SENATE AMENDMENT NO.

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Amend SS/SCS/HCS/House Bill No. 271, Page 7, Section 59.100, Line 15,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following: 3 "67.398. 1. The governing body of any city or village, or any county having a charter form of government, 4 or any county of the first classification that contains part 5 of a city with a population of at least three hundred 6 thousand inhabitants, or any county of the first 7 8 classification with more than one hundred one thousand but 9 fewer than one hundred fifteen thousand inhabitants, may enact ordinances to provide for the abatement of a condition 10 of any lot or land that has the presence of a nuisance 11 12 including, but not limited to, debris of any kind, weed 13 cuttings, cut, fallen, or hazardous trees and shrubs, overgrown vegetation and noxious weeds which are seven 14 15 inches or more in height, rubbish and trash, lumber not 16 piled or stacked twelve inches off the ground, rocks or bricks, tin, steel, parts of derelict cars or trucks, broken 17 furniture, any flammable material which may endanger public 18 19 safety or any material or condition which is unhealthy or unsafe and declared to be a public nuisance. 20 21 The governing body of any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more 22 than one county may enact ordinances for the abatement of a 23 24 condition of any lot or land that has vacant buildings or

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structures open to entry.

26 3. Any ordinance authorized by this section shall 27 provide for service to the owner of the property and, if the 28 property is not owner-occupied, to any occupant of the property of a written notice specifically describing each 29 30 condition of the lot or land declared to be a public 31 nuisance, and which notice shall identify what action will 32 remedy the public nuisance. Unless a condition presents an 33 immediate, specifically identified risk to the public health or safety, the notice shall provide a reasonable time, not 34 35 less than ten days, in which to abate or commence removal of each condition identified in the notice. Written notice may 36 be given by personal service or by first-class mail to both 37 38 the occupant of the property at the property address and the owner at the last known address of the owner, if not the 39 same. Upon a failure of the owner to pursue the removal or 40 abatement of such nuisance without unnecessary delay, the 41 42 building commissioner or designated officer may cause the condition which constitutes the nuisance to be removed or 43 44 abated. If the building commissioner or designated officer causes such condition to be removed or abated, the cost of 45 such removal or abatement and the proof of notice to the 46 owner of the property shall be certified to the city clerk 47 or officer in charge of finance who shall cause the 48 49 certified cost to be included in a special tax bill or added 50 to the annual real estate tax bill, at the collecting 51 official's option, for the property and the certified cost shall be collected by the city collector or other official 52 53 collecting taxes in the same manner and procedure for collecting real estate taxes. If the certified cost is not 54 paid, the tax bill shall be considered delinquent, and the 55 collection of the delinquent bill shall be governed by the 56 laws governing delinquent and back taxes. The tax bill from 57 58 the date of its issuance shall be deemed a personal debt

against the owner and shall also be a lien on the property
from the date the tax bill is delinquent until paid."; and
Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.