failure to maintain such  
13 property.

14 § 3. Section 1308 of the real property actions and proceedings law is  
15 amended by adding a new subdivision 7-a to read as follows:

16 7-a. The department of financial services shall cause an inspection of  
17 the subject property to be conducted, with regard to compliance with the  
18 provisions of this section within four months of the date the servicer  
19 registers with the statewide vacant and abandoned property electronic  
20 registry pursuant to section thirteen hundred ten of this article, and  
21 every six months thereafter until such time as the property is no longer  
22 subject to the provisions of this section.

23 § 4. Subdivision 2 of section 1310 of the real property actions and  
24 proceedings law, as added by section 4 of part Q of chapter 73 of the  
25 laws of 2016, is amended to read as follows:

26 2. A lender, assignee or mortgage loan servicer shall submit or cause  
27 to be submitted to the department of financial services information  
28 required by the superintendent of financial services about any vacant  
29 and abandoned residential real property, as that term is defined in  
30 subdivision two of section thirteen hundred nine of this article, or as  
31 the superintendent of financial services may otherwise define that term,  
32 or about any foreclosed property for which the lender, assignee or mort-  
33 gage loan servicer has a duty to maintain pursuant to section thirteen  
34 hundred seven or thirteen hundred eight of this article within twenty-  
35 one business days of when the lender, assignee or mortgage loan servicer  
36 learns, or should have learned, that such property is vacant and aban-  
37 doned, or that the property is the subject of a judgment of foreclosure  
38 and sale and remains vacant and abandoned, as the case may be. Such  
39 information shall, at a minimum, include: (a) the current name, address  
40 and contact information for the lender, assignee or mortgage loan servi-  
41 cer responsible for maintaining the vacant property; (b) whether a fore-  
42 closure action has been filed for the property in question, and, if so,  
43 the date on which the foreclosure action was commenced, or the date the  
44 judgement of foreclosure and sale was entered, as the case may be; [and]  
45 (c) the last known address and contact information for the  
46 [~~mortgagor(s)~~] mortgagor or mortgagors of record; (d) the date the prop-  
47 erty was determined to be vacant or abandoned, or the date the duty of  
48 the lender, assignee or mortgage loan servicer to maintain the property  
49 accrued; and (e) the names of all officers of the lender, assignee or  
50 mortgage loan servicer upon which service of process may be made.

51 § 5. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
52 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.