

## CHAPTER 514

## LIENS; LABOR, MATERIAL

514.966 Agricultural lien on livestock.

514.981 Medical assistance lien.

**514.966 AGRICULTURAL LIEN ON LIVESTOCK.***[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.2004]*

Subd. 3. **Livestock production input lien.** (a) A supplier furnishing livestock production inputs in the ordinary course of business has a livestock production input lien for the unpaid retail cost of the livestock production input. A perfected livestock production input lien that attaches to livestock may not exceed the amount, if any, that the sales price of the livestock exceeds the greater of the fair market value of the livestock at the time the lien attaches or the acquisition price of the livestock. A livestock production input lien becomes effective when the agricultural production inputs are furnished by the supplier to the purchaser.

(b) A supplier shall notify a lender of a livestock production input lien by providing a lien-notification statement to the lender in an envelope marked "IMPORTANT-LEGAL NOTICE." Delivery of the notice must be made by certified mail or another verifiable method.

(c) The lien-notification statement must disclose the following:

- (1) the name and business address of the lender that is to receive notification;
- (2) the name and address of the supplier claiming the lien;
- (3) a description and the date or anticipated date or dates of the transaction and the retail cost or anticipated costs of the livestock production input;
- (4) the name and address of the person to whom the livestock production input was furnished;
- (5) the name and address of the owner of the livestock, the location where the livestock will be raised, and a description of the livestock; and

(6) a statement that products and proceeds of the livestock are covered by the livestock input lien.

(d) Within ten calendar days after receiving a lien-notification statement, the lender must respond to the supplier with either:

- (1) a letter of commitment for part or all of the amount in the lien-notification statement; or
- (2) a written refusal to issue a letter of commitment.

A copy of the response must be mailed to the person for whom the financing was requested.

(e) If a lender responds with a letter of commitment for part or all of the amount in the lien-notification statement, the supplier may not obtain a lien for the amount stated in the letter of commitment. If a lender responds with a refusal to provide a letter of commitment, the rights of the lender and the supplier are not affected.

(f) If a lender does not respond under paragraph (d) to the supplier within ten calendar days after receiving the lien-notification statement, a perfected livestock production input lien corresponding to the lien-notification statement has priority over any security interest of the lender in the same livestock or their proceeds for the lesser of:

- (1) the amount stated in the lien-notification statement; or
- (2) the unpaid retail cost of the livestock production input identified in the lien-notification statement, subject to any limitation in paragraph (a).

*[For text of subds 4 to 10, see M.S.2004]*

**History:** 2005 c 10 art 1 s 73

#### **514.981 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE LIEN.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 5, see M.S.2004]*

**Subd. 6. Time limits; claim limits; liens on life estates and joint tenancies.** (a) A medical assistance lien is a lien on the real property it describes for a period of ten years from the date it attaches according to section 514.981, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), except as otherwise provided for in sections 514.980 to 514.985. The agency may renew a medical assistance lien for an additional ten years from the date it would otherwise expire by recording or filing a certificate of renewal before the lien expires. The certificate shall be recorded or filed in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles for the county in which the lien is recorded or filed. The certificate must refer to the recording or filing data for the medical assistance lien it renews. The certificate need not be attested, certified, or acknowledged as a condition for recording or filing. The registrar of titles or the recorder shall file, record, index, and return the certificate of renewal in the same manner as provided for medical assistance liens in section 514.982, subdivision 2.

(b) A medical assistance lien is not enforceable against the real property of an estate to the extent there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by an officer of the court designated for that purpose, that there are insufficient assets in the estate to satisfy the agency's medical assistance lien in whole or in part because of the homestead exemption under section 256B.15, subdivision 4, the rights of the surviving spouse or minor children under section 524.2-403, paragraphs (a) and (b), or claims with a priority under section 524.3-805, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (4). For purposes of this section, the rights of the decedent's adult children to exempt property under section 524.2-403, paragraph (b), shall not be considered costs of administration under section 524.3-805, paragraph (a), clause (1).

(c) Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, the provisions in clauses (1) to (7) apply if a life estate subject to a medical assistance lien ends according to its terms, or if a medical assistance recipient who owns a life estate or any interest in real property as a joint tenant that is subject to a medical assistance lien dies.

(1) The medical assistance recipient's life estate or joint tenancy interest in the real property shall not end upon the recipient's death but shall merge into the remainder interest or other interest in real property the medical assistance recipient owned in joint tenancy with others. The medical assistance lien shall attach to and run with the remainder or other interest in the real property to the extent of the medical assistance recipient's interest in the property at the time of the recipient's death as determined under this section.

(2) If the medical assistance recipient's interest was a life estate in real property, the lien shall be a lien against the portion of the remainder equal to the percentage factor for the life estate of a person the medical assistance recipient's age on the date the life estate ended according to its terms or the date of the medical assistance recipient's death as listed in the Life Estate Mortality Table in the health care program's manual.

(3) If the medical assistance recipient owned the interest in real property in joint tenancy with others, the lien shall be a lien against the portion of that interest equal to the fractional interest the medical assistance recipient would have owned in the jointly owned interest had the medical assistance recipient and the other owners held title to that interest as tenants in common on the date the medical assistance recipient died.

(4) The medical assistance lien shall remain a lien against the remainder or other jointly owned interest for the length of time and be renewable as provided in paragraph (a).

(5) Subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clause (4), paragraph (b), clauses (1) and (2); and subdivision 6, paragraph (b), do not apply to medical assistance liens which attach to interests in real property as provided under this subdivision.

(6) The continuation of a medical assistance recipient's life estate or joint tenancy interest in real property after the medical assistance recipient's death for the purpose of recovering medical assistance provided for in sections 514.980 to 514.985 modifies common law principles holding that these interests terminate on the death of the holder.

(7) Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, no release, satisfaction, discharge, or affidavit under section 256B.15 shall extinguish or terminate the life estate or joint tenancy interest of a medical assistance recipient subject to a lien under sections 514.980 to 514.985 on the date the recipient dies.

(8) The provisions of clauses (1) to (7) do not apply to a homestead owned of record, on the date the recipient dies, by the recipient and the recipient's spouse as joint tenants with a right of survivorship. Homestead means the real property occupied by the surviving joint tenant spouse as their sole residence on the date the recipient dies and classified and taxed to the recipient and surviving joint tenant spouse as homestead property for property tax purposes in the calendar year in which the recipient dies. For purposes of this exemption, real property the recipient and their surviving joint tenant spouse purchase solely with the proceeds from the sale of their prior homestead, own of record as joint tenants, and qualify as homestead property under section 273.124 in the calendar year in which the recipient dies and prior to the recipient's death shall be deemed to be real property classified and taxed to the recipient and their surviving joint tenant spouse as homestead property in the calendar year in which the recipient dies. The surviving spouse, or any person with personal knowledge of the facts, may provide an affidavit describing the homestead property affected by this clause and stating facts showing compliance with this clause. The affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of the facts it states. All provisions in this paragraph related to the continuation of a recipient's life estate or joint tenancy interests in real property after the recipient's death, for the purpose of recovering medical assistance but not alternative care, are effective only for life estates and joint tenancy interests established on or after August 1, 2003.

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