House Bill 387 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)
By: Representatives Lumsden of the 12th, Gravley of the 67th, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, and Petrea of the 166th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 44-14-320 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain liens established and removal of nonconforming liens, so as to provide for liens in favor of private, nonprofit, volunteer fire departments for instances of fire services that are requested by property owners; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 44-14-320 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to certain liens established and removal of nonconforming liens, is amended in subsection (a) by revising paragraphs (15) and (16) and adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(15) Liens in favor of jewelers; and

(16) Liens in favor of the state for expenditures from the hazardous waste trust fund pursuant to subsection (e) of Code Section 12-8-96. Such liens shall be superior to all other liens except liens for taxes and other prior perfected recorded liens or claims of record; and

(17) Liens in favor of a nonprofit organization or entity that is exempt from taxation under 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c) which exercises the powers of a fire department as provided for under Chapter 3 of Title 25 that are requested by property owners and that are based upon fees and rates charged that are consistent with the Federal Emergency Management Agency of the United States Department of Homeland Security's Schedule of Equipment Rates as such existed on July 1, 2019."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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