

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1091

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 7, 1927.

The joint committee on The Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 456) of George A. Gilman and others for a lien to secure charges for work and materials in respect to watches, clocks and jewelry, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1091).

For the committee,

THOMAS R. BATEMAN.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Seven.

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An Act providing for a Lien to secure Charges for Work and Materials in Respect to Watches, Clocks, Silverware and Jewelry.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter two hundred and fifty-five of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
3 thirty-one B, inserted therein by section one of chapter  
4 one hundred and seventy-five of the acts of nineteen  
5 hundred and twenty-five, the following new section:—  
6 *Section 31C.* A person engaged in performing work  
7 upon any watch, clock, silverware or jewelry for a price  
8 shall have a lien upon such watch, clock, silverware or  
9 jewelry for the amount of any account that may be due  
10 for such work; provided, that he gives to the person  
11 delivering to him such watch, clock, silverware or jewelry  
12 a receipt for the same having printed thereon in clear  
13 legible type a copy of this section. Such lien shall also  
14 include the value or agreed price, if any, of all materials  
15 furnished by such lienors in connection with such work,  
16 whether added to such article or articles or otherwise.  
17 If such account remains unpaid for one year, after com-  
18 pleting such work, such lienors may, upon thirty days'  
19 notice in writing to the owner, specifying the amount

20 due, and informing him that the payment of such amount  
21 within thirty days will entitle him to redeem such  
22 property, sell any such article or articles at public or  
23 bona fide private sale to satisfy the account. The  
24 proceeds of the sale, after paying the expenses thereof,  
25 shall be applied in liquidation of the indebtedness secured  
26 by such lien and the balance, if any, shall be paid over  
27 to the owner. Such notice may be served by mail,  
28 directed to the owner's last known address, or, if the  
29 owner or his address be unknown, it may be posted in  
30 two public places in the town where the property is  
31 located. The remedy herein provided to enforce such  
32 lien shall be in addition to any other provided by law.

