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Committee approves increased local control of abandoned homes
Bill would expedite foreclosure and sale of abandoned property

INDIANAPOLIS—The Senate Judiciary committee approved House Bill (HB) 1122 sponsored by State Sen. Karen Tallian (D-Portage) with a vote of 9 to 1 today. Some local government entities have established an unsafe or abandoned building enforcement authority. If the local authority has determined that a structure is abandoned, and the property later goes through foreclosure, then HB 1122 will allow a city to ask that the property be sold at a sheriff sale so that a third party can purchase and repair the blighted property.

“An abandoned house can be an eyesore for a neighborhood, impacting the surrounding property values and causing related problems,” said Tallian. “Making sure these properties are maintained and kept in a sellable condition is important.”

HB 1122 will ensure that even if the bank does not request a sale in a timely manner, the local government can expedite the process.

The bill will now move to the senate floor for consideration by the full body.

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