

CHAPTER 275

H.B. No. 1736

An Act relating to the continuation of a worker's lien against certain property relinquished by the worker.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subsection (b), Section 70.001, Property Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If a worker relinquishes possession of a motor vehicle, motorboat, vessel, or outboard motor in return for a written order for payment on which payment is stopped, *has been dishonored because of insufficient funds, no funds or because the drawer or maker of the order has no account or the account upon which it was drawn has been closed*, the lien provided by this section continues to exist and the worker is entitled to possession of the vehicle, motorboat, vessel, or outboard motor until the amount due is paid, unless the vehicle, motorboat, vessel, or outboard motor is possessed by a person who became a bona fide purchaser of the vehicle after a [the] stop payment order was made. *A person entitled to possession of property under this subsection is entitled to take possession thereof in accordance with the provisions of Section 9.503, Business & Commerce Code.*

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 1, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 5, 1985

Effective: Immediately