

## HOUSE BILL 283:

## **Prevent Squatting in Foreclosed Real Property.**

2016-2017 General Assembly

Committee: Senate Judiciary I Date: June 9, 2016
Introduced by: Reps. Bishop, Blackwell Prepared by: Susan Sitze

Analysis of: PCS to First Edition Committee Counsel

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SUMMARY: The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for House Bill 283 deletes the contents of the original bill and substitutes provisions to enhance criminal penalties for person who commit a trespass to real property by reentering after removal pursuant to a valid order or by knowingly creating or presenting a false document of title or possession.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS would amend the offense of first degree trespass to create a Class I felony with a mandatory minimum fine of \$1,000 for any offense where any of the following circumstances exist:

- The offense occurs on real property where the person has reentered after having previously been removed pursuant to the execution of a valid order or writ for possession.
- The offense occurs under color of title where the person has knowingly created or provided materially false evidence of an ownership or possessory interest.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act becomes effective December 1, 2016, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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