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AN ACT to amend 779.80 (3) (intro.) and 779.80 (3) (b) of the statutes, relating to: hospital lien filing date and the notice of filing of a hospital lien.

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

SECTION 1. 779.80 (3) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

779.80 (3) (intro.) No such lien shall be effective unless a written notice containing the name and address of the injured person, the date and location of the event causing such injuries, the name and location of the hospital, and if ascertainable by reasonable diligence, the names and addresses of the persons alleged to be liable for damages sustained by such injured person, shall be filed in the office of the clerk of circuit court in the county in which such injuries have occurred, or in the county in which such hospital is located, or in the county in which suit for recovery of such damages is pending, prior to the payment of any moneys to such injured person or legal representatives, but in no event later than $30 \underline{60}$ days after discharge of such injured person from the hospital.

SECTION 2. 779.80 (3) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

779.80 (3) (b) Within 10 days after filing of the notice of lien, the hospital shall send by <u>certified mail or</u> registered mail or serve personally a copy of such notice with the date of filing thereof to or upon the injured person and the person alleged to be liable for damages sustained by such injured person, if ascertained by reasonable diligence. If such hospital fails to give notice if the name and address of the person injured or the person allegedly liable for the injury are known or should be known, the lien shall be void.

SECTION 3. Initial applicability. This act first applies to liens filed on the effective date of this SECTION.