

**TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 5: BUSINESS REGULATION**

**§ 51524. Extent of Lien; Detention of Vessel; Priority of Claims.**

(a) A vessel in the Commonwealth is subject to a lien for wages due to persons employed, for work done or services rendered on board the vessel.

(b) A person engaged in the business of buying or selling or keeping a shop or place for the storage, maintenance, keeping or repair of vessels or rental of spaces for vessels and who in connection therewith stores, maintains, keeps or repairs a vessel or furnishes accessories, facilities, services or supplies therefor, at the request or with the consent of the owner or his representative, or at the direction of any peace officer or other authorized person who orders the towing or storage of a vessel through any action permitted by law, has a lien upon the vessel or any part or parts thereof for the sum due for towing, storing, maintaining, keeping or repairing the vessel or for labor furnished thereon, or for furnishing accessories, facilities, services or supplies therefor, and for all costs incurred in enforcing the lien.

(c) Any person entitled to a lien as provided in subsection (a) or (b) may, without process of law, detain the vessel at any time it is lawfully in his possession until the sum due to him is paid.

(d) The liens described in subsection (a) have priority over the liens described in subsection (b).

**Source:** PL 15-117, § 2(51424).