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AN ACT to amend the lien law, in relation to employee liens; to amend the labor law, in relation to employee complaints; to amend the civil practice law and rules, in relation to grounds for attachment; to amend the business corporation law, in relation to streamlining procedures where employees may hold shareholders of non-publicly traded corporations personally liable for wage theft; and to amend the limited liability company law, in relation to creating a right for victims of wage theft to hold the ten members with the largest ownership interests in a company personally liable for wage theft

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Section 2 of the lien law is amended by adding three new
2 subdivisions 21, 22 and 23 to read as follows:

3 21. EMPLOYEE. THE TERM "EMPLOYEE", WHEN USED IN THIS CHAPTER, SHALL
4 HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS "EMPLOYEE" PURSUANT TO ARTICLES ONE, SIX, NINE-

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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TEEN AND NINETEEN-A OF THE LABOR LAW, AS APPLICABLE, OR THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT, 29 U.S.C. S 201 ET. SEQ., AS APPLICABLE.

22. EMPLOYER. THE TERM "EMPLOYER", WHEN USED IN THIS CHAPTER, SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEANING AS "EMPLOYER" PURSUANT TO ARTICLES ONE, SIX, NINETEEN AND NINETEEN-A OF THE LABOR LAW, AS APPLICABLE, OR THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT, 29 U.S.C. S 201 ET. SEQ., AS APPLICABLE.

23. WAGE CLAIM. THE TERM "WAGE CLAIM", WHEN USED IN THIS CHAPTER, MEANS A CLAIM THAT AN EMPLOYEE HAS SUFFERED A VIOLATION OF SECTIONS ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY, ONE HUNDRED NINETY-ONE, ONE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE, ONE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX-D, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY-TWO OR SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE OF THE LABOR LAW OR THE RELATED REGULATIONS AND WAGE ORDERS PROMULGATED BY THE COMMISSIONER, A CLAIM FOR WAGES DUE TO AN EMPLOYEE PURSUANT TO AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT THAT WERE UNPAID IN VIOLATION OF THAT CONTRACT, OR A CLAIM THAT AN EMPLOYEE HAS SUFFERED A VIOLATION OF 29 U.S.C. S 206 OR 207.

S 2. Section 3 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 137 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

S 3. Mechanic's lien AND EMPLOYEE'S LIEN on [real] property. 1. MECHANIC'S LIEN. A contractor, subcontractor, laborer, materialman, landscape gardener, nurseryman or person or corporation selling fruit or ornamental trees, roses, shrubbery, vines and small fruits, who performs labor or furnishes materials for the improvement of real property with the consent or at the request of the owner thereof, or of his agent, contractor or subcontractor, and any trust fund to which benefits and wage supplements are due or payable for the benefit of such laborers, shall have a lien for the principal and interest, of the value, or the agreed price, of such labor, including benefits and wage supplements due or payable for the benefit of any laborer, or materials upon the real property improved or to be improved and upon such improvement, from the time of filing a notice of such lien as prescribed in this chapter. Where the contract for an improvement is made with a husband or wife and the property belongs to the other or both, the husband or wife contracting shall also be presumed to be the agent of the other, unless such other having knowledge of the improvement shall, within ten days after learning of the contract give the contractor written notice of his or her refusal to consent to the improvement. Within the meaning of the provisions of this chapter, materials actually manufactured for but not delivered to the real property, shall also be deemed to be materials furnished.

2. EMPLOYEE'S LIEN. AN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS A WAGE CLAIM AS THAT TERM IS DEFINED IN SUBDIVISION TWENTY-THREE OF SECTION TWO OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL HAVE A LIEN ON HIS OR HER EMPLOYER'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY FOR THE VALUE OF THE WAGE CLAIM ARISING OUT OF THE EMPLOYMENT, INCLUDING LIQUIDATED DAMAGES PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE-A OF SECTION ONE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT, SECTION SIX HUNDRED SIXTY-THREE OR SECTION SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE OF THE LABOR LAW, OR 29 U.S.C. S 216 (B), FROM THE TIME OF FILING A NOTICE OF SUCH LIEN AS PRESCRIBED IN THIS CHAPTER. AN EMPLOYEE'S LIEN BASED ON A WAGE CLAIM MAY BE HAD AGAINST THE EMPLOYER'S INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY AND AGAINST THE EMPLOYER'S INTEREST IN PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT CAN BE SUFFICIENTLY DESCRIBED WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 9-108 OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE, EXCEPT THAT AN EMPLOYEE'S LIEN SHALL NOT EXTEND TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS OR GOODS AS THOSE TERMS ARE DEFINED IN SECTION 9-102 OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE. THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY OBTAIN AN EMPLOYEE'S LIEN FOR THE VALUE OF WAGE CLAIMS OF THE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE THE SUBJECT OF THEIR INVESTIGATIONS, COURT ACTIONS OR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY ACTIONS.

1 3. AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE AND UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, A LIEN
2 SHALL MEAN AN EMPLOYEE'S LIEN OR A MECHANIC'S LIEN.

3 S 3. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 4 of the lien law, subdivision 1
4 as amended by chapter 515 of the laws of 1929 and subdivision 2 as added
5 by chapter 704 of the laws of 1985, are amended to read as follows:

6 (1) [Such] A MECHANIC'S OR EMPLOYEE'S lien AND EMPLOYEE'S LIEN AGAINST
7 REAL PROPERTY shall extend to the owner's right, title or interest in
8 the real property and improvements, existing at the time of filing the
9 notice of lien, or thereafter acquired, except as hereinafter in this
10 article provided. If an owner assigns his interest in such real property
11 by a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, within thirty days
12 prior to such filing, the lien shall extend to the interest thus
13 assigned. If any part of the real property subjected to such lien be
14 removed by the owner or by any other person, at any time before the
15 discharge thereof, such removal shall not affect the rights of the
16 lienor, either in respect to the remaining real property, or the part so
17 removed. If labor is performed for, or materials furnished to, a
18 contractor or subcontractor for an improvement, the MECHANIC'S lien
19 shall not be for a sum greater than the sum earned and unpaid on the
20 contract at the time of filing the notice of lien, and any sum subse-
21 quently earned thereon. In no case shall the owner be liable to pay by
22 reason of all MECHANIC'S liens created pursuant to this article a sum
23 greater than the value or agreed price of the labor and materials
24 remaining unpaid, at the time of filing notices of such liens, except as
25 hereinafter provided.

26 (2) [Such] A MECHANIC'S OR EMPLOYEE'S lien shall not extend to the
27 owner's right, title or interest in real property and improvements,
28 existing at the time of filing the notice of lien if such lien arises
29 from the failure of a lessee of the right to explore, develop or produce
30 natural gas or oil, to pay for, compensate or render value for improve-
31 ments made with the consent or at the request of such lessee by a
32 contractor, subcontractor, materialman, equipment operator or owner,
33 landscaper, nurseryman, or person or corporation who performs labor or
34 furnishes materials for the exploration, development, or production of
35 oil or natural gas or otherwise improves such leased property. Such
36 MECHANIC'S OR EMPLOYEE'S lien shall extend to the improvements made for
37 the exploration, development and production of oil and natural gas, and
38 the working interest held by a lessee of the right to explore, develop
39 or produce oil and natural gas.

40 S 4. The opening paragraph of section 4-a of the lien law, as amended
41 by chapter 696 of the laws of 1959, is amended to read as follows:

42 The proceeds of any insurance which by the terms of the policy are
43 payable to the owner of real property improved, and actually received or
44 to be received by him because of the destruction or removal by fire or
45 other casualty of an improvement on which lienors have performed labor
46 or services or for which they have furnished materials, OR UPON WHICH AN
47 EMPLOYEE HAS ESTABLISHED AN EMPLOYEE'S LIEN, shall after the owner has
48 been reimbursed therefrom for premiums paid by him, if any, for such
49 insurance, be subject to liens provided by this act to the same extent
50 and in the same order of priority as the real property would have been
51 had such improvement not been so destroyed or removed.

52 S 5. Subdivisions 1, 2 and 5 of section 9 of the lien law, as amended
53 by chapter 515 of the laws of 1929, are amended to read as follows:

54 1. The name OF THE LIENOR, and EITHER THE residence of the lienor OR
55 THE NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS OF THE LIENOR'S ATTORNEY, IF ANY; and if
56 the lienor is a partnership or a corporation, the business address of

1 such firm, or corporation, the names of partners and principal place of
2 business, and if a foreign corporation, its principal place of business
3 within the state.

4 2. The name of the owner of the [real] property against whose interest
5 therein a lien is claimed, and the interest of the owner as far as known
6 to the lienor.

7 5. The amount unpaid to the lienor for such labor or materials, OR THE
8 AMOUNT OF THE WAGE CLAIM IF A WAGE CLAIM IS THE BASIS FOR ESTABLISHMENT
9 OF THE LIEN, THE ITEMS OF THE WAGE CLAIM AND THE VALUE THEREOF WHICH
10 MAKE UP THE AMOUNT FOR WHICH THE LIENOR CLAIMS A LIEN.

11 S 6. Subdivision 1 of section 10 of the lien law, as amended by chap-
12 ter 367 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:

13 1. (A) Notice of MECHANIC'S lien may be filed at any time during the
14 progress of the work and the furnishing of the materials, or, within
15 eight months after the completion of the contract, or the final perform-
16 ance of the work, or the final furnishing of the materials, dating from
17 the last item of work performed or materials furnished; provided, howev-
18 er, that where the improvement is related to real property improved or
19 to be improved with a single family dwelling, the notice of MECHANIC'S
20 lien may be filed at any time during the progress of the work and the
21 furnishing of the materials, or, within four months after the completion
22 of the contract, or the final performance of the work, or the final
23 furnishing of the materials, dating from the last item of work performed
24 or materials furnished; and provided further where the notice of MECHAN-
25 IC'S lien is for retainage, the notice of MECHANIC'S lien may be filed
26 within ninety days after the date the retainage was due to be released;
27 except that in the case of a MECHANIC'S lien by a real estate broker,
28 the notice of MECHANIC'S lien may be filed only after the performance of
29 the brokerage services and execution of lease by both lessor and lessee
30 and only if a copy of the alleged written agreement of employment or
31 compensation is annexed to the notice of lien, provided that where the
32 payment pursuant to the written agreement of employment or compensation
33 is to be made in installments, then a notice of lien may be filed within
34 eight months after the final payment is due, but in no event later than
35 a date five years after the first payment was made. For purposes of this
36 section, the term "single family dwelling" shall not include a dwelling
37 unit which is a part of a subdivision that has been filed with a munici-
38 pality in which the subdivision is located when at the time the lien is
39 filed, such property in the subdivision is owned by the developer for
40 purposes other than his personal residence. For purposes of this
41 section, "developer" shall mean and include any private individual,
42 partnership, trust or corporation which improves two or more parcels of
43 real property with single family dwellings pursuant to a common scheme
44 or plan. [The]

45 (B) NOTICE OF EMPLOYEE'S LIEN MAY BE FILED AT ANY TIME NOT LATER THAN
46 THREE YEARS FOLLOWING THE END OF THE EMPLOYMENT GIVING RISE TO THE WAGE
47 CLAIM.

48 (C) A notice of lien, OTHER THAN FOR A LIEN ON PERSONAL PROPERTY, must
49 be filed in the clerk's office of the county where the property is situ-
50 ated. If such property is situated in two or more counties, the notice
51 of lien shall be filed in the office of the clerk of each of such coun-
52 ties. The county clerk of each county shall provide and keep a book to
53 be called the "lien docket," which shall be suitably ruled in columns
54 headed "owners," "lienors," "lienor's attorney," "property," "amount,"
55 "time of filing," "proceedings had," in each of which he shall enter the
56 particulars of the notice, properly belonging therein. The date, hour

1 and minute of the filing of each notice of lien shall be entered in the
2 proper column. Except where the county clerk maintains a block index,
3 the names of the owners shall be arranged in such book in alphabetical
4 order. The validity of the lien and the right to file a notice thereof
5 shall not be affected by the death of the owner before notice of the
6 lien is filed. A NOTICE OF EMPLOYEE'S LIEN ON PERSONAL PROPERTY MUST BE
7 FILED, TOGETHER WITH A FINANCING STATEMENT, IN THE FILING OFFICE AS SET
8 FORTH IN SECTION 9-501 OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE.

9 S 7. Section 11 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 147 of the laws
10 of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

11 S 11. Service of copy of notice of lien. 1. Within five days before
12 or thirty days after filing the notice of A MECHANIC'S lien, the lienor
13 shall serve a copy of such notice upon the owner, if a natural person,
14 (a) by delivering the same to him personally, or if the owner cannot be
15 found, to his agent or attorney, or (b) by leaving it at his last known
16 place of residence in the city or town in which the real property or
17 some part thereof is situated, with a person of suitable age and
18 discretion, or (c) by registered or certified mail addressed to his last
19 known place of residence, or (d) if such owner has no such residence in
20 such city or town, or cannot be found, and he has no agent or attorney,
21 by affixing a copy thereof conspicuously on such property, between the
22 hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon;
23 if the owner be a corporation, said service shall be made (i) by deliver-
24 ing such copy to and leaving the same with the president, vice-presi-
25 dent, secretary or clerk to the corporation, the cashier, treasurer or a
26 director or managing agent thereof, personally, within the state, or
27 (ii) if such officer cannot be found within the state by affixing a copy
28 thereof conspicuously on such property between the hours of nine o'clock
29 in the forenoon and four o'clock in the afternoon, or (iii) by regis-
30 tered or certified mail addressed to its last known place of business.
31 Failure to file proof of such a service with the county clerk within
32 thirty-five days after the notice of lien is filed shall terminate the
33 notice as a lien. Until service of the notice has been made, as above
34 provided, an owner, without knowledge of the lien, shall be protected in
35 any payment made in good faith to any contractor or other person claim-
36 ing a lien.

37 2. WITHIN FIVE DAYS BEFORE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER FILING THE NOTICE OF
38 AN EMPLOYEE'S LIEN, THE LIENOR SHALL SERVE A COPY OF SUCH NOTICE UPON
39 THE EMPLOYER, IF A NATURAL PERSON, (A) BY DELIVERING THE SAME TO HIM
40 PERSONALLY, OR IF THE EMPLOYER CANNOT BE FOUND, TO HIS AGENT OR ATTOR-
41 NEY, OR (B) BY LEAVING IT AS HIS LAST KNOWN PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR BUSI-
42 NESS, WITH A PERSON OF SUITABLE AGE AND DISCRETION, OR (C) BY REGISTERED
43 OR CERTIFIED MAIL ADDRESSED TO HIS LAST KNOWN PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR
44 BUSINESS, OR (D) IF SUCH EMPLOYER OWNS REAL PROPERTY, BY AFFIXING A COPY
45 THEREOF CONSPICUOUSLY ON SUCH PROPERTY, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF NINE
46 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON AND FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON. THE LIENOR
47 ALSO SHALL, WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER FILING THE NOTICE OF EMPLOYEE'S
48 LIEN, AFFIX A COPY THEREOF CONSPICUOUSLY ON THE REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED
49 IN THE NOTICE OF EMPLOYEE'S LIEN, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF NINE O'CLOCK IN
50 THE FORENOON AND FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON. IF THE EMPLOYER BE A
51 CORPORATION, SAID SERVICE SHALL BE MADE (I) BY DELIVERING SUCH COPY TO
52 AND LEAVING THE SAME WITH THE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, SECRETARY OR
53 CLERK TO THE CORPORATION, THE CASHIER, TREASURER OR A DIRECTOR OR MANAG-
54 ING AGENT THEREOF, PERSONALLY, WITHIN THE STATE, OR (II) IF SUCH OFFICER
55 CANNOT BE FOUND WITHIN THE STATE BY AFFIXING A COPY THEREOF CONSPICUOUS-
56 LY ON SUCH PROPERTY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF NINE O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON

1 AND FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON, OR (III) BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED
2 MAIL ADDRESSED TO ITS LAST KNOWN PLACE OF BUSINESS, OR (IV) BY DELIVERY
3 TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN THE SAME MANNER AS
4 REQUIRED BY SUBPARAGRAPH ONE OF PARAGRAPH (B) OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED
5 SIX OF THE BUSINESS CORPORATION LAW. FAILURE TO FILE PROOF OF SUCH A
6 SERVICE WITH THE COUNTY CLERK WITHIN THIRTY-FIVE DAYS AFTER THE NOTICE
7 OF LIEN IS FILED SHALL TERMINATE THE NOTICE AS A LIEN. UNTIL SERVICE OF
8 THE NOTICE HAS BEEN MADE, AS ABOVE PROVIDED, AN OWNER, WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE
9 OF THE LIEN, SHALL BE PROTECTED IN ANY PAYMENT MADE IN GOOD FAITH TO ANY
10 OTHER PERSON CLAIMING A LIEN.

11 S 8. Section 11-b of the lien law, as amended by chapter 147 of the
12 laws of 1996, is amended to read as follows:

13 S 11-b. Copy of notice of MECHANIC'S lien to a contractor or subcon-
14 tractor. Within five days before or thirty days after filing a notice
15 of MECHANIC'S lien in accordance with section ten of this chapter or the
16 filing of an amendment of notice of MECHANIC'S lien in accordance with
17 section twelve-a of this [chapter] ARTICLE the lienor shall serve a copy
18 of such notice or amendment by certified mail on the contractor, subcon-
19 tractor, assignee or legal representative for whom he was employed or to
20 whom he furnished materials or if the lienor is a contractor or subcon-
21 tractor to the person, firm or corporation with whom the contract was
22 made. A lienor having a direct contractual relationship with a subcon-
23 tractor or a sub-subcontractor but not with a contractor shall also
24 serve a copy of such notice or amendment by certified mail to the
25 contractor. Failure to file proof of such a service with the county
26 clerk within thirty-five days after the notice of lien is filed shall
27 terminate the notice as a lien. Any lienor, or a person acting on behalf
28 of a lienor, who fails to serve a copy of the notice of MECHANIC'S lien
29 as required by this section shall be liable for reasonable attorney's
30 fees, costs and expenses, as determined by the court, incurred in
31 obtaining such copy.

32 S 9. Subdivision 1 of section 12-a of the lien law, as amended by
33 chapter 1048 of the laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:

34 1. Within sixty days after the original filing, a lienor may amend his
35 lien upon twenty days notice to existing lienors, mortgagees and the
36 owner, provided that no action or proceeding to enforce or cancel the
37 mechanics' lien OR EMPLOYEE'S LIEN has been brought in the interim,
38 where the purpose of the amendment is to reduce the amount of the lien,
39 except the question of wilful exaggeration shall survive such amendment.

40 S 10. Subdivision 1 of section 13 of the lien law, as amended by chap-
41 ter 878 of the laws of 1947, is amended to read as follows:

42 (1) [A] AN EMPLOYEE'S LIEN, OR A lien for materials furnished or labor
43 performed in the improvement of real property, shall have priority over
44 a conveyance, mortgage, judgment or other claim against such property
45 not recorded, docketed or filed at the time of the filing of the notice
46 of such lien, except as hereinafter in this chapter provided; over
47 advances made upon any mortgage or other encumbrance thereon after such
48 filing, except as hereinafter in this article provided; and over the
49 claim of a creditor who has not furnished materials or performed labor
50 upon such property, if such property has been assigned by the owner by a
51 general assignment for the benefit of creditors, within thirty days
52 before the filing of either of such notices; and also over an attachment
53 hereafter issued or a money judgment hereafter recovered upon a claim,
54 which, in whole or in part, was not for materials furnished, labor
55 performed or moneys advanced for the improvement of such real property;
56 and over any claim or lien acquired in any proceedings upon such judg-

1 ment. Such liens shall also have priority over advances made upon a
2 contract by an owner for an improvement of real property which contains
3 an option to the contractor, his successor or assigns to purchase the
4 property, if such advances were made after the time when the labor began
5 or the first item of material was furnished, as stated in the notice of
6 lien. If several buildings are demolished, erected, altered or repaired,
7 or several pieces or parcels of real property are improved, under one
8 contract, and there are conflicting liens thereon, each lienor shall
9 have priority upon the particular part of the real property or upon the
10 particular building or premises where his labor is performed or his
11 materials are used. Persons shall have no priority on account of the
12 time of filing their respective notices of liens, but all liens shall be
13 on a parity except as hereinafter in section fifty-six of this chapter
14 provided; and except that in all cases laborers for daily or weekly
15 wages WITH A MECHANIC'S LIEN, AND EMPLOYEES WITH AN EMPLOYEE'S LIEN,
16 shall have preference over all other claimants under this article.

17 S 11. Section 17 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 324 of the
18 laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

19 S 17. Duration of lien. 1. (A) No MECHANIC'S lien specified in this
20 article shall be a lien for a longer period than one year after the
21 notice of lien has been filed, unless within that time an action is
22 commenced to foreclose the lien, and a notice of the pendency of such
23 action, whether in a court of record or in a court not of record, is
24 filed with the county clerk of the county in which the notice of lien is
25 filed, containing the names of the parties to the action, the object of
26 the action, a brief description of the real property affected thereby,
27 and the time of filing the notice of lien; or unless an extension to
28 such lien, except for a lien on real property improved or to be improved
29 with a single family dwelling, is filed with the county clerk of the
30 county in which the notice of lien is filed within one year from the
31 filing of the original notice of lien, continuing such lien and such
32 lien shall be redocketed as of the date of filing such extension. Such
33 extension shall contain the names of the lienor and the owner of the
34 real property against whose interest therein such lien is claimed, a
35 brief description of the real property affected by such lien, the amount
36 of such lien, and the date of filing the notice of lien. No lien shall
37 be continued by such extension for more than one year from the filing
38 thereof. In the event an action is not commenced to foreclose the lien
39 within such extended period, such lien shall be extinguished unless an
40 order be granted by a court of record or a judge or justice thereof,
41 continuing such lien, and such lien shall be redocketed as of the date
42 of granting such order and a statement made that such lien is continued
43 by virtue of such order. A lien on real property improved or to be
44 improved with a single family dwelling may only be extended by an order
45 of a court of record, or a judge or justice thereof. No lien shall be
46 continued by court order for more than one year from the granting there-
47 of, but a new order and entry may be made in each of two successive
48 years. If a lienor is made a party defendant in an action to enforce
49 another lien, and the plaintiff or such defendant has filed a notice of
50 the pendency of the action within the time prescribed in this section,
51 the lien of such defendant is thereby continued. Such action shall be
52 deemed an action to enforce the lien of such defendant lienor. The fail-
53 ure to file a notice of pendency of action shall not abate the action as
54 to any person liable for the payment of the debt specified in the notice
55 of lien, and the action may be prosecuted to judgment against such
56 person. The provisions of this section in regard to continuing liens

1 shall apply to liens discharged by deposit or by order on the filing of
2 an undertaking. Where a lien is discharged by deposit or by order, a
3 notice of pendency of action shall not be filed.

4 (B) A lien, the duration of which has been extended by the filing of a
5 notice of the pendency of an action as above provided, shall neverthe-
6 less terminate as a lien after such notice has been canceled as provided
7 in section sixty-five hundred fourteen of the civil practice law and
8 rules or has ceased to be effective as constructive notice as provided
9 in section sixty-five hundred thirteen of the civil practice law and
10 rules.

11 2. (A) NO EMPLOYEE'S LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE A LIEN FOR A LONG-
12 ER PERIOD THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE NOTICE OF LIEN HAS BEEN FILED, UNLESS
13 AN EXTENSION TO SUCH LIEN IS FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY
14 IN WHICH THE NOTICE OF LIEN IS FILED WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE FILING OF
15 THE ORIGINAL NOTICE OF LIEN, CONTINUING SUCH LIEN AND SUCH LIEN SHALL BE
16 REDOCKETED AS OF THE DATE OF FILING SUCH EXTENSION. SUCH EXTENSION SHALL
17 CONTAIN THE NAMES OF THE LIENOR AND THE OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY
18 AGAINST WHOSE INTEREST THEREIN SUCH LIEN IS CLAIMED, A BRIEF DESCRIPTION
19 OF THE PROPERTY AFFECTED BY SUCH LIEN, THE AMOUNT OF SUCH LIEN, AND THE
20 DATE OF FILING THE NOTICE OF LIEN. NO LIEN SHALL BE CONTINUED BY SUCH
21 EXTENSION FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR FROM THE FILING THEREOF. IN THE EVENT
22 AN ACTION IS NOT COMMENCED TO OBTAIN JUDGMENT ON THE WAGE CLAIM OR TO
23 FORECLOSE THE LIEN WITHIN SUCH EXTENDED PERIOD, SUCH LIEN SHALL BE
24 EXTINGUISHED UNLESS AN ORDER BE GRANTED BY A COURT OF RECORD OR A JUDGE
25 OR JUSTICE THEREOF, CONTINUING SUCH LIEN, AND SUCH LIEN SHALL BE REDOCK-
26 ETED AS OF THE DATE OF GRANTING SUCH ORDER AND A STATEMENT MADE THAT
27 SUCH LIEN IS CONTINUED BY VIRTUE OF SUCH ORDER.

28 (B) NO EMPLOYEE'S LIEN ON PERSONAL PROPERTY SHALL BE A LIEN FOR A
29 LONGER PERIOD THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE FINANCING STATEMENT HAS BEEN
30 RECORDED, UNLESS AN EXTENSION TO SUCH LIEN, IS FILED WITH THE FILING
31 OFFICE IN WHICH THE FINANCING STATEMENT IS REQUIRED TO BE FILED PURSUANT
32 TO SECTION 9-501 OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE WITHIN ONE YEAR FROM THE
33 FILING OF THE ORIGINAL FINANCING STATEMENT, CONTINUING SUCH LIEN. SUCH
34 EXTENSION SHALL CONTAIN THE NAMES OF THE LIENOR AND THE OWNER OF THE
35 PROPERTY AGAINST WHOSE INTEREST THEREIN SUCH LIEN IS CLAIMED, A BRIEF
36 DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIOR FINANCING STATEMENT TO BE EXTENDED, AND THE
37 DATE OF FILING THE PRIOR FINANCING STATEMENT. NO LIEN SHALL BE CONTIN-
38 UED BY SUCH EXTENSION FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR FROM THE FILING THEREOF. IN
39 THE EVENT AN ACTION IS NOT COMMENCED TO OBTAIN JUDGMENT ON THE WAGE
40 CLAIM OR TO FORECLOSE THE LIEN WITHIN SUCH EXTENDED PERIOD, SUCH LIEN
41 SHALL BE EXTINGUISHED UNLESS AN ORDER BE GRANTED BY A COURT OF RECORD OR
42 A JUDGE OR JUSTICE THEREOF, CONTINUING SUCH LIEN, AND SUCH LIEN SHALL BE
43 REFILED AS OF THE DATE OF GRANTING SUCH ORDER AND A STATEMENT MADE THAT
44 SUCH LIEN IS CONTINUED BY VIRTUE OF SUCH ORDER.

45 (C) IF A LIENOR IS MADE A PARTY DEFENDANT IN AN ACTION TO ENFORCE
46 ANOTHER LIEN, AND THE PLAINTIFF OR SUCH DEFENDANT HAS FILED A NOTICE OF
47 THE PENDENCY OF THE ACTION WITHIN THE TIME PRESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION,
48 THE LIEN OF SUCH DEFENDANT IS THEREBY CONTINUED. SUCH ACTION SHALL BE
49 DEEMED AN ACTION TO ENFORCE THE LIEN OF SUCH DEFENDANT LIENOR. THE FAIL-
50 URE TO FILE A NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION SHALL NOT ABATE THE ACTION AS
51 TO ANY PERSON LIABLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE DEBT SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE
52 OF LIEN, AND THE ACTION MAY BE PROSECUTED TO JUDGMENT AGAINST SUCH
53 PERSON. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IN REGARD TO CONTINUING LIENS
54 SHALL APPLY TO LIENS DISCHARGED BY DEPOSIT OR BY ORDER ON THE FILING OF
55 AN UNDERTAKING. WHERE A LIEN IS DISCHARGED BY DEPOSIT OR BY ORDER, A
56 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION SHALL NOT BE FILED.

1 (D) NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, IF A LIENOR COMMENCES A FORECLOSURE
2 ACTION OR AN ACTION TO OBTAIN A JUDGMENT ON THE WAGE CLAIM WITHIN ONE
3 YEAR FROM THE FILING OF THE NOTICE OF LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY OR THE
4 RECORDING OF THE FINANCING STATEMENT CREATING LIEN ON PERSONAL PROPERTY,
5 THE LIEN SHALL BE EXTENDED DURING THE PENDENCY OF THE ACTION AND FOR ONE
6 HUNDRED TWENTY DAYS FOLLOWING THE ENTRY OF FINAL JUDGMENT IN SUCH
7 ACTION, UNLESS THE ACTION RESULTS IN A FINAL JUDGMENT OR ADMINISTRATIVE
8 ORDER IN THE LIENOR'S FAVOR ON THE WAGE CLAIMS AND THE LIENOR COMMENCES
9 A FORECLOSURE ACTION, IN WHICH INSTANCE THE LIEN SHALL BE VALID DURING
10 THE PENDENCY OF THE FORECLOSURE ACTION. IF A LIEN IS EXTENDED DUE TO THE
11 PENDENCY OF A FORECLOSURE ACTION OR AN ACTION TO OBTAIN A JUDGMENT ON
12 THE WAGE CLAIM, THE LIENOR SHALL FILE A NOTICE OF SUCH PENDENCY AND
13 EXTENSION WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE NOTICE OF
14 LIEN IS FILED, CONTAINING THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO THE ACTION, THE
15 OBJECT OF THE ACTION, A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY AFFECTED
16 THEREBY, AND THE TIME OF FILING THE NOTICE OF LIEN, OR IN THE CASE OF A
17 LIEN ON PERSONAL PROPERTY SHALL FILE SUCH NOTICE WITH THE OFFICE AUTHOR-
18 IZED TO ACCEPT FINANCING STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 9-501 OF THE
19 UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, AN ACTION TO
20 OBTAIN JUDGMENT ON A WAGE CLAIM INCLUDES AN ACTION BROUGHT IN ANY COURT
21 OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, THE SUBMISSION OF A COMPLAINT TO THE DEPART-
22 MENT OF LABOR OR THE SUBMISSION OF A CLAIM TO ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO AN
23 ARBITRATION AGREEMENT. AN ACTION ALSO INCLUDES AN INVESTIGATION OF WAGE
24 CLAIMS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE
25 OF NEW YORK, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED BY A
26 COMPLAINT.

27 (E) A LIEN, THE DURATION OF WHICH HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY THE FILING OF A
28 NOTICE OF THE PENDENCY OF AN ACTION AS ABOVE PROVIDED, SHALL NEVERTHE-
29 LESS TERMINATE AS A LIEN AFTER SUCH NOTICE HAS BEEN CANCELED AS PROVIDED
30 IN SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED FOURTEEN OF THE CIVIL PRACTICE LAW AND
31 RULES OR HAS CEASED TO BE EFFECTIVE AS CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE AS PROVIDED
32 IN SECTION SIXTY-FIVE HUNDRED THIRTEEN OF THE CIVIL PRACTICE LAW AND
33 RULES.

34 S 12. Subdivisions 2 and 4 of section 19 of the lien law, subdivision
35 2 as amended by chapter 310 of the laws of 1962, subdivision 4 as added
36 by chapter 582 of the laws of 2002 and paragraph a of subdivision 4 as
37 further amended by section 104 of part A of chapter 62 of the laws of
38 2011, are amended to read as follows:

39 (2) By failure to begin an action to foreclose such lien or to secure
40 an order continuing it, within one year from the time of filing the
41 notice of lien, unless (I) an action be begun within the same period to
42 foreclose a mortgage or another mechanic's lien upon the same property
43 or any part thereof and a notice of pendency of such action is filed
44 according to law, OR (II) AN ACTION IS COMMENCED TO OBTAIN A JUDGMENT ON
45 A WAGE CLAIM PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF SECTION SEVENTEEN OF THIS
46 ARTICLE, but a lien, the duration of which has been extended by the
47 filing of a notice of the pendency of an action as herein provided,
48 shall nevertheless terminate as a lien after such notice has been
49 cancelled or has ceased to be effective as constructive notice.

50 (4) Either before or after the beginning of an action by the EMPLOYER,
51 owner or contractor executing a bond or undertaking in an amount equal
52 to one hundred ten percent of such lien conditioned for the payment of
53 any judgment which may be rendered against the property OR EMPLOYER for
54 the enforcement of the lien:

55 a. The execution of any such bond or undertaking by any fidelity or
56 surety company authorized by the laws of this state to transact busi-

1 ness, shall be sufficient; and where a certificate of qualification has
2 been issued by the superintendent of financial services under the
3 provisions of section one thousand one hundred eleven of the insurance
4 law, and has not been revoked, no justification or notice thereof shall
5 be necessary. Any such company may execute any such bond or undertaking
6 as surety by the hand of its officers, or attorney, duly authorized
7 thereto by resolution of its board of directors, a certified copy of
8 which resolution, under the seal of said company, shall be filed with
9 each bond or undertaking. Any such bond or undertaking shall be filed
10 with the clerk of the county in which the notice of lien is filed, and a
11 copy shall be served upon the adverse party. The undertaking is effec-
12 tive when so served and filed. If a certificate of qualification issued
13 pursuant to subsections (b), (c) and (d) of section one thousand one
14 hundred eleven of the insurance law is not filed with the undertaking, a
15 party may except, to the sufficiency of a surety and by a written notice
16 of exception served upon the adverse party within ten days after
17 receipt, a copy of the undertaking. Exceptions deemed by the court to
18 have been taken unnecessarily, or for vexation or delay, may, upon
19 notice, be set aside, with costs. Where no exception to sureties is
20 taken within ten days or where exceptions taken are set aside, the
21 undertaking shall be allowed.

22 b. In the case of bonds or undertakings not executed pursuant to para-
23 graph a of this subdivision, the EMPLOYER, owner or contractor shall
24 execute an undertaking with two or more sufficient sureties, who shall
25 be free holders, to the clerk of the county where the premises are situ-
26 ated. The sureties must together justify in at least double the sum
27 named in the undertaking. A copy of the undertaking, with notice that
28 the sureties will justify before the court, or a judge or justice there-
29 of, at the time and place therein mentioned, must be served upon the
30 lienor or his attorney, not less than five days before such time. Upon
31 the approval of the undertaking by the court, judge or justice an order
32 shall be made by such court, judge or justice discharging such lien.

33 c. If the lienor cannot be found, or does not appear by attorney,
34 service under this subsection may be made by leaving a copy of such
35 undertaking and notice at the lienor's place of residence, or if a
36 corporation at its principal place of business within the state as stat-
37 ed in the notice of lien, with a person of suitable age and discretion
38 therein, or if the house of his abode or its place of business is not
39 stated in said notice of lien and is not known, then in such manner as
40 the court may direct. The premises, if any, described in the notice of
41 lien as the lienor's residence or place of business shall be deemed to
42 be his said residence or its place of business for the purposes of said
43 service at the time thereof, unless it is shown affirmatively that the
44 person servicing the papers or directing the service had knowledge to
45 the contrary. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subdivision
46 relating to service of notice, in any case where the mailing address of
47 the lienor is outside the state such service may be made by registered
48 or certified mail, return receipt requested, to such lienor at the mail-
49 ing address contained in the notice of lien.

50 d. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the provisions of
51 article twenty-five of the civil practice law and rules regulating
52 undertakings is applicable to a bond or undertaking given for the
53 discharge of a lien on account of private improvements OR OF AN EMPLOY-
54 EE'S LIEN.

55 S 13. Section 24 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 515 of the
56 laws of 1929, is amended to read as follows:

1 S 24. Enforcement of [mechanic's] lien. (1) REAL PROPERTY. The
2 [mechanics'] liens ON REAL PROPERTY specified in this article may be
3 enforced against the property specified in the notice of lien and which
4 is subject thereto and against any person liable for the debt upon which
5 the lien is founded, as prescribed in article three of this chapter.

6 (2) PERSONAL PROPERTY. AN EMPLOYEE'S LIEN ON PERSONAL PROPERTY SPECI-
7 FIED IN THIS ARTICLE MAY IMMEDIATELY BE ENFORCED AGAINST THE PROPERTY
8 THROUGH A FORECLOSURE AS PRESCRIBED IN ARTICLE NINE OF THE UNIFORM
9 COMMERCIAL CODE, OR UPON JUDGMENT OBTAINED BY THE EMPLOYEE, COMMISSIONER
10 OF LABOR OR ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, MAY BE ENFORCED
11 IN ANY MANNER AVAILABLE TO THE JUDGMENT CREDITOR PURSUANT TO ARTICLE
12 NINE OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE OR OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS.

13 S 14. Section 26 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 373 of the
14 laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

15 S 26. Subordination of liens after agreement with owner. In case an
16 owner of real property shall execute to one or more persons, or a corpo-
17 ration, as trustee or trustees, a bond and mortgage or a note and mort-
18 gage affecting such property in whole or in part, or an assignment of
19 the moneys due or to become due under a contract for a building loan in
20 relation to such property, and in case such mortgage, if any, shall be
21 recorded in the office of the register of the county where such real
22 property is situated, or if such county has no register then in the
23 office of the clerk of such county, and in case such assignment, if any,
24 shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the county where such real
25 property is situated; and in case lienors having [mechanics'] liens
26 against said real property, notices of which have been filed up to and
27 not later than fifteen days after the recording of such mortgage or the
28 filing of such assignment, and which liens have not been discharged as
29 in this article provided, shall, to the extent of at least fifty-five
30 per centum of the aggregate amount for which such notices of liens have
31 been so filed, approve such bond and mortgage or such note and mortgage,
32 if any, and such assignment, if any, by an instrument or instruments in
33 writing, duly acknowledged and filed in the office of such county clerk,
34 then all mechanics' liens for labor performed or material furnished
35 prior to the recording of such mortgage or filing of such assignment,
36 whether notices thereof have been theretofore or are thereafter filed
37 and which have not been discharged as in this article provided, shall be
38 subordinate to the lien of such trust bond and mortgage or such trust
39 note and mortgage to the extent of the aggregate amount of all certif-
40 icates of interest therein issued by such trustee or trustees, or their
41 successors, for moneys loaned, materials furnished, labor performed and
42 any other indebtedness incurred after said trust mortgage shall have
43 been recorded, and for expenses in connection with said trust mortgage,
44 and shall also be subordinate to the lien of the bond and mortgage or
45 note and mortgage, given to secure the amount agreed to be advanced
46 under such contract for a building loan to the extent of the amount
47 which shall be advanced by the holder of such bond and mortgage or such
48 note and mortgage to the trustee or trustees, or their successors, under
49 such assignment. The provisions of this section shall apply to all bonds
50 and mortgages and notes and mortgages and all assignments of moneys due,
51 or to become due under building loan contracts executed by such owner,
52 in like manner, and recorded or filed, from time to time as hereinbefore
53 provided. In case of an assignment to trustees under the provisions of
54 this section, the trustees and their successors shall be the agents of
55 the assignor to receive and receipt for any and all sums advanced by the
56 holder of the building loan bond and mortgage or the building loan note

1 and mortgage under the building loan contract and such assignment. No
2 lienor shall have any priority over the bond and mortgage or note and
3 mortgage given to secure the money agreed to be advanced under a build-
4 ing loan contract or over the advances made thereunder, by reason of any
5 act preceding the making and approval of such assignment.

6 S 15. Section 38 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 859 of the
7 laws of 1930, is amended to read as follows:

8 S 38. Itemized statement may be required of lienor. A lienor who has
9 filed a notice of MECHANIC'S lien shall, on demand in writing, deliver
10 to the owner or contractor making such demand a statement in writing
11 which shall set forth the items of labor and/or material and the value
12 thereof which make up the amount for which he claims a lien, and which
13 shall also set forth the terms of the contract under which such items
14 were furnished. The statement shall be verified by the lienor or his
15 agent in the form required for the verification of notices in section
16 nine of this [chapter] ARTICLE. If the lienor shall fail to comply with
17 such a demand within five days after the same shall have been made by
18 the owner or contractor, or if the lienor delivers an insufficient
19 statement, the person aggrieved may petition the supreme court of this
20 state or any justice thereof, or the county court of the county where
21 the premises are situated, or the county judge of such county for an
22 order directing the lienor within a time specified in the order to
23 deliver to the petitioner the statement required by this section. Two
24 days' notice in writing of such application shall be served upon the
25 lienor. Such service shall be made in the manner provided by law for the
26 personal service of a summons. The court or a justice or judge thereof
27 shall hear the parties and upon being satisfied that the lienor has
28 failed, neglected or refused to comply with the requirements of this
29 section shall have an appropriate order directing such compliance. In
30 case the lienor fails to comply with the order so made within the time
31 specified, then upon five days' notice to the lienor, served in the
32 manner provided by law for the personal service of a summons, the court
33 or a justice or judge thereof may make an order cancelling the lien.

34 S 16. Section 39 of the lien law, as added by chapter 859 of the laws
35 of 1930, is amended to read as follows:

36 S 39. Lien wilfully exaggerated is void. In any action or proceeding
37 to enforce a [mechanic's] lien upon a private or public improvement or
38 in which the validity of the lien is an issue, if the court shall find
39 that a lienor has wilfully exaggerated the amount for which he claims a
40 lien as stated in his notice of lien, his lien shall be declared to be
41 void and no recovery shall be had thereon. No such lienor shall have a
42 right to file any other or further lien for the same claim. A second or
43 subsequent lien filed in contravention of this section may be vacated
44 upon application to the court on two days' notice.

45 S 17. Section 40 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 515 of the
46 laws of 1929, is amended to read as follows:

47 S 40. Construction of article. This article is to be construed in
48 connection with article two of this chapter, and provides proceedings
49 for the enforcement of EMPLOYEE'S LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY, AS WELL AS
50 liens for labor performed and materials furnished in the improvement of
51 real property, created by virtue of such article.

52 S 18. Section 41 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 807 of the
53 laws of 1952, is amended to read as follows:

54 S 41. Enforcement of mechanic's OR EMPLOYEE'S lien on real property. A
55 mechanic's lien OR EMPLOYEE'S LIEN on real property may be enforced
56 against such property, and against a person liable for the debt upon

1 which the lien is founded, by an action, by the lienor, his assignee or
2 legal representative, in the supreme court or in a county court other-
3 wise having jurisdiction, regardless of the amount of such debt, or in a
4 court which has jurisdiction in an action founded on a contract for a
5 sum of money equivalent to the amount of such debt.

6 S 19. Section 43 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 310 of the
7 laws of 1962, is amended to read as follows:

8 S 43. Action in a court of record; consolidation of actions. The
9 provisions of the real property actions and proceedings law relating to
10 actions for the foreclosure of a mortgage upon real property, and the
11 sale and the distribution of the proceeds thereof apply to actions in a
12 court of record, to enforce mechanics' liens AND EMPLOYEES' LIENS on
13 real property, except as otherwise provided in this article. If actions
14 are brought by different lienors in a court of record, the court in
15 which the first action was brought, may, upon its own motion, or upon
16 the application of any party in any of such actions, consolidate all of
17 such actions.

18 S 20. Section 46 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 515 of the
19 laws of 1929, is amended to read as follows:

20 S 46. Action in a court not of record. If an action to enforce a
21 mechanic's lien OR EMPLOYEE'S LIEN against real property is brought in a
22 court not of record, it shall be commenced by the personal service upon
23 the owner of a summons and complaint verified in the same manner as a
24 complaint in an action in a court of record. The complaint must set
25 forth substantially the facts contained in the notice of lien, and the
26 substance of the agreement under which the labor was performed or the
27 materials were furnished, OR IF THE LIEN IS BASED UPON A WAGE CLAIM AS
28 DEFINED IN SECTION TWO OF THIS CHAPTER, THE BASIS FOR SUCH WAGE CLAIM.
29 The form and contents of the summons shall be the same as provided by
30 law for the commencement of an action upon a contract in such court. The
31 summons must be returnable not less than twelve nor more than twenty
32 days after the date of the summons, or if service is made by publica-
33 tion, after the day of the last publication of the summons. Service
34 must be made at least eight days before the return day.

35 S 21. Section 50 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 515 of the
36 laws of 1929, is amended to read as follows:

37 S 50. Execution. Execution may be issued upon a judgment obtained in
38 an action to enforce a mechanic's lien OR AN EMPLOYEE'S LIEN against
39 real property in a court not of record, which shall direct the officer
40 to sell the title and interest of the owner in the premises, upon which
41 the lien set forth in the complaint existed at the time of filing the
42 notice of lien.

43 S 22. Section 53 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 515 of the
44 laws of 1929, is amended to read as follows:

45 S 53. Costs and disbursements. If an action is brought to enforce a
46 mechanic's lien OR AN EMPLOYEE'S LIEN against real property in a court
47 of record, the costs and disbursements shall rest in the discretion of
48 the court, and may be awarded to the prevailing party. The judgment
49 rendered in such an action shall include the amount of such costs and
50 specify to whom and by whom the costs are to be paid. If such action is
51 brought in a court not of record, they shall be the same as allowed in
52 civil actions in such court. The expenses incurred in serving the
53 summons by publication may be added to the amount of costs now allowed
54 in such court.

55 S 23. Section 59 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 515 of the
56 laws of 1929, is amended to read as follows:

1 S 59. Vacating of a [mechanic's] lien; cancellation of bond; return of
2 deposit, by order of court. 1. A mechanic's lien notice of which has
3 been filed on real property or a bond given to discharge the same may be
4 vacated and cancelled or a deposit made to discharge a lien pursuant to
5 section twenty OF THIS CHAPTER may be returned, by an order of a court
6 of record. Before such order shall be granted, a notice shall be served
7 upon the lienor, either personally or by leaving it as his last known
8 place of residence, with a person of suitable age, with directions to
9 deliver it to the lienor. Such notice shall require the lienor to
10 commence an action to enforce the lien, within a time specified in the
11 notice, not less than thirty days from the time of service, or show
12 cause at a special term of a court of record, or at a county court, in a
13 county in which the property is situated, at a time and place specified
14 therein, why the notice of lien filed or the bond given should not be
15 vacated and cancelled, or the deposit returned, as the case may be.
16 Proof of such service and that the lienor has not commenced the action
17 to foreclose such lien, as directed in the notice, shall be made by
18 affidavit, at the time of applying for such order.

19 2. AN EMPLOYEE'S LIEN NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN FILED ON REAL PROPERTY
20 OR A BOND GIVEN TO DISCHARGE THE SAME MAY BE VACATED AND CANCELLED OR A
21 DEPOSIT MADE TO DISCHARGE A LIEN PURSUANT TO SECTION TWENTY OF THIS
22 CHAPTER MAY BE RETURNED, BY AN ORDER OF A COURT OF RECORD. BEFORE SUCH
23 ORDER SHALL BE GRANTED, A NOTICE SHALL BE SERVED UPON THE LIENOR, EITHER
24 PERSONALLY OR BY LEAVING IT AT HIS LAST KNOWN PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR
25 ATTORNEY'S PLACE OF BUSINESS, WITH A PERSON OF SUITABLE AGE, WITH
26 DIRECTIONS TO DELIVER IT TO THE LIENOR. SUCH NOTICE SHALL REQUIRE THE
27 LIENOR TO COMMENCE AN ACTION TO ENFORCE THE LIEN, OR TO COMMENCE AN
28 ACTION TO OBTAIN JUDGMENT ON THE WAGE CLAIM UPON WHICH THE LIEN WAS
29 ESTABLISHED, WITHIN A TIME SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE, NOT LESS THAN NINETY
30 DAYS FROM THE TIME OF SERVICE, OR SHOW CAUSE AT A SPECIAL TERM OF A
31 COURT OF RECORD, OR AT A COUNTY COURT, IN A COUNTY IN WHICH THE PROPERTY
32 IS SITUATED, AT A TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED THEREIN, WHY THE NOTICE OF
33 LIEN FILED OR THE BOND GIVEN SHOULD NOT BE VACATED AND CANCELLED, OR THE
34 DEPOSIT RETURNED, AS THE CASE MAY BE. PROOF OF SUCH SERVICE AND THAT THE
35 LIENOR HAS NOT COMMENCED THE ACTION TO FORECLOSE SUCH LIEN OR AN ACTION
36 TO OBTAIN JUDGMENT ON THE WAGE CLAIM UPON WHICH THE LIEN WAS ESTAB-
37 LISHED, AS DIRECTED IN THE NOTICE, SHALL BE MADE BY AFFIDAVIT, AT THE
38 TIME OF APPLYING FOR SUCH ORDER.

39 S 24. Section 62 of the lien law, as amended by chapter 697 of the
40 laws of 1934, is amended to read as follows:

41 S 62. Bringing in new parties. A lienor who has filed a notice of lien
42 after the commencement of an action in a court of record to foreclose or
43 enforce AN EMPLOYEE'S LIEN OR a mechanic's lien against real property or
44 a public improvement, may at any time up to and including the day
45 preceding the day on which the trial of such action is commenced, make
46 application upon notice to the plaintiff or his attorney in such action,
47 to be made a party therein. Upon good cause shown, the court must order
48 such lienor to be brought in by amendment. If the application is made by
49 any other party in said action to make such lienor or other person a
50 party, the court may in its discretion direct such lienor or other
51 person to be brought in by like amendment. The order to be entered on
52 such application shall provide the time for and manner of serving the
53 pleading of such additional lienor or other person and shall direct that
54 the pleadings, papers and proceedings of the other several parties in
55 such action, shall be deemed amended, so as not to require the making or
56 serving of papers other than said order to effectuate such amendment,

1 and shall further provide that the allegations in the answer of such
2 additional lienor or other person shall, for the purposes of the action,
3 be deemed denied by the other parties therein. The action shall be so
4 conducted by the court as not to cause substantially any delay in the
5 trial thereof. The bringing in of such additional lienor or other
6 person shall be without prejudice to the proceedings had, and if the
7 action be on the calendar of the court, same shall retain its place on
8 such calendar without the necessity of serving a new note of issue and
9 new notices of trial.

10 S 25. Subdivision 3 of section 199-a of the labor law, as amended by
11 chapter 564 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

12 3. Each employee and his or her authorized representative shall be
13 notified in writing, OF THE TERMINATION OF THE COMMISSIONER'S INVESTI-
14 GATION OF THE EMPLOYEE'S COMPLAINT AND THE RESULT OF SUCH INVESTIGATION,
15 of any award and collection of back wages and civil penalties, and of
16 any intent to seek criminal penalties. In the event that criminal penal-
17 ties are sought the employee and his or her authorized representative
18 shall be notified of the outcome of prosecution.

19 S 26. Subdivision 2 of section 663 of the labor law, as amended by
20 chapter 564 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

21 2. By commissioner. On behalf of any employee paid less than the wage
22 to which the employee is entitled under the provisions of this article,
23 the commissioner may bring any legal action necessary, including admin-
24 istrative action, to collect such claim, and the employer shall be
25 required to pay the full amount of the underpayment, plus costs, and
26 unless the employer proves a good faith basis to believe that its under-
27 payment was in compliance with the law, an additional amount as liqui-
28 dated damages. Liquidated damages shall be calculated by the commission-
29 er as no more than one hundred percent of the total amount of
30 underpayments found to be due the employee. In any action brought by the
31 commissioner in a court of competent jurisdiction, liquidated damages
32 shall be calculated as an amount equal to one hundred percent of under-
33 payments found to be due the employee. EACH EMPLOYEE OR HIS OR HER
34 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE SHALL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF THE OUTCOME OF
35 ANY LEGAL ACTION BROUGHT ON THE EMPLOYEE'S BEHALF PURSUANT TO THIS
36 SECTION.

37 S 27. Subdivision 5 of section 6201 of the civil practice law and
38 rules, as amended by chapter 860 of the laws of 1977 and as renumbered
39 by chapter 618 of the laws of 1992, is amended and a new subdivision 6
40 is added to read as follows:

41 5. the cause of action is based on a judgment, decree or order of a
42 court of the United States or of any other court which is entitled to
43 full faith and credit in this state, or on a judgment which qualifies
44 for recognition under the provisions of article 53[.] OF THIS CHAPTER;
45 OR

46 6. THE CAUSE OF ACTION IS BASED ON WAGE CLAIMS. "WAGE CLAIMS," WHEN
47 USED IN THIS CHAPTER, SHALL INCLUDE ANY CLAIMS OF VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLES
48 FIVE, SIX, AND NINETEEN OF THE LABOR LAW, SECTION TWO HUNDRED FIFTEEN OF
49 THE LABOR LAW, AND THE RELATED REGULATIONS OR WAGE ORDERS PROMULGATED BY
50 THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY CLAIMS OF
51 UNPAID, MINIMUM, OVERTIME, AND SPREAD-OF-HOURS PAY, UNLAWFULLY RETAINED
52 GRATUITIES, UNLAWFUL DEDUCTIONS FROM WAGES, UNPAID COMMISSIONS, UNPAID
53 BENEFITS AND WAGE SUPPLEMENTS, AND RETALIATION, AND ANY CLAIMS PURSUANT
54 TO 18 U.S.C. S 1595, 29 U.S.C. S 201 ET SEQ., AND/OR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT
55 AS WELL AS THE CONCOMITANT LIQUIDATED DAMAGES AND PENALTIES AUTHORIZED

1 PURSUANT TO THE LABOR LAW, THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT, OR ANY EMPLOY-
2 MENT CONTRACT.

3 S 28. Section 6210 of the civil practice law and rules, as added by
4 chapter 860 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

5 S 6210. Order of attachment on notice; temporary restraining order;
6 contents. Upon a motion on notice for an order of attachment, the court
7 may, without notice to the defendant, grant a temporary restraining
8 order prohibiting the transfer of assets by a garnishee as provided in
9 subdivision (b) of section 6214. WHEN ATTACHMENT IS SOUGHT PURSUANT TO
10 SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION 6201, AND IF THE EMPLOYER CONTESTS THE
11 MOTION, THE COURT SHALL HOLD A HEARING WITHIN TEN DAYS OF WHEN THE
12 EMPLOYER'S RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ATTACHMENT IS DUE. The
13 contents of the order of attachment granted pursuant to this section
14 shall be as provided in subdivision (a) of section 6211.

15 S 29. Subdivision (b) of section 6211 of the civil practice law and
16 rules, as amended by chapter 566 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read
17 as follows:

18 (b) Confirmation of order. Except where an order of attachment is
19 granted on the ground specified in subdivision one OR SIX of section
20 6201, an order of attachment granted without notice shall provide that
21 within a period not to exceed five days after levy, the plaintiff shall
22 move, on such notice as the court shall direct to the defendant, the
23 garnishee, if any, and the sheriff, for an order confirming the order of
24 attachment. Where an order of attachment without notice is granted on
25 the ground specified in subdivision one OR SIX of section 6201, the
26 court shall direct that the statement required by section 6219 be served
27 within five days, that a copy thereof be served upon the plaintiff, and
28 the plaintiff shall move within ten days after levy for an order
29 confirming the order of attachment. If the plaintiff upon such motion
30 shall show that the statement has not been served and that the plaintiff
31 will be unable to satisfy the requirement of subdivision (b) of section
32 6223 until the statement has been served, the court may grant one exten-
33 sion of the time to move for confirmation for a period not to exceed ten
34 days. If plaintiff fails to make such motion within the required period,
35 the order of attachment and any levy thereunder shall have no further
36 effect and shall be vacated upon motion. Upon the motion to confirm, the
37 provisions of subdivision (b) of section 6223 shall apply. An order of
38 attachment granted without notice may provide that the sheriff refrain
39 from taking any property levied upon into his actual custody, pending
40 further order of the court.

41 S 30. Subdivisions (b) and (e) of rule 6212 of the civil practice law
42 and rules, subdivision (b) as separately amended by chapters 15 and 860
43 of the laws of 1977 and subdivision (e) as added by chapter 860 of the
44 laws of 1977, are amended to read as follows:

45 (b) Undertaking. [On] 1. EXCEPT WHERE AN ORDER OF ATTACHMENT IS SOUGHT
46 ON THE GROUND SPECIFIED IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION 6201, ON a motion
47 for an order of attachment, the plaintiff shall give an undertaking, in
48 a total amount fixed by the court, but not less than five hundred
49 dollars, a specified part thereof conditioned that the plaintiff shall
50 pay to the defendant all costs and damages, including reasonable attor-
51 ney's fees, which may be sustained by reason of the attachment if the
52 defendant recovers judgment or if it is finally decided that the plain-
53 tiff was not entitled to an attachment of the defendant's property, and
54 the balance conditioned that the plaintiff shall pay to the sheriff all
55 of his allowable fees.

1 2. ON A MOTION FOR AN ATTACHMENT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF
2 SECTION 6201, THE COURT SHALL ORDER THAT THE PLAINTIFF GIVE AN ACCESSI-
3 BLE UNDERTAKING OF NO MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, OR IN THE ALTERNA-
4 TIVE, MAY WAIVE THE UNDERTAKING ALTOGETHER. The attorney for the plain-
5 tiff shall not be liable to the sheriff for such fees. The surety on the
6 undertaking shall not be discharged except upon notice to the sheriff.

7 (e) Damages. [The] EXCEPT WHERE AN ORDER OF ATTACHMENT IS SOUGHT ON
8 THE GROUND SPECIFIED IN SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION 6201, THE plaintiff
9 shall be liable to the defendant for all costs and damages, including
10 reasonable attorney's fees, which may be sustained by reason of the
11 attachment if the defendant recovers judgment, or if it is finally
12 decided that the plaintiff was not entitled to an attachment of the
13 defendant's property. Plaintiff's liability shall not be limited by the
14 amount of the undertaking.

15 S 31. Section 6223 of the civil practice law and rules, as amended by
16 chapter 860 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

17 S 6223. Vacating or modifying attachment. (a) Motion to vacate or
18 modify. Prior to the application of property or debt to the satisfac-
19 tion of a judgment, the defendant, the garnishee or any person having an
20 interest in the property or debt may move, on notice to each party and
21 the sheriff, for an order vacating or modifying the order of attachment.
22 Upon the motion, the court may give the plaintiff a reasonable opportu-
23 nity to correct any defect. [If] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBDIVISION
24 (B), IF, after the defendant has appeared in the action, the court
25 determines that the attachment is unnecessary to the security of the
26 plaintiff, it shall vacate the order of attachment. Such a motion shall
27 not of itself constitute an appearance in the action.

28 (b) Burden of proof. [Upon] EXCEPT WHERE AN ORDER OF ATTACHMENT IS
29 GRANTED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION 6201, UPON a motion to
30 vacate or modify an order of attachment the plaintiff shall have the
31 burden of establishing the grounds for the attachment, the need for
32 continuing the levy and the probability that he will succeed on the
33 merits. UPON A MOTION TO VACATE OR MODIFY AN ORDER OF ATTACHMENT GRANTED
34 PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION 6201, THE DEFENDANT SHALL HAVE
35 THE BURDEN TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE ATTACHMENT IS UNNECESSARY TO THE
36 SECURITY OF THE PLAINTIFF, IN ORDER TO VACATE OR MODIFY THE ATTACHMENT
37 ORDER.

38 S 32. Paragraph (b) of section 624 of the business corporation law, as
39 amended by chapter 449 of the laws of 1997, is amended to read as
40 follows:

41 (b) Any person who shall have been a shareholder of record of a corpo-
42 ration, OR WHO IS OR SHALL HAVE BEEN A LABORER, SERVANT OR EMPLOYEE,
43 upon at least five days' written demand shall have the right to examine
44 in person or by agent or attorney, during usual business hours, its
45 minutes of the proceedings of its shareholders and record of sharehold-
46 ers and to make extracts therefrom for any purpose reasonably related to
47 such person's interest as a shareholder, LABORER, SERVANT OR EMPLOYEE.
48 Holders of voting trust certificates representing shares of the corpo-
49 ration shall be regarded as shareholders for the purpose of this
50 section. Any such agent or attorney shall be authorized in a writing
51 that satisfies the requirements of a writing under paragraph (b) of
52 section 609 (Proxies). A corporation requested to provide information
53 pursuant to this paragraph shall make available such information in
54 written form and in any other format in which such information is main-
55 tained by the corporation and shall not be required to provide such
56 information in any other format. If a request made pursuant to this

paragraph includes a request to furnish information regarding beneficial owners, the corporation shall make available such information in its possession regarding beneficial owners as is provided to the corporation by a registered broker or dealer or a bank, association or other entity that exercises fiduciary powers in connection with the forwarding of information to such owners. The corporation shall not be required to obtain information about beneficial owners not in its possession.

S 33. Section 630 of the business corporation law, paragraph (a) as amended by chapter 5 of the laws of 2016, paragraph (c) as amended by chapter 746 of the laws of 1963, is amended to read as follows:

S 630. Liability of shareholders for wages due to laborers, servants or employees.

(a) The ten largest shareholders, as determined by the fair value of their beneficial interest as of the beginning of the period during which the unpaid services referred to in this section are performed, of every domestic corporation or of any foreign corporation, when the unpaid services were performed in the state, no shares of which are listed on a national securities exchange or regularly quoted in an over-the-counter market by one or more members of a national or an affiliated securities association, shall jointly and severally be personally liable for all debts, wages or salaries due and owing to any of its laborers, servants or employees other than contractors, for services performed by them for such corporation. [Before such laborer, servant or employee shall charge such shareholder for such services, he shall give notice in writing to such shareholder that he intends to hold him liable under this section. Such notice shall be given within one hundred and eighty days after termination of such services, except that if, within such period, the laborer, servant or employee demands an examination of the record of shareholders under paragraph (b) of section 624 (Books and records; right of inspection, prima facie evidence) of this article, such notice may be given within sixty days after he has been given the opportunity to examine the record of shareholders. An action to enforce such liability shall be commenced within ninety days after the return of an execution unsatisfied against the corporation upon a judgment recovered against it for such services.] The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to an investment company registered as such under an act of congress entitled "Investment Company Act of 1940."

(b) For the purposes of this section, wages or salaries shall mean all compensation and benefits payable by an employer to or for the account of the employee for personal services rendered by such employee INCLUDING ANY CONCOMITANT LIQUIDATED DAMAGES, PENALTIES, INTEREST, ATTORNEY'S FEES OR COSTS. These shall specifically include but not be limited to salaries, overtime, vacation, holiday and severance pay; employer contributions to or payments of insurance or welfare benefits; employer contributions to pension or annuity funds; and any other moneys properly due or payable for services rendered by such employee.

(c) A shareholder who has paid more than his pro rata share under this section shall be entitled to contribution pro rata from the other shareholders liable under this section with respect to the excess so paid, over and above his pro rata share, and may sue them jointly or severally or any number of them to recover the amount due from them. Such recovery may be had in a separate action. As used in this paragraph, "pro rata" means in proportion to beneficial share interest. Before a shareholder may claim contribution from other shareholders under this paragraph, he shall[, unless they have been given notice by a laborer, servant or employee under paragraph (a),] give them notice in writing that

1 he intends to hold them so liable to him. Such notice shall be given by
2 him within twenty days after the date that [notice was given to him by]
3 HE BECAME AWARE THAT a laborer, servant or employee MAY SEEK TO HOLD HIM
4 LIABLE under paragraph (a).

5 S 34. Subdivision (c) of section 609 of the limited liability company
6 law, as added by chapter 537 of the laws of 2014, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivisions (a) and (b) of this
9 section, the ten members with the largest percentage ownership interest,
10 as determined as of the beginning of the period during which the unpaid
11 services referred to in this section are performed, of every limited
12 liability company, shall jointly and severally be personally liable for
13 all debts, wages or salaries due and owing to any of its laborers, serv-
14 ants or employees, for services performed by them for such limited
15 liability company. [Before such laborer, servant or employee shall
16 charge such member for such services, he or she shall give notice in
17 writing to such member that he or she intends to hold such member liable
18 under this section. Such notice shall be given within one hundred eighty
19 days after termination of such services. An action to enforce such
20 liability shall be commenced within ninety days after the return of an
21 execution unsatisfied against the limited liability company upon a judg-
22 ment recovered against it for such services.] A member who has paid more
23 than his or her pro rata share under this section shall be entitled to
24 contribution pro rata from the other members liable under this section
25 with respect to the excess so paid, over and above his or her pro rata
26 share, and may sue them jointly or severally or any number of them to
27 recover the amount due from them. Such recovery may be had in a separate
28 action. As used in this subdivision, "pro rata" means in proportion to
29 percentage ownership interest. Before a member may claim contribution
30 from other members under this section, he or she shall give them notice
31 in writing that he or she intends to hold them so liable to him or her.

32 S 35. Section 1102 of the limited liability company law is amended by
33 adding a new subdivision (e) to read as follows:

34 (E) ANY PERSON WHO IS OR SHALL HAVE BEEN A LABORER, SERVANT OR EMPLOY-
35 EE OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, UPON AT LEAST FIVE DAYS' WRITTEN
36 DEMAND SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXAMINE IN PERSON OR BY AGENT OR ATTOR-
37 NEY, DURING USUAL BUSINESS HOURS, RECORDS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH TWO OF
38 SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF TIME DURING
39 WHICH SUCH LABORER, SERVANT OR EMPLOYEE PROVIDED SERVICES TO SUCH COMPA-
40 NY. A COMPANY REQUESTED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION PURSUANT TO THIS PARA-
41 GRAPH SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE SUCH RECORDS IN WRITTEN FORM AND IN ANY OTHER
42 FORMAT IN WHICH SUCH INFORMATION IS MAINTAINED BY THE COMPANY AND SHALL
43 NOT BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION IN ANY OTHER FORMAT. UPON
44 REFUSAL BY THE COMPANY OR BY AN OFFICER OR AGENT OF THE COMPANY TO
45 PERMIT AN INSPECTION OF THE RECORDS DESCRIBED IN THIS PARAGRAPH, THE
46 PERSON MAKING THE DEMAND FOR INSPECTION MAY APPLY TO THE SUPREME COURT
47 IN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT WHERE THE OFFICE OF THE COMPANY IS LOCATED,
48 UPON SUCH NOTICE AS THE COURT MAY DIRECT, FOR AN ORDER DIRECTING THE
49 COMPANY, ITS MEMBERS OR MANAGERS TO SHOW CAUSE WHY AN ORDER SHOULD NOT
50 BE GRANTED PERMITTING SUCH INSPECTION BY THE APPLICANT. UPON THE RETURN
51 DAY OF THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE, THE COURT SHALL HEAR THE PARTIES SUMMAR-
52 ILY, BY AFFIDAVIT OR OTHERWISE, AND IF IT APPEARS THAT THE APPLICANT IS
53 QUALIFIED AND ENTITLED TO SUCH INSPECTION, THE COURT SHALL GRANT AN
54 ORDER COMPELLING SUCH INSPECTION AND AWARDING SUCH FURTHER RELIEF AS TO
55 THE COURT MAY SEEM JUST AND PROPER. IF THE APPLICANT IS FOUND TO BE
56 QUALIFIED AND ENTITLED TO SUCH INSPECTION, THE COMPANY SHALL PAY ALL

1 REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS OF SAID APPLICANT RELATED TO THE
2 DEMAND FOR INSPECTION OF THE RECORDS.

3 S 36. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall
4 have become a law. The procedures and rights created in this act may be
5 used by employees, laborers or servants in connection with claims for
6 liabilities that arose prior to the effective date.