

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senator Diaz de la Portilla moved the following:

## Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 44 and 45 insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 196.161, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

196.161 Homestead exemptions; lien imposed on property of person claiming exemption although not a permanent resident.-

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(b) In addition, upon determination by the property appraiser that for any year or years within the prior 10 years a person who was not entitled to a homestead exemption was granted a homestead exemption from ad valorem taxes, it shall be the



duty of the property appraiser making such determination shall to serve upon the owner a notice of intent to record in the public records of the county a notice of tax lien against any property owned by that person in the county, and such property shall be identified in the notice of tax lien. Such property, which is situated in this state, is shall be subject to the taxes exempted thereby, plus a penalty of 50 percent of the unpaid taxes for each year and 15 percent interest per annum. However, if a homestead exemption is improperly granted as a result of a clerical mistake or an omission by the property appraiser, the person improperly receiving the exemption may shall not be assessed penalty and interest. Before any such lien may be filed, the owner so notified must be given 60 30 days to pay the taxes, penalties, and interest.

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======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 2

## and insert:

An act relating to tax liability; amending s. 196.161, F.S.; clarifying that a person who improperly receives a homestead exemption due to a clerical mistake or an omission by the property appraiser is not subject to penalties; extending the time for such person to pay the taxes before a lien is filed;