

ARTICLE LXI.

Mechanics' Lien.

Chapter 190 repeals sections 44, 45, 46, 47, and re-enacts the same with amendments, as follows :

SEC. 1. All boats or vessels of any kind whatsoever, used or intended to be used on the waters of the Chesapeake bay and its tributaries, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and other waters of this State, as carriers of freight or passengers, and all other boats or vessels belonging in this State shall be subject to a lien and bound for the payment thereof, as preferred debts, for all debts due to boat builders, mechanics, merchants, farmers or other persons, from the owners, masters or captains, or other agents of such boats or vessels, for materials furnished or work done in the building, repairing or equipping the same.

2. No person shall be entitled to a lien under the preceding section unless he shall within six months from the commencement of the building, repairing, equipping or refitting such boat or vessel, deliver to the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county where the building, repairing, equipping or refitting was done, or the Superior Court of Baltimore city, if done in the city of Baltimore, an account or statement certified by the oath of the claimant, taken and subscribed before some justice of the peace or other officer authorized to administer an oath, setting forth the names of the claimant and debtor, and if the debt was not contracted by the owner, but by his agent, the name of such agent, the name or other certain description of the boat or vessel, and the place where built, repaired, equipped or refitted, and the particulars or items of the claim or debt.

3. The clerks of the several Circuit Courts for the counties, and of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, shall each keep a docket to be called "Boats Lien Docket," wherein it shall be the duty of each of said clerks, upon application being made to him in accordance with the requirements of the preceding section, to record the said statements or accounts filed with him, and, im-