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2019 Wisconsin Act 103
[2019 Assembly Bill 611]

Aircraft Liens

PRIOR LAW

Prior law generally provided that every person or corporation, municipal or private, owning any airport, hangar, or aircraft service station and leasing hangar space for aircraft, had a lien on such aircraft and could retain the possession of the aircraft for the amount due for the keep, support, storage, or repair and care of the aircraft until paid.

2019 WISCONSIN ACT 103

2019 Wisconsin Act 103 revises the state's lien law with respect to liens on aircraft and aircraft engines. In particular, the act removes references to aircraft and aircraft storage from certain liens afforded under prior law and creates separate lien rights for aircraft and aircraft engines, available to, generally, persons engaged in the repair and storage of aircraft and aircraft engines. Under the act, a person may have a lien for any reasonable charges, including charges for labor, for the use of tools, machinery, and equipment, and for all parts, accessories, materials, fuel, oils, lubricants, keep or storage fees, earned premiums, and other supplies furnished. Such liens are superior to all liens except for taxes, and may be asserted either by retention of the aircraft or aircraft engine or following surrender of the aircraft or aircraft engine. Upon surrender, a person claiming a lien may record the lien in the federal aviation administration's (FAA) aircraft registry, or with other recording authorities if the aircraft or engine is not subject to recordation by the FAA.

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