

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Real Property Law Section Council

FROM: Thomas A. Kabel

DATE: December 4, 2020

SUBJECT: Legislative Report

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1. **Monthly Call.** The Committee cancelled the call scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2020, given the lack of any recent legislation to discuss.
2. **Recent Developments:**
  - A. **Tax Foreclosure Amendments.** Despite Council's position to oppose Senate Bill 1137 unless certain requested revisions were made [see November Legislative Report], both SB 1137 and SB 676 were passed by the Senate on December 3, 2020, without having incorporated those changes. The Section's lobbyist will reiterate the Section's opposition at the pertinent House committee meeting.
  - B. **Marketable Record Title Act.** House Bill 6332 has been placed on hold and is not expected to be acted upon this year. Our lobbyist is working to schedule a call with policy advisors/stakeholders for mid-January to discuss the bill and any requested revisions.
  - C. **Electronic Transactions/Notary Package.** Senate Bills 1186 – 1189 (which extend the sunset date for the various electronic transactions bills from December 31, 2020, until June 30, 2021) were passed by the Senate on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and have gone to the House for consideration.
  - D. **Emotional Support Animals Bill.** House Bills 4910 and 4911 (which passed the House on March 17, 2020, and which Council has been monitoring), were referred out of Senate committee on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and may be acted upon this year.
  - E. **Short-Term Rental Bill.** Senate Bill 1145 has not yet been acted on and may not pass before the end of the year.
3. **Bills of Interest; New Acts.** No bills of interest were introduced since the date of the last Legislative Report.
4. **Pending Legislation; Positions.** Except as noted above, none of the current bills on which the Council previously took action have been acted upon.