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HOUSE BILL 617

Short Title: Mold Lien Act.

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Referred to: Business and Labor.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR LIEN RIGHTS FOR PERSONS WHO FABRICATE
2 DIES, MOLDS, FORMS, OR PATTERNS AND WHO FABRICATE PRODUCTS
3 FROM DIES, MOLDS, FORMS, OR PATTERNS.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 Section 1. G.S. 44A-2 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 44A-2. Persons entitled to lien on personal property.**

8 (a) Any person who tows, alters, repairs, stores, services, treats, or improves
9 personal property other than a motor vehicle in the ordinary course of his business
10 pursuant to an express or implied contract with an owner or legal possessor of the
11 personal property has a lien upon the property. The amount of the lien shall be the lesser
12 of

13 (1) The reasonable charges for the services and materials; or

14 (2) The contract price; or

15 (3) One hundred dollars (\$100.00) if the lienor has dealt with a legal
16 possessor who is not an owner.

17 This lien shall have priority over perfected and unperfected security interests.

1 (b) Any person engaged in the business of operating a hotel, motel, or
2 boardinghouse has a lien upon all baggage, vehicles and other personal property brought
3 upon his premises by a guest or boarder who is an owner thereof to the extent of
4 reasonable charges for the room, accommodations and other items or services furnished
5 at the request of the guest or boarder. This lien shall not have priority over any security
6 interest in the property which is perfected at the time the guest or boarder brings the
7 property to said hotel, motel or boardinghouse.

8 (c) Any person engaged in the business of boarding animals has a lien on the
9 animals boarded for reasonable charges for such boarding which are contracted for with
10 an owner or legal possessor of the animal. This lien shall have priority over perfected and
11 unperfected security interests.

12 (d) Any person who repairs, services, tows, or stores motor vehicles in the
13 ordinary course of his business pursuant to an express or implied contract with an owner
14 or legal possessor of the motor vehicle has a lien upon the motor vehicle for reasonable
15 charges for such repairs, servicing, towing, or storing. This lien shall have priority over
16 perfected and unperfected security interests.

17 (e) Any lessor of a house, room, apartment, office, store or other demised
18 premises has a lien on all furniture, household furnishings, trade fixtures, equipment and
19 other personal property to which the tenant has legal title and which remains on the
20 demised premises if (i) the tenant has vacated the premises for 21 or more days after the
21 paid rental period has expired, and (ii) the lessor has a lawful claim for damages against
22 the tenant. If the tenant has vacated the premises for 21 or more days after the expiration
23 of the paid rental period, or if the lessor has received a judgment for possession of the
24 premises which is executable and the tenant has vacated the premises, then all property
25 remaining on the premises may be removed and placed in storage. If the total value of all
26 property remaining on the premises is less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), then it
27 shall be deemed abandoned five days after the tenant has vacated the premises, and the
28 lessor may remove it and may donate it to any charitable institution or organization.
29 Provided, the lessor shall not have a lien if there is an agreement between the lessor or his
30 agent and the tenant that the lessor shall not have a lien. This lien shall be for the amount
31 of any rents which were due the lessor at the time the tenant vacated the premises and for
32 the time, up to 60 days, from the vacating of the premises to the date of sale; and for any
33 sums necessary to repair damages to the premises caused by the tenant, normal wear and
34 tear excepted; and for reasonable costs and expenses of sale. The lien created by this
35 subsection shall be enforced by sale at public sale pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 44A-
36 4(e). This lien shall not have priority over any security interest in the property which is
37 perfected at the time the lessor acquires this lien.

38 (e1) This Article shall not apply to liens created by storage of personal property at a
39 self-service storage facility.

40 (f) Any person who improves any textile goods in the ordinary course of his
41 business pursuant to an express or implied contract with the owner or legal possessor of
42 such goods shall have a lien upon all goods of such owner or possessor in his possession
43 for improvement. The amount of such lien shall be for the entire unpaid contracted

1 charges owed such person for improvement of said goods including any amount owed for
2 improvement of goods, the possession of which may have been relinquished, and such
3 lien shall have priority over perfected and unperfected security interests. "Goods" as used
4 herein includes any textile goods, yarns or products of natural or man-made fibers or
5 combination thereof. "Improve" as used herein shall be construed to include processing,
6 fabricating or treating by throwing, spinning, knitting, dyeing, finishing, fabricating or
7 otherwise.

8 (g) Any person who fabricates, casts, or otherwise makes a die, mold, form, or
9 pattern, or who uses a die, mold, form, or pattern to manufacture, assemble, or otherwise
10 make a product pursuant to an express or implied contract with the owner of such die,
11 mold, form, or pattern shall have a lien upon such die, mold, form, or pattern. The
12 amount of the lien shall be for the entire unpaid contracted charges due from the owner
13 for all products made with the die, mold, form, or pattern and for making the die, mold,
14 form, or pattern. This lien shall not have priority over any security interest in the die,
15 mold, form, or pattern which is perfected at the time the person acquires this lien."

16 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.