

# SENATE BILL 530

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By: **Senators Stone, Forehand, and Muse**  
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Real Property – Mechanics’ Liens – Extent of Lien Applied to Tenant’s**  
3 **Interest**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the percentage of value of a building erected, repaired,  
5 rebuilt, or improved by a tenant for life or years or a person employed by the  
6 tenant for purposes of determining the extent of a mechanics’ lien; and  
7 generally relating to mechanics’ liens.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Real Property  
10 Section 9–101(a), (b), and (f) and 9–102(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Real Property  
15 Section 9–103(c)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2003 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Real Property**

21 9–101.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) “Building” includes any unit of a nonresidential building that is leased or  
24 separately sold as a unit.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (f) "Owner" means the owner of the land except that, when the contractor  
2 executes the contract with a tenant for life or for years, "owner" means the tenant.

3 9-102.

4 (a) Every building erected and every building repaired, rebuilt, or improved  
5 to the extent of 15 percent of its value is subject to establishment of a lien in  
6 accordance with this subtitle for the payment of all debts, without regard to the  
7 amount, contracted for work done for or about the building and for materials furnished  
8 for or about the building, including the drilling and installation of wells to supply  
9 water, the construction or installation of any swimming pool or fencing, the sodding,  
10 seeding or planting in or about the premises of any shrubs, trees, plants, flowers or  
11 nursery products, the grading, filling, landscaping, and paving of the premises, the  
12 provision of building or landscape architectural services, engineering services, land  
13 surveying services, or interior design services that pertain to interior construction and  
14 are provided by a certified interior designer, and the leasing of equipment, with or  
15 without an operator, for use for or about the building or premises.

16 9-103.

17 (c) (1) If a building is commenced and not finished, a lien established in  
18 accordance with this subtitle shall attach to the extent of the work done or material  
19 furnished.

20 (2) If a building is erected, or repaired, rebuilt, or improved to the  
21 extent of ~~[25]~~ **15** percent of its value, by a tenant for life or years or by a person  
22 employed by the tenant, any lien established in accordance with this subtitle applies  
23 only to the extent of the tenant's interest.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
25 October 1, 2010.