

1989 Assembly Bill 85

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1989 WISCONSIN ACT 320

AN ACT *to amend* 779.415 (1) (a) 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. 779.415 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

779.415 (1) (a) 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 perfected under ch. 342, such towing lien

shall have priority only to the extent of \$50 for an automobile or a motor truck having a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less and \$100 for a motor truck having a gross weight of more than 20,000 pounds and such storage lien shall have priority only to the extent of \$3 per day but for a total amount of not more than \$180 for an automobile or a motor truck having a gross weight of 20,000 pounds or less and \$6 per day but for a total amount of not more than \$360 for a motor truck having a gross weight of more than 20,000 pounds. If the value of the vehicle exceeds \$200, the lien may be enforced under s. 779.48 (2). If the value of the vehicle does not exceed \$200, ~~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).
