

## SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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No. 79

## STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

AN ACT creating a lien on horses, oxen, mules and other animals, in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. Every person who shall shoe or cause to be 2 shod by his employees any horse, ox, mule, or other animal, 3 shall have a lien upon the animal shod for his reasonable 4 charges for shoeing the same.

Sect. 2. Such lien shall have precedence of all other 2 claims and incumbrances on said horse, ox, mule or other 3 animal not made to secure a similar claim, and may be 4 enforced as hereinafter specified; said lien, however, shall 5 be dissolved if said horse, ox, mule or other animal has

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6 actually changed ownership prior to the filing of said lien 7 claim in the town clerk's office as herein required.

Sect. 3. The lien mentioned in the preceding sections shall 2 be dissolved unless the claimant within sixty days after said 3 animal is shod, filed in the office of the clerk of the town 4 in which the owner of said horse, ox, mule, or other animal, 5 resides, a true statement of the amount due him for shoeing 6 said horse, ox, mule or other animal, with all just credits 7 given therefor, together with a brief description of the animal 8 shod sufficient to identify it, and the name of the owner, 9 which shall be subscribed and sworn to by the person claim-10 ing the lien or by someone in his behalf, and recorded in a 11 book kept for that purpose by the clerk, who is entitled to 12 the same fees therefor as for recording mortgages.

Sect. 4. No inaccuracy in such statement relating to said 2 animal, if the same can be reasonably recognized, or in 3 stating the amount due invalidates the proceedings unless 4 it appears that the person making it wilfully claims more 5 than his due.

Sect. 5. Such lien may be enforced by a writ of attachment 2 at any time within four months after the labor is performed 3 and not afterwards, provided said lien claim is duly filed 4 as herein required.

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House of Representatives, Augusta, January 31, 1907.

Reported by Mr. DYER from Committee on Legal Affairs and ordered printed under joint rules.

E. M. THOMPSON, Clerk.