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Sheehy, Smith, K.**

A BILL

To enact section 1337.261 of the Revised Code 1
relative to the acceptance of an acknowledged 2
power of attorney. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 1337.261 of the Revised Code be 4
enacted to read as follows: 5

Sec. 1337.261. (A) As used in this section, "acknowledged" 6
means verified before a notary public or other individual 7
authorized to take acknowledgments. 8

(B) A person shall not refuse to accept an acknowledged 9
power of attorney for a transaction, or require an additional or 10
different form of power of attorney for any authority granted in 11
a statutory form power of attorney, unless one of the following 12
applies: 13

(1) The person has actual knowledge of the termination of 14
the agent's authority or of the power of attorney. 15

(2) The person in good faith believes that the transaction 16

is outside the scope of the authority granted to the agent in 17
the power of attorney. 18

(3) The person in good faith believes that the power of 19
attorney is not valid. 20

(C) A person that fails to comply with this section is 21
subject to both of the following: 22

(1) A court order mandating the acceptance of the power of 23
attorney; 24

(2) Liability for reasonable attorneys' fees and costs 25
incurred in any action or proceeding that confirms the validity 26
of the power of attorney or mandates acceptance of the power of 27
attorney. 28