



# HOUSE BILL 283: Prevent Squatting in Foreclosed Real Property.

2015-2016 General Assembly

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<b>Analysis of:</b>	S.L. 2016-26		

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**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2016-26 increases criminal penalties for persons 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.*

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

**BILL ANALYSIS:** S.L. 2016-26 amends 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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