

to someone other than the owner, and to ~~reduce~~ change the time from six months to ~~four months~~ one hundred and eighty days to preserve a lien, and to reduce the expiration period of a filed lien from two to one year.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 9-103(a), 9-105(d) and 9-106 of Article 21 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume and 1972 Interim Supplement), title "Real Property," subtitle "Mechanics' Liens," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

9-103.

(a) If the contract for furnishing such work or materials, or both, shall have been made with an architect or builder or any other person except the owner of the land on which the building may be erected, or his agent the person so doing work or furnishing materials, or both, shall not be entitled to a lien unless, within ninety days after furnishing the same, he or his agent shall give notice in writing ~~[[BY REGISTERED MAIL]]~~, WHICH MAY INCLUDE REGISTERED MAIL, to such owner or agent, if resident within the city or county, of his intention to claim such lien.

9-105.

(d) Every such debt shall be a lien until after the expiration of ~~six~~ ~~months~~ ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY DAYS after the work has been finished or the materials furnished, although no claim has been filed therefor, but no longer, unless a claim shall be filed at or before the expiration of that period.

9-106.

The lien of every such debt for which a claim may have been filed according to the provisions of this article shall expire at the end of ~~two years~~ ONE YEAR from the day on which it was filed, during which time the claimant may bring proceedings in equity to enforce a lien, and the owner of the property subject to the lien, or any other person interested therein, may bring proceedings in equity to compel the claimant to prove the validity of the lien or have it declared void and the expiration of such lien shall be stayed by the filing, within said ~~two~~ ONE-year period, of any such proceeding in equity until the conclusion of such proceeding.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1973.

Approved May 7, 1973.

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CHAPTER 306

(House Bill 539)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 568H 568U and 568W of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1972 Supplement), title "Health," subtitle "Health Services Cost Review Commission," amending the time period within which the Health Services Cost Review Commission shall assure the public that the costs, services and rates of hospitals under its jurisdiction are reasonably related and amending