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3 By Senator Ward
4 RFD: Commerce, Transportation, and Utilities
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would allow a lien to attach to a
9 vessel regardless of the domicile of the owner or
10 the home port of the vessel and would replace the
11 term "steamboat" with the term "vessel."

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13 A BILL
14 TO BE ENTITLED
15 AN ACT
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17 To amend Section 35-11-60, Code of Alabama 1975,
18 relating to liens on watercraft; to allow a lien to attach to
19 a vessel regardless of the domicile of the owner or the home
20 port of the vessel; and to replace the term steamboat with the
21 term vessel.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

23 Section 1. Section 35-11-60 of the Code of Alabama
24 1975, is amended to read as follows:

25 "§35-11-60.

26 "A lien is hereby declared on any ship, ~~steamboat~~
27 vessel, or other watercraft, whether registered, enrolled, or

1 licensed or not, that may be built, repaired, fitted,
2 furnished, supplied, or victualed within this state, for work
3 done, or material supplied by any person within this state, in
4 or about the building, repairing, fitting, furnishing,
5 supplying, or victualing such ship, ~~steamboat~~ vessel, or other
6 watercraft, and for the wages of the masters, laborers,
7 stevedores, and shipkeepers of such ship, ~~steamboat~~ vessel, or
8 other watercraft, in preference to other liens thereon for
9 debts contracted by, or owing from, the owners thereof; and
10 for wharfage and dockage; and such lien may be asserted in any
11 court of competent jurisdiction. The lien shall attach to the
12 vessel regardless of the domicile of the owner of the vessel
13 and regardless of whether the home port of the vessel is
14 within the State of Alabama."

15 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
16 first day of the third month following its passage and
17 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.