

WHEREAS, It is desirable to re-enact the provisions of said Chapter 23 of the Acts of 1949 in order to remove any doubt as to their effectiveness; now therefore

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 63 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Mechanics' Lien", said new section to be known as Section 51 to follow immediately after Section 50 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Livestock", and to read as follows:

51. (a) *The owner or operator of every livery stable or other establishment giving care or custody to any horse or other livestock shall have a lien thereon for any reasonable charge for board and custody, training fees, veterinarians' and blacksmiths' charges, and for other proper maintenance expenses.*

(b) *Any person, association or corporation having a lien under the provisions of this section may sell the horse or other livestock at public auction sale, if the account is due and unpaid for a period of thirty days after any such fee, charge or other expense shall have accrued and if the lienor still retains possession of the same.*

(c) *The lienor must give at least one month's notice to the owner of the horse or other livestock, by registered mail addressed to the owner's last known address, before he may proceed with any such sale. If the whereabouts of the owner be unknown, such notice may be given by written or printed notice set up at the Court House door of the County wherein the animal is located, or City of Baltimore, as the case may be.*

(d) *Following such notice, if the account still remains due and unpaid, the lienor may proceed to sell the horse or other livestock at public auction sale to satisfy the said account. Such sale shall not be held unless advertised in the public press at least twice, seven days apart. The proceeds of such sale shall be applied to the expenses thereof and then to the liquidation of such indebtedness and the balance, if any, shall be paid over to the debtor.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1954.

Approved March 2, 1954.