

SENATE BILL 883

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SB 107/24 – JPR

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By: **Senator James**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2025

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commercial Law – Statutory Liens – Motor Vehicles Towed or Removed From**
3 **Parking Lots**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing that a certain person has a lien on a motor vehicle towed
5 or removed from a privately owned parking lot for certain charges under certain
6 circumstances; establishing the circumstances in which the lien is extinguished; and
7 generally relating to statutory liens and motor vehicles.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Commercial Law

10 Section 16–202(e)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Commercial Law**

16 16–202.

17 **(E) (1) A PERSON HAS A LIEN ON A MOTOR VEHICLE IF THE PERSON TOWS**
18 **OR REMOVES THE MOTOR VEHICLE FROM A PRIVATELY OWNED PARKING LOT UNDER**
19 **TITLE 21, SUBTITLE 10A OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, ON BEHALF OF THE**
20 **PARKING LOT OWNER OR AGENT, FOR ANY CHARGE INCURRED FOR ANY:**

21 **(I) TOWING;**

22 **(II) RECOVERY;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (III) STORAGE; OR

2 (IV) NOTICE PROVIDED.

3 (2) A LIEN CREATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE
4 EXTINGUISHED IF THE MOTOR VEHICLE IS RECLAIMED AND THE CHARGES GIVING
5 RISE TO THE LIEN ARE PAID BY:

6 (I) THE OWNER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE;

7 (II) THE LESSEE OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE;

8 (III) THE OPERATOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE;

9 (IV) THE INSURER OF RECORD;

10 (V) ANY SECURED PARTY; OR

11 (VI) ANY AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE OWNER.

12 (3) A LIEN IS CREATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION WHEN ANY
13 CHARGES GIVING RISE TO THE LIEN ARE INCURRED.

14 (4) A LIEN CREATED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBORDINATE TO A
15 SECURITY INTEREST THAT PREDATES THE CREATION OF THE LIEN.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2025.