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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1238

5 By: Representative Cavenaugh
6 By: Senator D. Sullivan
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING STATUTORY
10 FORECLOSURES; TO AUTHORIZE A MORTGAGOR TO RECOVER
11 FEES IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO AUTHORIZE A MORTGAGOR TO RECOVER FEES
16 IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER THE
17 STATUTORY FORECLOSURE LAW.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 18, Chapter 50, Subchapter 1, is*
23 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

24 *18-50-118. Recovery of fees.*

25 *(a) A mortgagor may recover reasonable attorney's fees under this*
26 *subchapter if a court sets aside the statutory foreclosure sale due to a*
27 *mortgagee's failure to strictly comply with any provision of § 18-50-101 et*
28 *seq., under § 18-50-116(d)(2)(B)(ii).*

29 *(b) A mortgagor shall not be awarded attorney's fees under subsection*
30 *(a) of this section if the:*

31 *(1) Mortgagor and mortgagee reach a mutual resolution of the*
32 *debt and corresponding foreclosure;*

33 *(2) Mortgagor files a petition for bankruptcy while the*
34 *foreclosure or any related litigation is pending;*

35 *(3) Mortgagee instituted the statutory foreclosure while in good*
36 *faith relying on a policy of title insurance that was subsequently found to*



1 be in error;

2 (4) Mortgagee instituted the statutory foreclosure in good faith
3 without knowledge of unrecorded debt on the subject property;

4 (5) Mortgagee instituted the statutory foreclosure in good faith
5 without knowledge of assessments, taxes, or liens filed against the subject
6 property subsequent to the final policy of title insurance being issued; or

7 (6) Mortgage is reinstated under § 18-50-114.

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/s/Cavanaugh

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