

**Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 8, 2013**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1251
(Representatives Keiser, Belter, J. Kelsh, Nathe, Vigesaa)
(Senators Cook, Klein, Wanzek, Dotzenrod)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 35-13-01 and 35-13-04 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to repairman's liens.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 35-13-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

35-13-01. Repairman's lien authorized.

Any blacksmith, machinist, farm equipment dealer, construction equipment dealer, welder, garage keeper, mechanic, or aviation operator, having an established place of business ~~within~~ this state who makes, alters, or repairs any automobile, truck, engine, combine, tractor, farm equipment, construction equipment, well machine, aircraft, or watercraft at the request of the owner or legal possessor of the property has a lien ~~thereon~~ on that property, and on any accessories and parts placed upon the property, for reasonable charges for work done and materials furnished, until the charges are paid. If the cost of repair would exceed ~~one~~four thousand dollars or ~~twenty-five~~thirty percent or, ~~two~~nine thousand ~~five~~hundred dollars or ~~twenty-five~~thirty percent for property used for agricultural or construction purposes, of the value of the property, in ~~its~~the property's repaired condition, whichever is greater, and the repairman intends to have the entire repair bill constitute a lien with priority over the mortgage or financing statement of record, the repairman shall give notice by registered or certified mail to the recordholder of the mortgage or financing statement of the proposed repair, the estimated cost of repair, and the estimated value of the property in its repaired condition.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 35-13-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

35-13-04. Priority of lien.

A lien obtained under this chapter has priority over all other liens, chattel mortgages, or encumbrances against the personal property upon which the lien is secured, but if the repairman has failed to notify the recordholder of the mortgage or financing statement as provided in section 35-13-01, or if such notice was given and the holder of the mortgage or financing statement, within five days after receiving such notice, communicated in writing to the repairman an objection to all the proposed repair costs becoming a lien against the property with priority over the mortgage or financing statement, then only that portion of the repairman's lien up to ~~one~~four thousand dollars or ~~twenty-five~~thirty percent, or ~~two~~nine thousand ~~five~~hundred dollars or ~~twenty-five~~thirty percent for property used for agricultural or construction purposes, of the retail value, whichever is greater, in ~~its~~the property's repaired condition, has priority over the mortgage or financing statement.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1251.

House Vote: Yeas 90 Nays 3 Absent 1

Senate Vote: Yeas 47 Nays 0 Absent 0

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2013.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2013.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2013,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State