

1 HB561  
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3 By Representatives Sessions, Davis, Barton, Ison and  
4 Johnson (W)  
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would allow a lien to attach to a  
9 watercraft regardless of the domicile of the owner  
10 or the home port of the watercraft and would  
11 include the term vessel to refer to a watercraft.

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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 watercraft regardless of the domicile of the owner or the  
20 home port of the watercraft; and to include the term vessel to  
21 refer to a watercraft.

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  
6 other watercraft, and for the wages of the masters, laborers,  
7 stevedores, and shipkeepers of such ship, steamboat, vessel,  
8 or 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.