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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

Requires person, before creating, attaching, asserting or claiming lien on motor vehicle, to have in effect bond of not less than \$20,000 for purpose of paying owner of motor vehicle full amount of damages, costs, reimbursements or attorney fees owner obtains in action to obtain release or restored title to motor vehicle. Permits owner to bring action and obtain damages and other relief.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to possessory liens on motor vehicles; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 87.152.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 87.152 is amended to read:

87.152. (1) A person [*who*] **that** makes, alters, repairs, transports, stores, pastures, cares for, provides services for, supplies materials for or performs labor on a chattel at the request of the owner or lawful possessor of the chattel has a lien on [*that*] **the** chattel in the possession of the person for the reasonable or agreed charges for labor, materials or services of the person, and the person may retain possession of the chattel until [*those*] **the** charges are paid.

(2) A person may not create, attach, assert or claim a possessory lien under subsection (1) of this section on a motor vehicle, as defined in ORS 801.360, unless the person:

(a) Is a franchised motor vehicle dealership, as defined in ORS 650.120 (5);

(b) Holds a towing business certificate that the Department of Transportation issued under ORS 822.205, provided that the person creates, attaches, asserts or claims a possessory lien only for transporting or storing the motor vehicle;

(c) Creates, attaches, asserts or claims the lien against an abandoned motor vehicle; or

(d) Has in effect before making, altering, repairing, transporting, storing, providing services for, supplying materials for or performing labor in connection with the motor vehicle a valid surety bond in an amount not less than \$20,000 for the purpose of paying to the owner of the motor vehicle the full amount of any damages, costs, reimbursements or attorney fees that the owner obtains against the person in an action the owner brings under subsection (3) of this section.

(3)(a) The owner of a motor vehicle may bring an action to recover from a person that refuses, at the owner's demand and without a valid possessory lien created and attached as provided in this section, to release the owner's motor vehicle or restore to the owner title to the owner's motor vehicle if the person changed the title:

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(A) The greater of \$2,000 or an amount equivalent to twice the value of the motor vehicle,**
2 **up to a maximum amount of \$20,000; and**

3 **(B) The owner's reasonable costs and attorney fees.**

4 **(b) In addition to the recovery described in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the owner**
5 **may obtain:**

6 **(A) A judgment that:**

7 **(i) Directs the Department of Transportation to restore title to the motor vehicle to the**
8 **owner and to invalidate the title the person obtained; or**

9 **(ii) Extinguishes the person's interest in the motor vehicle and directs the department**
10 **to issue title in the name of the plaintiff in the action;**

11 **(B) A judgment that declares that the person's lien is invalid if the person obtained title**
12 **to the motor vehicle without complying with this section; and**

13 **(C) Reimbursement for any fees the owner pays to the department to reissue the title.**

14 **SECTION 2.** **The amendments to ORS 87.152 by section 1 of this 2018 Act apply to**
15 **possessory liens that a person creates, attaches, asserts or claims on or after the effective**
16 **date of this 2018 Act.**

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