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2 Introduced by Representative Greer of Bennington  
3 Referred to Committee on  
4 Date:  
5 Subject: Municipal and county government; municipal charters; Town of  
6 Bennington; amendments  
7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to approve  
8 amendments to the charter of the Town of Bennington to establish first priority  
9 for municipal liens resulting from fines.

10 An act relating to approval of amendments to the charter of the Town of  
11 Bennington concerning municipal liens

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. CHARTER AMENDMENT APPROVAL

14 The General Assembly approves the amendments to the charter of the Town  
15 of Bennington as set forth in this act. The voters approved the proposal of  
16 amendment on March 4, 2025.

17 Sec. 2. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 103 is amended to read:

18 CHAPTER 103. TOWN OF BENNINGTON

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1       § 807. PRIORITY OF MUNICIPAL LIENS

2       The filing of a notice of lien resulting from a judgment by a court of  
3       competent jurisdiction for fines in an enforcement proceeding under the  
4       Town's Land Use Regulations; Property Maintenance Ordinance; or Housing,  
5       Building, and Life Safety Ordinance shall have priority in law over any other  
6       lien having priority in time. The underlying enforcement lien shall remain a  
7       valid and subsisting lien upon the real property until the fines are fully paid or  
8       otherwise discharged, but not longer than eight years from the date of the  
9       judgment, unless it shall have been renewed pursuant to State law.

10      Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

11      This act shall take effect on passage