

P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 2, *approved January 24, 1997*

Senate, No. 1216

1 AN ACT concerning certain liens, and amending N.J.S.2A:44-51.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. N.J.S.2A:44-51 is amended to read as follows:

7 2A:44-51. Every keeper of a livery stable or boarding and
8 exchange stable, shall have a lien on all animals left with him in livery,
9 for board, sale or exchange and upon all carriages, wagons, sleighs and
10 harness left with him for storage, sale or exchange for the amount due
11 such proprietor for the board and keep of such animal and also for
12 such storage, and shall have the right, without process of law, to retain
13 the same until the amount of such indebtedness is discharged.

14 As used in this section, "keeper of a livery stable" shall include, but
15 need not be limited to, a proprietor of a stable, a trainer, a
16 veterinarian, a farrier, or any other person who has a financial
17 relationship with the owner of the horse.

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19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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24 The purpose of this bill is to broaden the scope of the "Stableman's
25 Lien Act" to include not only the owners of farms and stables, but
26 others who provide services through those premises, such as trainers,
27 veterinarians and farriers. The "Stableman's Lien Act" has remained
28 unchanged since it was enacted in 1872. This bill would ensure that
29 the law is interpreted to coincide with changes in society and the
30 equine industry, by extending the benefit of the law to other
31 professionals and contractors that perform services through a
32 particular stable or farm.

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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- 3 Expands scope of "Stableman's Lien Act."