

1 HB517  
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would authorize the city council  
9 of a Class 3 municipality to adopt procedures for  
10 overgrown grass and weeds to be declared to be a  
11 public nuisance and to provide for the abatement of  
12 the nuisance.

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14 A BILL  
15 TO BE ENTITLED  
16 AN ACT

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18 Relating to Class 3 municipalities; to authorize the  
19 city council of the municipality to adopt procedures for  
20 overgrown grass and weeds to be declared to be a public  
21 nuisance and to provide for the abatement of the nuisance.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. In any Class 3 municipality, in the case  
24 of any overgrown grass or weeds which may be abated pursuant  
25 to Article 4, commencing at Section 11-67-60, Chapter 67 of  
26 Title 11, Code of Alabama 1975, the city council may adopt  
27 procedures different from the procedures provided in Article 4

1 to declare overgrown grass or weeds to be a public nuisance  
2 and abated pursuant to the procedures provided in the  
3 ordinance. After the abatement of any overgrown grass or weeds  
4 pursuant to the procedures provided in the ordinance, the  
5 costs of abatement shall be assessed and collected as a weed  
6 lien in the same manner as provided in Section 11-67-66, Code  
7 of Alabama 1975. The municipality may assess the costs  
8 authorized against any lot or lots or parcel or parcels of  
9 land purchased by the State of Alabama or any purchaser at any  
10 sale for the nonpayment of taxes and where an assessment is  
11 made against a lot or lots or parcel or parcels of land, a  
12 subsequent redemption thereof by a person authorized to redeem  
13 or sale thereof by the state, shall not operate to discharge,  
14 or in any manner affect the lien of the municipality for the  
15 assessment, but a person redeeming the property or purchaser  
16 at a sale by the state of any lot or lots or parcel or parcels  
17 of land upon which an assessment has been levied, whether  
18 prior to or subsequent to a sale to the state or purchaser for  
19 the nonpayment of taxes, shall take the same subject to the  
20 assessment.

21 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
22 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
23 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.