

SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 5429

A bill to amend 1998 PA 362, entitled  
"Michigan marina and boatyard storage lien act,"  
by amending sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 (MCL 570.372, 570.373,  
570.374, 570.375, and 570.376).

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 2. As used in this act:

2       (a) "Boat" and "vessel" mean boat and vessel as those words  
3 are defined in sections 80101 and 80104 of the natural resources  
4 and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.80101 and  
5 324.80104.

6       (b) "Default" means the failure to pay obligations incurred  
7 for labor, **REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE SERVICES**, materials, supplies, or  
8 the storage of a boat, boat motor, **BOAT CRADLE**, or boat trailer.

9       (c) "Facility" means a marina, boatyard, boat or yacht club,

1 or marine repair facility that provides, as part of its commercial  
 2 operation, for the storage or repair of boats, boat motors, boat  
 3 cradles, or boat trailers.

4 (d) "Fair market value" means the value of the property as  
 5 determined by the current issue of a nationally recognized used  
 6 vessel guide at the time of the notice to the property owner and  
 7 any lienholder under section 5(5) (a).

8 (e) "Lienholder" or "lienholder of record" means a person ~~who~~  
 9 **TO WHOM EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:**

10 (i) **THE PERSON HAS FILED A LIEN NOTATION ON THE TITLE OF A**  
 11 **BOAT OR BOAT TRAILER.**

12 (ii) **THE PERSON** claims an interest in ~~or lien on the property~~  
 13 ~~pursuant to~~ **A BOAT MOTOR OR BOAT CRADLE UNDER** a financing statement  
 14 ~~, title, registration, or other marine documentation filed with the~~  
 15 secretary of state ~~, a register of deeds, or other~~ **UNDER ANOTHER**  
 16 public filing, **OTHER THAN A FILING WITH A REGISTER OF DEEDS IN THIS**  
 17 **STATE.**

18 (f) "Person" means an individual, association, partnership,  
 19 limited liability company, corporation, boat or yacht club,  
 20 governmental entity, or other legal entity.

21 (g) "Property" means a boat, boat motor, boat cradle, or boat  
 22 trailer in storage at a facility **FOR OR FOLLOWING SERVICE, REPAIR,**  
 23 **OR STORAGE.**

24 Sec. 3. (1) A facility owner has a possessory lien on property  
 25 stored at that facility for storage, rent, labor, **REPAIRS,**  
 26 **MAINTENANCE SERVICES,** materials, supplies, and other charges and  
 27 for expenses reasonably incurred in the sale of that property under

1 this act. Except as provided in subsection (8), a lien on property  
2 under this section takes priority over any prior lien on the  
3 property unless the prior lienholder pays to the facility owner the  
4 amount of the lien attributable to storage, labor, materials,  
5 supplies, or other charges reasonably incurred in the sale of ~~that~~  
6 **THE** property under this act or the following applicable amount,  
7 except as otherwise provided in this section, whichever is less:

8 (a) For a vessel that is not more than 27 feet long, \$5,000.00  
9 or 20% of the fair market value, whichever is less.

10 (b) For a vessel that is more than 27 feet but not more than  
11 40 feet long, \$30,000.00.

12 (c) For a vessel that is more than 40 feet but not more than  
13 60 feet long, \$75,000.00.

14 (d) For a vessel that is more than 60 feet long, \$90,000.00.

15 (2) The amount calculated under subsection (1) ~~shall~~**MUST** be  
16 increased by a like amount if the expenditure for labor and  
17 materials was for both primary power engines of a vessel equipped  
18 with 2 engines. However, this subsection does not apply to  
19 auxiliary propulsion or trolling engines.

20 (3) The amount calculated under subsection (1) ~~shall~~**MUST** be  
21 reduced by 1/2 if more than half of the expenditure for labor and  
22 materials was attributable only to the repair or replacement of 1  
23 of the following:

24 (a) Navigational electronics.

25 (b) Auxiliary power generators.

26 (4) The amount calculated under subsection (1) ~~shall~~**MUST** be  
27 reduced by 3/4 if more than half of the expenditure for labor and

1 materials was attributable only to 1 of the following:

2 (a) The repair or replacement of a cabin interior.

3 (b) Painting.

4 (c) Cosmetic work.

5 (d) Any combination of subdivisions (a) to (c).

6 (5) A payment made **BY A PRIOR LIENHOLDER** to a facility owner  
 7 under this section ~~shall~~ **MUST** be added to the amount of the lien of  
 8 the prior lienholder who made the payment and ~~shall~~ **MUST** be  
 9 subtracted from the amount of the facility owner's lien.

10 (6) The facility owner's lien under this act is the only lien  
 11 that a facility owner has on ~~a vessel,~~ **PROPERTY**, unless the  
 12 facility owner is also the prior lienholder.

13 (7) This act does not create a lien on a documented vessel  
 14 subject to a preferred ship mortgage or other preferred maritime  
 15 lien ~~pursuant to chapter 313 of subtitle III of title 46 of the~~  
 16 ~~United States Code,~~ **UNDER 46 U.S.C. USC 31301 to 31343.** A facility  
 17 owner is required to obtain an abstract of title from the United  
 18 States ~~coast guard~~ **COAST GUARD** for a vessel that is documented ~~as~~  
 19 ~~that term is defined in chapter 301 of subtitle III of title 46 of~~  
 20 ~~the United States Code,~~ **UNDER 46 U.S.C. 30101. USC 12101 TO 12152.**

21 (8) The lien created for storage under this act without a  
 22 written **REPAIR, SERVICE, OR** storage agreement that includes a  
 23 notice of lien ~~shall~~ **DOES** not take priority over the lien of a  
 24 prior lienholder for **REPAIRS, SERVICE, OR** storage incurred before  
 25 30 days after the notice of lien required by section 4(1)(b) is  
 26 delivered to the prior lienholder. After that 30-day period, the  
 27 lien ~~shall include~~ **INCLUDES** all **REPAIR, SERVICE, OR** storage charges

1 incurred, including, but not limited to, those incurred during the  
2 30-day period.

3 (9) ~~The~~ **A PRIOR** lienholder shall arrange to remove the  
4 property from the facility ~~upon~~ **ON** the termination of a ~~THE~~  
5 **FACILITY'S** lien under this act unless the lienholder and the  
6 facility owner enter into a new storage agreement.

7 Sec. 4. (1) A facility owner shall notify a property owner and  
8 all prior lienholders of ~~the~~ **A** lien created ~~in~~ **UNDER** this act  
9 before enforcing the lien. A property owner is notified if either  
10 of the following has occurred:

11 (a) The property owner has signed a written **REPAIR, SERVICE,**  
12 **OR** storage agreement that includes a notice of the lien created ~~in~~  
13 **UNDER** this act.

14 (b) The facility owner has mailed written notification of the  
15 lien **CREATED UNDER THIS ACT** to the property owner and all prior  
16 lienholders **OR HAS OTHERWISE SATISFIED THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION**  
17 **5 (5) (A) .**

18 (2) A facility owner who does not have a written storage **OR**  
19 **SERVICE** agreement that includes a notice of ~~the~~ **A** lien created  
20 under this act on a ~~vessel~~ **PROPERTY** originally left at the facility  
21 only for repairs, labor, **MAINTENANCE SERVICES**, or materials  
22 installation on a repair order shall not do either of the  
23 following:

24 (a) File a lien for **SERVICE OR** storage fees on the ~~vessel~~  
25 **PROPERTY** before 30 days after the notice of intent to commence  
26 **SERVICE OR** storage fees was filed with the prior lienholder.

27 (b) Initiate an enforcement **OF LIEN** action under section 5

1 until 30 days after the written notice of a lien required by  
2 subsection (1)(b) is delivered to the property owner and all prior  
3 lienholders.

4 Sec. 5. (1) A facility owner shall enforce a lien created ~~in~~  
5 **UNDER** this act only if the facility owner has notified the property  
6 owner and all prior lienholders of the lien as required by section  
7 4.

8 (2) If a property owner is in default for a period of more  
9 than 180 days, the facility owner may enforce the lien by selling  
10 the repaired or stored property at a commercially reasonable public  
11 sale. As used in this section, "commercially reasonable" means that  
12 term as defined in the uniform commercial code, 1962 PA 174, MCL  
13 440.1101 to ~~440.11102.~~ **440.9994**. The proceeds of the sale pursuant  
14 ~~to~~ **UNDER** this section ~~shall~~ **MUST** be applied in the following order:

15 (a) To the reasonable expenses of the sale incurred by the  
16 facility owner including, to the extent not prohibited by law,  
17 reasonable attorney fees and legal expenses.

18 (b) To satisfy the lien created ~~in~~ **UNDER** this act to the  
19 extent that it has priority over all other liens.

20 (c) To satisfy all other liens on the property held by all  
21 lienholders of record to be paid in the order of priority.

22 (d) To the extent that the proceeds of sale exceed the sum of  
23 the items described in subdivisions (a) to (c), the **FACILITY OWNER**  
24 ~~surplus shall be paid by the facility owner~~ **PAY THE SURPLUS** to the  
25 property owner.

26 (3) If, after satisfying the reasonable expenses of the sale  
27 and the lien under subsection (2), there is a dispute concerning

1 the priority of record lienholders under subsection (2), the  
 2 facility owner may hold the proceeds of the sale until the dispute  
 3 is settled by the written agreement of the parties or until an  
 4 order or final judgment is issued by a court of competent  
 5 jurisdiction relative to the dispute. The facility owner may pay  
 6 the proceeds of sale to a court with subject matter jurisdiction.  
 7 After a facility owner pays the proceeds to a court as described in  
 8 this subsection, the facility owner ~~shall be~~ **IS** relieved of all  
 9 further obligation concerning ~~these~~ **THE** proceeds.

10 (4) If proceeds of the sale ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** this section are  
 11 not sufficient to satisfy the property owner's outstanding  
 12 obligations to the facility owner or any lienholder of record, the  
 13 property owner remains liable to the facility owner or lienholder  
 14 for the deficiency.

15 (5) Before conducting a sale under this section, and within a  
 16 reasonable time after default has continued for more than 180 days,  
 17 the facility owner shall do both of the following:

18 (a) Mail a notice of default to the property owner and the  
 19 secretary of state **BY CERTIFIED MAIL OR BY ANOTHER COMMERCIALY**  
 20 **AVAILABLE DELIVERY SERVICE THAT PROVIDES PROOF OF DELIVERY, AND, IF**  
 21 **THE PROPERTY IS REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE OR WITH A FEDERAL**  
 22 **AGENCY, MAIL A NOTICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL TO THE OTHER STATE OR**  
 23 **FEDERAL AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR REGISTRATION OR DOCUMENTATION OF THE**  
 24 **PROPERTY. The** ~~IF THE PROPERTY IS A VESSEL OR TRAILER, THE~~ secretary  
 25 of state shall ~~notify~~ **PROVIDE** the facility owner ~~and provide him or~~  
 26 ~~her~~ with the name **AND ADDRESS** of the registered owner of the  
 27 ~~property~~ **VESSEL OR TRAILER** and a list of all lienholders. **IF THE**

1 OWNER OF PROPERTY CANNOT BE DETERMINED BECAUSE OF THE CONDITION OF  
 2 IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS OR BECAUSE A CHECK OF THE RECORDS OF THE  
 3 SECRETARY OF STATE OR, IF APPLICABLE, AN AGENCY OF ANOTHER STATE OR  
 4 FEDERAL AGENCY DOES NOT REVEAL OWNERSHIP, THE FACILITY OWNER MAY  
 5 SEND NOTICE OF DEFAULT BY CERTIFIED MAIL OR BY ANOTHER COMMERCIALY  
 6 AVAILABLE DELIVERY SERVICE THAT PROVIDES PROOF OF DELIVERY TO THE  
 7 PERSON THAT DELIVERED THE PROPERTY TO THE FACILITY, IF KNOWN, AT  
 8 THE PERSON'S LAST KNOWN ADDRESS AND SHALL PUBLISH IN THE PRINT OR  
 9 ELECTRONIC VERSION OF A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION A NOTICE  
 10 THAT CONTAINS A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY AND THE INFORMATION  
 11 REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED IN A NOTICE OF DEFAULT. The facility owner  
 12 shall provide a copy of the notice of default to each lienholder of  
 13 record ~~listed on the title, registration, or other marine~~  
 14 ~~documentation.~~ **PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.** The notice of  
 15 default ~~shall~~ **MUST** include all of the following:

16 (i) A statement that the property is subject to a lien held by  
 17 the facility owner.

18 (ii) A statement of the facility owner's claim indicating the  
 19 charges due on the date of the notice, the amount of any additional  
 20 charges that will become due before the date of sale, and the date  
 21 ~~those~~ **THE** additional charges will become due.

22 (iii) A demand for payment of the charges due within a  
 23 specified time not less than 30 days after the date the notice is  
 24 delivered to the property owner and all lienholders of record.

25 (iv) A statement that the property will be sold if the claim  
 26 is not paid within the time ~~period~~ stated in the notice. The  
 27 statement ~~shall~~ **MUST** include the time and location of the sale.



1 (v) The name, street address, and telephone number of the  
2 facility owner, or the facility owner's designated agent, whom the  
3 property owner may contact to respond to the notice.

4 (b) After the expiration of the 30-day period set forth in  
5 subdivision (a) (iii), publish an advertisement of the sale once a  
6 week for 2 consecutive weeks in **THE PRINT OR ELECTRONIC VERSION OF**  
7 a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the sale is to  
8 be held. The advertisement ~~shall~~**MUST** include a general description  
9 of the property, the name of the property owner, and the time and  
10 location of the sale. The date of the sale ~~shall~~**MUST** be not less  
11 than 15 days after the date the first advertisement of the sale is  
12 published.

13 (6) At any time ~~prior to~~**BEFORE** the sale of property under  
14 this act, any lienholder may cure the default by paying the amount  
15 of the ~~lien~~**CLAIM** to the facility owner, which amount ~~shall~~**MUST** be  
16 added to the lien of the lienholder.

17 (7) A sale under this act ~~shall~~**MUST** be held at the facility  
18 or at another reasonable location.

19 (8) A person who purchases property sold at a commercially  
20 reasonable sale ~~pursuant to~~**UNDER** this act takes the property free  
21 and clear of the rights of the property owner and all lienholders  
22 of record.

23 (9) A facility owner who complies with this act is liable as  
24 follows:

25 (a) The facility owner's liability to a lienholder of record  
26 is limited to the net proceeds received from the sale of the  
27 property.

1 (b) The facility owner's liability to the property owner is  
2 limited to the net proceeds received from the sale of the property  
3 after payment in full of all lienholders of record.

4 (10) A property owner or lienholder who suffers damages  
5 because of a facility owner's failure to comply with this act may  
6 bring an action in a court of competent jurisdiction for his or her  
7 actual damages or \$250.00, whichever is greater.

8 (11) A facility owner is limited to 1 lien under state law  
9 against a ~~vessel~~**PROPERTY** for the storage, labor, **REPAIRS**,  
10 **MAINTENANCE SERVICES**, materials, or supplies for the ~~vessel~~.  
11 **PROPERTY**. A facility owner who asserts a lien against a ~~vessel~~  
12 **PROPERTY** under another statute or the common law shall not also  
13 assert a lien under this act for the same storage, labor, **REPAIRS**,  
14 **MAINTENANCE SERVICES**, materials, or supplies, or other charges or  
15 expenses related to the ~~vessel~~**PROPERTY**.

16 (12) A facility owner may deny a property owner who has been  
17 notified under subsection (5) access to the storage facility,  
18 except that the property owner is entitled to access to the  
19 facility during normal business hours for the purpose of satisfying  
20 the lien or viewing and verifying the condition of the property.

21 (13) Except as otherwise provided in this act, all notices  
22 required by this act ~~shall~~**MUST** be mailed by registered or  
23 certified mail, return receipt requested. Notices to a facility  
24 owner ~~shall~~**MUST** be mailed to the owner's business address or to  
25 the address of the owner's designated representative. Notices to a  
26 property owner ~~shall~~**MUST** be mailed to ~~the property owner at the~~  
27 property owner's last known address as listed on the title,

1 registration, or other marine documentation or as provided in the  
2 most recent agreement concerning storage, labor, **REPAIRS,**  
3 **MAINTENANCE SERVICES,** materials, or supplies entered into between  
4 the facility owner and the property owner. Notices to a lienholder  
5 of record ~~shall~~ **MUST** be sent to the address of the lienholder as  
6 ~~listed on the title, registration, or other marine documentation in~~  
7 ~~the public filings that serve to perfect the lienholder's interest~~  
8 ~~in the property.~~ **PROVIDED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER**  
9 **SUBSECTION (5).** Notices are considered delivered on the date the  
10 recipient of the notice signs the return receipt or, if the notice  
11 is undeliverable, the date the post office last attempts to deliver  
12 the notice.

13 (14) The facility owner may bid all or a portion of his or her  
14 claim at the auction sale of the property.

15 Sec. 6. The secretary of state shall issue a new title or  
16 registration to the purchaser of ~~property~~ **A VESSEL OR TRAILER** at a  
17 sale conducted ~~pursuant to~~ **UNDER** section 5. **IF THE VESSEL OR**  
18 **TRAILER WAS REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE, THE SECRETARY OF STATE**  
19 **SHALL NOTIFY THE OTHER STATE THAT A NEW TITLE OR REGISTRATION HAS**  
20 **BEEN ISSUED.**

21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days  
22 after the date it is enacted into law.