

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland read(s) as follows:

Article - Commercial Law

16-301.

In this subtitle, "artisan" includes any laborer, mechanic, repairman, tradesman, [drycleaner] DRY CLEANER, and launderer.

16-302.

(a) Any artisan who, with the consent of the owner, has possession of goods for repair, mending, improving, [drycleaning] DRY CLEANING, laundering, or other work, has a lien on the goods for the costs of the work done.

(b) If the costs which give rise to the lien are due and unpaid 90 days after the work is completed or in the case of a [drycleaner] DRY CLEANER OR LAUNDERER goods are due to be retrieved from storage, the artisan may sell the goods to which the lien attaches at public or private sale. THE ARTISAN, LAUNDERER, OR DRY CLEANER SHALL POST A NOTICE IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE ON THE PREMISES TO THE EFFECT THAT CLOTHING MUST BE RETRIEVED IN 90 DAYS OR IT WILL BE SUBJECT TO SALE, AFTER NOTICE.

(c) The artisan shall give 30 days notice of [the] ANY sale OR DISPOSAL to the owner by mailing the notice to the owner at his last known address. If the owner's address is unknown, the notice may be given by:

(1) Posting it on the door of the courthouse or on a bulletin board in the immediate vicinity of the door of the courthouse of the county in which the work was done; or

(2) Publishing it once a week for two successive weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation in the county in which the work was done.

(d) (1) The proceeds of the sale shall be applied, in the following order, to:

(i) The expenses of the sale; and

(ii) The amount of the lien claim.

(2) After application of the proceeds in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection, any remaining balance shall be paid to the owner of the goods.

(E) AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO (B) AND (C) ABOVE, IF THE COSTS WHICH GIVE RISE TO THE LIEN ARE DUE AND UNPAID 6 9