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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT A03516 to SB 777, PN 874 (BROWNE)

- Defines “delinquent”, which permits municipalities to charge interest from the date of delinquency as opposed to the date the lien is filed. Also, takes into account installment payments in the definition of “delinquent”, to take into account installment payments permitted by Act 1 of 2006.
- Includes garbage fee, recycling fee, landlord licensing fees and inspection fees as charges which may be recovered under the MCTLA.
- Removes the intent language for “unreasonable” attorneys fees from the MCTLA and maintains the language regarding the reasonableness of attorney’s fees charge in collection of delinquent taxes.
- Brings the MCTLA into compliance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Civil Procedure with regards to the service of original process.
- Establishes one county office that will be required to maintain an electronic list of all properties in the County with delinquent taxes and a list of who is collecting the delinquency. If the Tax Claim Bureau is collecting the tax claim, it will provide a binding certification of the amount of taxes owed. If the school district or local government has contracted with a third party payment firm to collect their tax claims, the collector will provide a binding payoff amount to anyone requesting the information. This list will be updated within 45 days of payment.
- Certifications must be provided within the time frame required under the Right to Know Law.
- Clarifies a municipality’s ability to use third party collection firms to use the MCTLA to collect delinquent taxes.