## HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Date

Chair of Committee

April 13, 2022

Committee on Transportation & Local Government.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

<u>HB22-1137</u> be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-33.3-209.5, 4 amend (2)(a), (5)(a) introductory portion, and (5)(a)(V) introductory 5 portion; and add (1.7), (2)(c), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10) as follows:

38-33.3-209.5. Responsible governance policies - due process
for imposition of fines - procedure for collection of delinquent
accounts - enforcement through small claims court - definitions.
(1.7) (a) WITH REGARD TO A UNIT OWNER'S DELINQUENCY IN PAYING
ASSESSMENTS, FINES, OR FEES, AN ASSOCIATION SHALL:

11 (I) FIRST CONTACT THE UNIT OWNER TO ALERT THE UNIT OWNER 12 OF THE DELINQUENCY BEFORE TAKING ACTION IN RELATION TO THE 13 DELINQUENCY PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1.7)(a)(II) OF THIS SECTION AND SHALL MAINTAIN A RECORD OF ANY CONTACTS, INCLUDING 14 15 INFORMATION REGARDING THE TYPE OF COMMUNICATION USED TO 16 CONTACT THE UNIT OWNER AND THE DATE AND TIME THAT THE CONTACT 17 WAS MADE. ANY CONTACTS THAT A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGER 18 OR A PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY MAKES ON BEHALF OF AN 19 ASSOCIATION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (1.7)(a) is deemed a 20 CONTACT MADE BY THE ASSOCIATION AND NOT BY A DEBT COLLECTOR AS 21 DEFINED IN SECTION 5-16-103 (9). A UNIT OWNER MAY IDENTIFY ANOTHER 22 PERSON TO SERVE AS A DESIGNATED CONTACT FOR THE UNIT OWNER TO BE 23 CONTACTED ON THE UNIT OWNER'S BEHALF FOR PURPOSES OF THIS 24 SUBSECTION (1.7)(a)(I). A UNIT OWNER MAY ALSO NOTIFY THE 25 ASSOCIATION IF THE UNIT OWNER PREFERS THAT CORRESPONDENCE AND 26 NOTICES FROM THE ASSOCIATION BE MADE IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN 27 ENGLISH. AN ASSOCIATION MAY DETERMINE THE MANNER IN WHICH A 28 UNIT OWNER MAY IDENTIFY A DESIGNATED CONTACT. IN CONTACTING THE

1 UNIT OWNER OR A DESIGNATED CONTACT, AN ASSOCIATION SHALL SEND 2 THE SAME TYPE OF NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY REQUIRED TO BE SENT 3 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (5)(a)(V) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING BY 4 SENDING IT BY CERTIFIED MAIL FOR WHICH THE ASSOCIATION RECEIVES 5 CONFIRMATION OF ITS RECEIPT, AND PHYSICALLY POST A COPY OF THE 6 NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY AT THE UNIT OWNER'S UNIT. IN ADDITION, THE 7 ASSOCIATION SHALL CONTACT THE UNIT OWNER BY ONE OF THE 8 FOLLOWING MEANS:

(A) FIRST-CLASS MAIL;

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10 (B) TEXT MESSAGE TO A CELLULAR NUMBER THAT THE
11 ASSOCIATION HAS ON FILE BECAUSE THE UNIT OWNER HAS PROVIDED THE
12 CELLULAR NUMBER TO THE ASSOCIATION; OR

13 (C) E-MAIL TO AN E-MAIL ADDRESS THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAS
14 ON FILE BECAUSE THE UNIT OWNER HAS PROVIDED THE E-MAIL ADDRESS
15 TO THE ASSOCIATION.

16 (II) REFER A DELINQUENT ACCOUNT TO A COLLECTION AGENCY OR 17 ATTORNEY ONLY IF A MAJORITY OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD VOTES TO 18 REFER THE MATTER IN A RECORDED VOTE AT A MEETING CONDUCTED 19 PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-33.3-308 (4)(e). A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 20 MANAGEMENT OR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY ACTING ON BEHALF 21 OF THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT REFER A DELINQUENT ACCOUNT TO A 22 COLLECTION AGENCY OR AN ATTORNEY UNLESS A MAJORITY OF THE 23 EXECUTIVE BOARD VOTES TO REFER THE MATTER IN A RECORDED VOTE AT 24 A MEETING CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-33.3-308 (4)(e).

(b) (I) AN ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT IMPOSE THE FOLLOWING ON A
DAILY BASIS AGAINST A UNIT OWNER:

(A) LATE FEES; OR

(B) FINES ASSESSED FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE DECLARATION,
BYLAWS, COVENANTS, OR OTHER GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE
ASSOCIATION. AN ASSOCIATION MAY ONLY IMPOSE FINES FOR VIOLATIONS
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBSECTION (1.7)(b).

32 (II) (A) WITH RESPECT TO ANY VIOLATION OF THE DECLARATION, 33 BYLAWS, COVENANTS, OR OTHER GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF AN 34 ASSOCIATION THAT THE ASSOCIATION REASONABLY DETERMINES 35 THREATENS THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH, OR WELFARE, THE ASSOCIATION 36 SHALL PROVIDE THE UNIT OWNER WRITTEN NOTICE, IN ENGLISH AND IN 37 ANY LANGUAGE THAT THE UNIT OWNER HAS INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR 38 CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1.7)(a)(I) OF 39 THIS SECTION, OF THE VIOLATION INFORMING THE UNIT OWNER THAT THE 40 UNIT OWNER HAS SEVENTY-TWO HOURS TO CURE THE VIOLATION OR THE 41 ASSOCIATION MAY FINE THE UNIT OWNER.

42 (B) IF, AFTER AN INSPECTION OF THE UNIT, THE ASSOCIATION43 DETERMINES THAT THE UNIT OWNER HAS NOT CURED THE VIOLATION

WITHIN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS AFTER RECEIVING THE NOTICE, THE
 ASSOCIATION MAY IMPOSE FINES ON THE UNIT OWNER EVERY OTHER DAY
 AND MAY TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE UNIT OWNER FOR THE
 VIOLATION; EXCEPT THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (8)(c)(I) OF
 THIS SECTION, THE ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT PURSUE FORECLOSURE
 AGAINST THE UNIT OWNER BASED ON FINES OWED.

7 (III) (A) IF AN ASSOCIATION REASONABLY DETERMINES THAT A 8 UNIT OWNER COMMITTED A VIOLATION OF THE DECLARATION, BYLAWS, 9 COVENANTS, OR OTHER GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION, 10 OTHER THAN A VIOLATION THAT THREATENS THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, 11 OR WELFARE, THE ASSOCIATION SHALL, THROUGH CERTIFIED MAIL FOR 12 WHICH THE ASSOCIATION RECEIVES CONFIRMATION OF ITS RECEIPT, 13 PROVIDE THE UNIT OWNER WRITTEN NOTICE, IN ENGLISH AND IN ANY 14 LANGUAGE THAT THE UNIT OWNER HAS INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR 15 CORRESPONDENCE AND NOTICES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1.7)(a)(I) OF 16 THIS SECTION, OF THE VIOLATION INFORMING THE UNIT OWNER THAT THE 17 UNIT OWNER HAS THIRTY DAYS TO CURE THE VIOLATION OR THE 18 ASSOCIATION, AFTER CONDUCTING AN INSPECTION AND DETERMINING 19 THAT THE UNIT OWNER HAS NOT CURED THE VIOLATION, MAY FINE THE 20 UNIT OWNER; HOWEVER, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES IMPOSED FOR THE 21 VIOLATION MAY NOT EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

(B) AN ASSOCIATION SHALL GRANT A UNIT OWNER TWO
CONSECUTIVE THIRTY-DAY PERIODS TO CURE A VIOLATION BEFORE THE
ASSOCIATION MAY TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE UNIT OWNER FOR
THE VIOLATION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (8)(c)(I) OF THIS
SECTION, AN ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT PURSUE FORECLOSURE AGAINST THE
UNIT OWNER BASED ON FINES OWED.

28 (IV) IF THE UNIT OWNER CURES THE VIOLATION WITHIN THE 29 PERIOD TO CURE AFFORDED THE UNIT OWNER, THE UNIT OWNER MAY 30 NOTIFY THE ASSOCIATION OF THE CURE AND, IF THE UNIT OWNER SENDS 31 WITH THE NOTICE VISUAL EVIDENCE THAT THE VIOLATION HAS BEEN 32 CURED, THE VIOLATION IS DEEMED CURED ON THE DATE THAT THE UNIT 33 OWNER SENDS THE NOTICE. IF THE UNIT OWNER'S NOTICE DOES NOT 34 INCLUDE VISUAL EVIDENCE THAT THE VIOLATION HAS BEEN CURED, THE 35 ASSOCIATION SHALL INSPECT THE UNIT AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE TO 36 DETERMINE IF THE VIOLATION HAS BEEN CURED.

37 (V) ONCE THE UNIT OWNER CURES A VIOLATION, THE ASSOCIATION
38 SHALL NOTIFY THE UNIT OWNER, IN ENGLISH AND IN ANY LANGUAGE THAT
39 THE UNIT OWNER HAS INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR CORRESPONDENCE
40 AND NOTICES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1.7)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION:

41 (A) THAT THE UNIT OWNER WILL NOT BE FURTHER FINED WITH42 REGARD TO THE VIOLATION; AND

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- (B) OF ANY OUTSTANDING FINE BALANCE THAT THE UNIT OWNER

1 STILL OWES THE ASSOCIATION.

2 (c) ON A QUARTERLY BASIS, AN ASSOCIATION SHALL SEND TO EACH 3 UNIT OWNER WHO HAS ANY OUTSTANDING BALANCE OWED THE 4 ASSOCIATION AN ITEMIZED LIST OF ALL ASSESSMENTS, FINES, FEES, AND 5 CHARGES THAT THE UNIT OWNER OWES TO THE ASSOCIATION.

6 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of the declaration, bylaws, 7 articles, or rules and regulations to the contrary, the association may not 8 fine any unit owner for an alleged violation unless:

9 (a) The association has adopted, and follows, a written policy 10 governing the imposition of fines; and

(c) THE POLICY:

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12 (I) REQUIRES NOTICE REGARDING THE NATURE OF THE ALLEGED 13 VIOLATION, THE ACTION OR ACTIONS REQUIRED TO CURE THE ALLEGED 14 VIOLATION, AND THE TIMELINE FOR THE FAIR AND IMPARTIAL 15 FACT-FINDING PROCESS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (2)(b) OF THIS 16 SECTION. THE ASSOCIATION MAY SEND THE UNIT OWNER THE NOTICE 17 REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION (2)(c)(I) IN ACCORDANCE WITH 18 SUBSECTION (1.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

19 (II) SPECIFIES THE INTERVAL UPON WHICH FINES MAY BE LEVIED 20 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1.7)(b) of this section for 21 VIOLATIONS THAT ARE CONTINUING IN NATURE.

22 (5) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of the declaration, bylaws, 23 articles, or rules and regulations to the contrary or the absence of a 24 relevant provision in the declaration, bylaws, articles, or rules or 25 regulations, the association or a holder or assignee of the association's 26 debt, whether the holder or assignee of the association's debt is an entity 27 or a natural person, may not use a collection agency or take legal action 28 to collect unpaid assessments unless the association or a holder or 29 assignee of the association's debt has adopted, and follows, a written 30 policy governing the collection of unpaid assessments AND UNLESS THE 31 ASSOCIATION COMPLIES WITH SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION. The policy 32 must, at a minimum, specify:

33 (V) That, before the entity turns over a delinquent account of a 34 unit owner to a collection agency or refers it to an attorney for legal 35 action, the entity must send the unit owner a notice of delinquency, BY 36 CERTIFIED MAIL FOR WHICH THE ASSOCIATION RECEIVES CONFIRMATION 37 OF ITS RECEIPT, specifying:

38 (6) A NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY THAT AN ASSOCIATION SENDS TO 39 A UNIT OWNER FOR UNPAID ASSESSMENTS, FINES, FEES, OR CHARGES MUST: 40 (a) BE WRITTEN IN ENGLISH AND IN ANY LANGUAGE THAT THE 41 UNIT OWNER HAS INDICATED A PREFERENCE FOR CORRESPONDENCE AND 42 NOTICES PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (1.7)(a)(I) OF THIS SECTION; 43

(b) SPECIFY WHETHER THE DELINQUENCY CONCERNS UNPAID

1 ASSESSMENTS; UNPAID FINES, FEES, OR CHARGES; OR BOTH UNPAID 2 ASSESSMENTS AND UNPAID FINES, FEES, OR CHARGES, AND, IF THE NOTICE 3 OF DELINQUENCY CONCERNS UNPAID ASSESSMENTS, THE NOTICE OF 4 DELINQUENCY MUST NOTIFY THE UNIT OWNER THAT UNPAID ASSESSMENTS 5 MAY LEAD TO FORECLOSURE; AND

6 (c) INCLUDE:

7 (I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE STEPS THE ASSOCIATION MUST TAKE 8 BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION MAY TAKE LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE UNIT 9 OWNER, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE ASSOCIATION'S CURE PROCESS 10 ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (1.7)(b) OF THIS 11 SECTION; AND

12 (II) A DESCRIPTION OF WHAT LEGAL ACTION THE ASSOCIATION 13 MAY TAKE AGAINST THE UNIT OWNER, INCLUDING:

14 (A) A DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPES OF MATTERS THAT THE 15 ASSOCIATION MAY TAKE TO SMALL CLAIMS COURT, INCLUDING INJUNCTIVE 16 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE ASSOCIATION SEEKS AN ORDER REQUIRING THE 17 UNIT OWNER TO COMPLY WITH THE DECLARATION, BYLAWS, COVENANTS, 18 OR OTHER GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION; AND

19 (B) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SMALL CLAIMS PROCESS AND THE UNIT 20 OWNER'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IF THE MATTER IS TAKEN TO 21 SMALL CLAIMS COURT.

22 (7) (a) AN ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT COMMENCE A LEGAL ACTION 23 TO INITIATE A FORECLOSURE PROCEEDING BASED ON A UNIT OWNER'S 24 DELINQUENCY IN PAYING ASSESSMENTS UNLESS:

25 THE ASSOCIATION HAS COMPLIED WITH EACH OF THE (I) 26 REQUIREMENTS IN THIS SECTION AND IN SECTION 38-33.3-316.3 RELATED 27 TO A UNIT OWNER'S DELINQUENCY IN PAYING ASSESSMENTS;

28 (II) THE ASSOCIATION HAS PROVIDED THE UNIT OWNER WITH A 29 WRITTEN OFFER TO ENTER INTO A REPAYMENT PLAN PURSUANT TO 30 SECTION 38-33.3-316.3 (2) THAT AUTHORIZES THE UNIT OWNER TO REPAY 31 THE DEBT IN MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS OVER EIGHTEEN MONTHS. UNDER 32 THE REPAYMENT PLAN, THE UNIT OWNER MAY CHOOSE THE AMOUNT TO BE 33 PAID EACH MONTH, SO LONG AS EACH PAYMENT MUST BE IN AN AMOUNT 34 OF AT LEAST TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS UNTIL THE BALANCE OF THE AMOUNT 35 OWED IS LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS; AND

36 (III) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE ASSOCIATION HAS PROVIDED 37 THE OWNER WITH A WRITTEN OFFER TO ENTER INTO A REPAYMENT PLAN, 38 THE UNIT OWNER HAS EITHER:

(A) DECLINED THE REPAYMENT PLAN; OR

40 (B) AFTER ACCEPTING THE REPAYMENT PLAN, FAILED TO PAY AT 41 LEAST THREE OF THE MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS 42 AFTER THE MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS WERE DUE.

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(b) A UNIT OWNER WHO HAS ENTERED INTO A REPAYMENT PLAN

PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION MAY ELECT TO PAY THE
 REMAINING BALANCE OWED UNDER THE REPAYMENT PLAN AT ANY TIME
 DURING THE DURATION OF THE REPAYMENT PLAN.

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5 (a) CHARGE A RATE OF INTEREST ON UNPAID ASSESSMENTS, FINES,
6 OR FEES IN AN AMOUNT GREATER THAN EIGHT PERCENT PER YEAR;

(8) AN ASSOCIATION SHALL NOT:

7 (b) ASSESS A FEE OR OTHER CHARGE TO RECOVER COSTS INCURRED
8 FOR PROVIDING THE UNIT OWNER A STATEMENT OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT
9 THAT THE UNIT OWNER OWES;

10 (c) FORECLOSE ON AN ASSESSMENT LIEN IF THE DEBT SECURING
 11 THE LIEN CONSISTS ONLY OF ONE OR BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING:

12 (I) FINES THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAS ASSESSED AGAINST THE UNIT13 OWNER; OR

14 (II) COLLECTION COSTS OR ATTORNEY FEES THAT THE
15 ASSOCIATION HAS INCURRED AND THAT ARE ONLY ASSOCIATED WITH
16 ASSESSED FINES.

17 (9) A PARTY SEEKING TO ENFORCE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES 18 ARISING UNDER THE DECLARATION, BYLAWS, COVENANTS, OR OTHER 19 GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF AN ASSOCIATION IN RELATION TO DISPUTES 20 ARISING FROM ASSESSMENTS, FINES, OR FEES OWED TO THE ASSOCIATION 21 AND FOR WHICH THE AMOUNT AT ISSUE DOES NOT EXCEED SEVEN 22 THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, EXCLUSIVE OF INTEREST AND COSTS, 23 MAY FILE A CLAIM IN SMALL CLAIMS COURT PURSUANT TO SECTION 24 13-6-403 (1)(b)(I).

(10) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "NOTICE OF DELINQUENCY" MEANS
A WRITTEN NOTICE THAT AN ASSOCIATION SENDS TO A UNIT OWNER TO
NOTIFY THE UNIT OWNER OF ANY UNPAID ASSESSMENTS, FINES, FEES, OR
CHARGES THAT THE UNIT OWNER OWES THE ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-33.3-308, amend
(4)(e) as follows:

31 38-33.3-308. Meetings. (4) Matters for discussion by an
32 executive or closed session are limited to:

(e) Any matter, the disclosure of which would constitute an
unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, INCLUDING A DISCIPLINARY
HEARING REGARDING A UNIT OWNER AND ANY REFERRAL OF
DELINQUENCY; EXCEPT THAT A UNIT OWNER WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF A
DISCIPLINARY HEARING OR A REFERRAL OF DELINQUENCY MAY REQUEST
AND RECEIVE THE RESULTS OF ANY VOTE TAKEN AT THE RELEVANT
MEETING;

40 SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-33.3-315, amend
41 (2) as follows:

42 **38-33.3-315.** Assessments for common expenses. (2) Except for 43 assessments under subsections (3) and (4) of this section and section 1 38-33.3-207 (4)(a)(IV), all common expenses shall be assessed against all 2 the units in accordance with the allocations set forth in the declaration 3 pursuant to section 38-33.3-207 (1) and (2). Any past-due common 4 expense assessment or installment thereof shall bear OF A COMMON 5 EXPENSE ASSESSMENT BEARS interest at the rate established by the 6 association <del>not exceeding twenty-one</del> IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 7 EIGHT percent per year.

8 SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-33.3-316, amend
9 (1), (2)(d), and (7); and add (12) as follows:

10 38-33.3-316. Lien for assessments - liens for fines, fees, 11 charges, costs, and attorney fees - limitations. (1) (a) The association, 12 if such association is incorporated or organized as a limited liability 13 company, has a statutory lien on a unit for any assessment levied against 14 that unit or fines imposed against its unit owner. Unless the declaration 15 otherwise provides, fees, charges, late charges, attorney fees UP TO THE 16 MAXIMUM AMOUNT AUTHORIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (7) OF THIS SECTION, 17 fines, and interest charged pursuant to section 38-33.3-302 (1)(j), (1)(k), 18 and (1)(1), section 38-33.3-313 (6), and section 38-33.3-315 (2) are 19 enforceable as assessments under this article. The amount of the lien shall 20 include all those items set forth in this section from the time such items 21 become due MAY BE SUBJECT TO A STATUTORY LIEN BUT ARE NOT SUBJECT 22 TO A FORECLOSURE ACTION UNDER THIS ARTICLE 33.3.

23 (b) If an assessment is payable in installments, each installment 24 is a lien from the time it becomes due, including the due date set by any 25 valid association's acceleration of installment obligations MAY BE SUBJECT 26 TO A STATUTORY LIEN IF THE UNIT OWNER FAILS TO PAY THE INSTALLMENT 27 WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS AFTER THE INSTALLMENT BECOMES DUE, BUT THE 28 ASSOCIATION MAY NOT PURSUE LEGAL ACTION FOR UNPAID MONTHLY 29 INSTALLMENTS UNTIL THE UNIT OWNER HAS FAILED TO PAY AT LEAST 30 THREE MONTHLY INSTALLMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 38-33.3-209.5 31 (7)(a)(III)(B).

(2) (d) The association shall have the statutory lien described in
subsection (1) of this section for any assessment levied or fine imposed
after June 30, 1992. Such A lien shall have DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)
OF THIS SECTION HAS the priority described in this subsection (2) if the
other lien or encumbrance is created after June 30, 1992.

37 (7) (a) (I) The association shall be IS entitled to costs and
38 reasonable attorney fees incurred by THAT the association in a judgment
39 or decree INCURS in any action or suit FOR A JUDGMENT OR DECREE
40 brought by the association under this section.

41 (II) A COURT SHALL DETERMINE REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES IN
42 ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 121 SEC. 1-22 OF THE COLORADO RULES OF CIVIL
43 PROCEDURE.

1 (b) AN ASSOCIATION IS NOT ENTITLED TO RECOVER ATTORNEY 2 FEES UNDER SUBSECTION (7)(a) OF THIS SECTION FOR ATTORNEY FEES 3 INCURRED BEFORE THE ASSOCIATION HAS COMPLIED WITH THE NOTICE 4 REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 38-33.3-209.5 (1.7)(a) WITH REGARD TO ANY 5 MATTER FOR WHICH THE ASSOCIATION IS REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE 6 NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 38-33.3-209.5 (1.7)(a).

7 (12) IF A UNIT HAS BEEN FORECLOSED, A MEMBER OF THE 8 EXECUTIVE BOARD, AN EMPLOYEE OF A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 9 MANAGEMENT COMPANY REPRESENTING THE ASSOCIATION, AN EMPLOYEE 10 OF A LAW FIRM REPRESENTING THE ASSOCIATION, OR AN IMMEDIATE 11 FAMILY MEMBER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2-4-401 (3.7), OF ANY SUCH 12 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER, COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT 13 COMPANY EMPLOYEE, OR LAW FIRM EMPLOYEE SHALL NOT PURCHASE THE 14 FORECLOSED UNIT.

15 SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 38-33.3-316.3,
16 amend (2); repeal (3); and add (4) and (5) as follows:

17 38-33.3-316.3. Collections - limitations - violations. (2) A 18 payment plan negotiated between the association or a holder or assignee 19 of the association's debt, whether the holder or assignee of the 20 association's debt is an entity or a natural person, and the unit owner 21 pursuant to this section must permit the unit owner to pay off the 22 deficiency in equal installments over a period of at least six EIGHTEEN 23 months. Nothing in this section prohibits an association or a holder or 24 assignee of the association's debt from pursuing legal action against a unit 25 owner if the unit owner fails to comply with the terms of his or her THE 26 UNIT OWNER'S payment plan. A unit owner's failure to remit payment of 27 an THREE OR MORE agreed-upon installment INSTALLMENTS PURSUANT TO 28 SECTION 38-33.3-209.5 (7)(a)(III)(B), or to remain current with regular 29 assessments as they come due during the six-month EIGHTEEN-MONTH 30 period, constitutes a failure to comply with the terms of his or her THE 31 UNIT OWNER'S payment plan.

32 (3) For purposes of this section, "assessments" includes regular
 33 and special assessments and any associated fees, charges, late charges,
 34 attorney fees, fines, and interest charged pursuant to section 38-33.3-315
 35 (2).

36 (4) IF A UNIT OWNER WHO HAS BOTH UNPAID ASSESSMENTS AND
37 UNPAID FINES, FEES, OR OTHER CHARGES MAKES A PAYMENT TO THE
38 ASSOCIATION, THE ASSOCIATION SHALL APPLY THE PAYMENT FIRST TO THE
39 ASSESSMENTS OWED AND ANY REMAINING AMOUNT OF THE PAYMENT TO
40 THE FINES, FEES, OR OTHER CHARGES OWED.

41 (5) IF AN ASSOCIATION HAS VIOLATED ANY FORECLOSURE LAWS,
42 THE UNIT OWNER IN RELATION TO WHOM THE VIOLATION OCCURRED MAY,
43 WITHIN FIVE YEARS AFTER THE VIOLATION OCCURRED, FILE CIVIL SUIT IN

A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION AGAINST THE ASSOCIATION TO SEEK
 DAMAGES. THE COURT MAY AWARD THE UNIT OWNER DAMAGES IN AN
 AMOUNT OF UP TO TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, PLUS COSTS AND
 REASONABLE ATTORNEY FEES, IF THE UNIT OWNER PROVES THE VIOLATION
 BY A PREPONDERANCE OF THE EVIDENCE.

6 SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-6-403, amend (1),
7 (2) introductory portion, and (2)(h) as follows:

8 13-6-403. Jurisdiction of small claims court - limitations. 9 (1) (a) On and after January 1, 1996, The small claims court shall have 10 HAS concurrent original jurisdiction with the county and district courts in 11 all civil actions in which the debt, damage, or value of the personal 12 property claimed by either the plaintiff or the defendant, exclusive of 13 interest and cost COSTS, does not exceed seven thousand five hundred 14 dollars, including such civil penalties as may be provided by law. By way 15 of further example, and not limitation, the small claims court shall have 16 HAS jurisdiction to hear and determine actions in tort and assess damages 17 therein IN TORT ACTIONS not to exceed seven thousand five hundred 18 dollars.

(b) The small claims court division shall also have ALSO HAS
concurrent original jurisdiction with the county and district courts in
actions where a party seeks:

(I) TO ENFORCE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARISING UNDER THE
DECLARATION, BYLAWS, COVENANTS, OR OTHER GOVERNING DOCUMENTS
OF A UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 38-33.3-103 (3),
IN RELATION TO DISPUTES ARISING FROM ASSESSMENTS, FINES, OR FEES
OWED TO THE UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION AND FOR WHICH THE AMOUNT
AT ISSUE DOES NOT EXCEED SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS,
EXCLUSIVE OF INTEREST AND COSTS.

(II) To enforce a restrictive covenant on residential property and
the amount required to comply with the covenant does not exceed seven
thousand five hundred dollars, exclusive of interest and costs; in actions

32 (III) Where a party seeks Replevin if the value of the property
 33 sought does not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars; and in
 34 actions

(IV) Where a party seeks To enforce a contract by specific
performance or to disaffirm, avoid, or rescind a contract and the amount
at issue does not exceed seven thousand five hundred dollars.

38 (2) The small claims court shall have no HAS ONLY THAT
39 jurisdiction except that specifically conferred upon it by law, AS
40 PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION. In particular, it shall have
41 no DOES NOT HAVE jurisdiction over the following matters:

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(h) Actions involving injunctive relief, except as required to:

(I) ENFORCE RIGHTS OR RESPONSIBILITIES ARISING UNDER THE

1 DECLARATION, BYLAWS, COVENANTS, OR OTHER GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

2 OF A UNIT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 38-33.3-103 (3),

3 AND INCLUDING ACTIONS SEEKING DECLARATORY RELIEF;

(I) (II) Enforce restrictive covenants on residential property;

(III) Enforce the provisions of section 6-1-702.5; C.R.S.;

6 (III) (IV) Accomplish replevin; and

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7 (IV) (V) Enter judgments in actions where a party seeks to enforce
8 a contract by specific performance or to disaffirm, avoid, or rescind a
9 contract;

10 Act subject to petition - effective date -SECTION 7. applicability. (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following 11 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the 12 general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant 13 14 to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, 15 16 section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2022 and, in such case, will take 17 effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the 18 19 governor.

20 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable
21 effective date of this act.".

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