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**HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 300(JUD)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/21/04**

**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR STEDMAN**

**REPRESENTATIVE Dahlstrom**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to an attorney's lien, to court actions, and to other proceedings where**  
2 **attorneys are employed; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 34.35.430(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 (b) The lien described in (a) of this section is superior to all subsequent liens  
6 except tax liens. The lien is a charge on the action, and the parties to the action may  
7 not extinguish or affect the attorney's lien by any means, including settlement, other  
8 than by satisfying the underlying claim of the attorney for the fees and costs incurred  
9 in connection with the action. Nothing in this subsection precludes a party from  
10 contesting an attorney's lien under applicable law.

11 **\* Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
12 read:

13 APPLICATION. AS 34.35.430(b), as repealed and reenacted by sec. 1 of this Act,  
14 applies to an attorney's lien served and filed in a court action or other proceeding on or after

1 the effective date of this Act.

2 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).