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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



**PA 24-42—HB 5227**

*Environment Committee*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN LIENS OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**SUMMARY:** This act creates a process by which someone with an interest in real property that is subject to a satisfied, undischarged lien may request its discharge, and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) must abide by the request. It does this regardless of any state environmental protection statutes.

Under the act, the person must request the discharge in writing to DEEP, sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested. DEEP then has 60 days after receiving the request to discharge the lien by mailing a release, by certified mail with return receipt requested, to the requester and any municipality where the lien is recorded. The lien release must meet the requirements under existing law for these instruments (e.g., it must include the parties' names, the lien's date and recording information, and a lienholder signature that was acknowledged and witnessed).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Upon passage