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Act No. 19 (H.199). Property; deeds; powers of attorney

An act relating to validating legal instruments used in connection with the conveyance of real estate

This act provides that a technical, nonsubstantive defect in a deed signed pursuant to a power of attorney (POA) does not render the deed invalid if it has been on file in the land records for three years without being challenged in court. The act also remedies nonsubstantive and nonfraudulent defects in powers of attorney used for real estate transactions if the POA has been recorded in the land records for three years without being challenged in court.

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