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Sponsor(s) Beadleston

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Senate County & Municipal Government

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SENATE, No. 871

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1976 SESSION

By Senator BEADLESTON

AN ACT relating to maritime liens, and amending N. J. S. 2A:44-59.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. N. J. S. 2A:44-59 is amended to read as follows:

2 2A:44-59. A debt contracted by an owner of a vessel within  
3 this State, shall be a continuing lien upon the vessel and her apparel  
4 until paid, for:

5 a. Labor performed or materials or articles furnished in this  
6 State for the building, repairing, fitting, furnishing or equipping  
7 the vessel in this State at the time when the same was performed  
8 or were furnished; or

9 b. Supplies, provisions and stores furnished within this State  
10 for the use of the vessel; or

11 c. Towing **[and]**, wharfage *and drydockage* of the vessel and  
12 the expenses of keeping the same *in storage* in port *in water or on*  
13 *land*, including expenses incurred in taking care of and employing  
14 persons to watch the vessel.

15 The lien shall be preferred to all other liens on the vessel, except  
16 mariner's wages.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill would extend the maritime lien law to charges incurred for drydockage and storage of vessels on land or in the water.

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

ASSEMBLY COMMERCE, BANKING AND INSURANCE  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 871**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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DATED: APRIL 23, 1976

This bill would extend the maritime lien law to include charges incurred for drydockage and storage of vessels on land or in the water. At present, maritime liens extend to charges incurred for labor and material costs for work performed on vessels, for supplies and provisions used on the vessel, and towage, wharfage and "the expenses of keeping the same in port." This legislation amends subsection C. of N. J. S. 2A:44-59 to define such expenses more clearly.

SENATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT  
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO  
**SENATE, No. 871**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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DATED: FEBRUARY 9, 1976

Senate Bill No. 871 concerns the placing of liens on a sea vessel and her apparel, for debts contracted by the owner of the vessel for goods or services rendered within the State to such vessel. This bill would extend the definition of services for which a lien can be attached so as to include the drydocking of any such vessel and the expenses of keeping vessel in storage, whether on water or land.