

HOUSE BILL 52

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2015

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Clerks of the Circuit Courts – Hospital Lien Docket – Repeal**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that the clerks of the circuit courts provide a
4 hospital lien docket; making a conforming change; making stylistic changes; and
5 generally relating to hospital lien dockets.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article – Commercial Law
8 Section 16–605
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Commercial Law**

14 16–605.

15 (a) [The clerk of the circuit court shall provide a hospital lien docket.] On the
16 filing of a notice of lien under the provisions of this subtitle, the clerk **OF THE CIRCUIT**
17 **COURT** shall enter in the [hospital lien docket] **JUDGMENT DOCKET OF THE COURT OR**
18 **IN THE SAME MANNER AS A JUDGMENT:**

19 (1) The name of the injured patient;

20 (2) The name of the person alleged to be liable for the patient's injuries;

21 (3) The date of the accident; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) The name of the hospital making the claim.

2 (b) The clerk shall index the hospital lien under the name of the injured patient.

3 (c) **(1)** On presentation of a release of a lien, the clerk shall note in the docket
4 the date when the release was filed and shall note on the release that it was recorded.

5 **(2)** A release bearing a note that it was recorded or a notation in the docket
6 showing the release constitutes prima facie evidence of the release of the lien.

7 (d) **(1)** The clerk shall collect not more than \$2 for the filing, recording, and
8 indexing of each lien.

9 **(2)** [He] **THE CLERK** also shall collect not more than \$2 for filing a release
10 of the lien and for noting the filing of the release in the docket and on the release.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2015.