Assembly Bill 917

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CHAPTER 525

AN ACT to amend 289.415 (1) of the statutes, relating to liens on motor vehicles for towing and storage.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 289.415 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

289.415 (1) Every motor carrier holding a permit to perform vehicle towing services, every licensed motor vehicle salvage dealer and every licensed motor vehicle dealer who performs vehicle towing services or stores a motor vehicle when such towing or storage is performed at the direction of a traffic officer or the owner of the vehicle, shall, if the vehicle is not claimed as provided herein, have a lien on such vehicle for reasonable towing and storage charges, and may retain possession of such property until such charges are paid. If such vehicle is subject to a lien by virtue of a duly filed financing statement, such towing lien shall have priority only to the extent of \$15. If the value of the vehicle exceeds \$50 \$100, the lien may be enforced under s. 289.48 (2). If the value of the

vehicle does not exceed \$50 \$100, as determined by 2 independent written appraisals by qualified garages or repair shops, the lien may be enforced by sale or junking substantially as provided in sub. (2).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 1965. Approved December 29, 1965.