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AN ACT CONCERNING MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES AND UNDISCHARGED MORTGAGES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, an action to foreclose a mortgage on residential real property, as defined in section 49-31k of the general statutes, shall not be commenced following the earliest of:
 - (1) Ten years from the date fixed for the making of the last payment or the maturity date set forth in the mortgage or the note, bond or other obligation secured by the mortgage, whether the date is itself set forth or may be calculated from information contained in the mortgage or note, bond or other obligation, except if the date fixed for the making of the last payment or the maturity date has been extended by a written instrument, the action to foreclose shall not be commenced after ten years from the extended date under the terms of the written instrument;
 - (2) Forty years from the date of recording of the mortgage, or, if the mortgage is not recorded, forty years from the date of execution, provided the mortgage itself does not provide for a period of repayment

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in excess of forty years; or

- (3) Ten years from the date on which the debtor defaulted, which default has not been cured, as to any of the obligations or covenants contained in the mortgage or in the note, bond or other obligation secured by the mortgage, except if the date to perform any of the obligations or covenants has been extended by a written instrument or payment on account has been made, the action to foreclose shall not be commenced after ten years from the date on which the default or payment on account thereof occurred under the terms of the written instrument.
- Sec. 2. Section 49-13a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):
 - (a) When record title to real property remains encumbered by any undischarged mortgage, and the mortgagor or those owning the mortgagor's interest therein have been in undisturbed possession of the property for at least [twenty] ten years after the expiration of the time limited in the mortgage for the full performance of the conditions thereof, or for at least forty years from the recording of the mortgage if the mortgage does not disclose the time when the note or indebtedness is payable or the time for full performance of the conditions of the mortgage, unless a notice is recorded pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, the mortgage shall be invalid as a further lien against the real property, provided an affidavit, subscribed and sworn to by the party in possession, stating the fact of such possession, is recorded on the land records of the town in which the property is situated.
 - (b) The record holder of an undischarged mortgage on real property may, prior to the expiration of the applicable time period specified in subsection (a) of this section, record a notice, on the land records of the town in which the property is situated, that contains: (1) The name or names of the mortgagors; (2) the recording information for the mortgage and any assignment of the mortgage; and (3) a statement of the reasons why the mortgage is valid and effective. Upon the recording of such

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notice in accordance with this subsection, the applicable time period after which the mortgage shall be invalid as a further lien against the real property as provided in subsection (a) of this section shall be tolled for a period of ten years from the recording of such notice. Any such notice shall be indexed in the grantor's index under the name or names of the mortgagors and in the grantee's index under the name of the record holder of the mortgage.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025	49-13a

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