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Civil Procedure

Civil Procedure; statutory liens of storage facility owners—jurisdiction

NEV. REV. STAT. § 4.370 (amended).
AB 222 (Kerns); 1987 STAT. Ch 45

Existing law provides limited jurisdiction to justices' courts for specific civil actions.¹ Chapter 45 extends the jurisdiction of justices' courts to include actions for the enforcement of liens² by owners of storage facilities,³ where the amount of the lien sought to be enforced, exclusive of interest, does not exceed \$2500.⁴

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1. See NEV. REV. STAT. § 4.370 1 (a)-(l). Justices' courts have jurisdiction in the following civil actions and proceedings for claims not exceeding \$2500: (1) Contract actions; (2) actions for personal injury or for taking, detaining, or injuring personal property, or for injury to real property not involving the title or boundaries; (3) fine, penalty or forfeiture actions; (4) actions on bonds or undertakings conditioned for the payment of money; (5) actions to recover the possession of personal property; (6) actions to take and enter judgment on a defendant's confession; (7) actions for the possession of lands and tenements between a landlord and tenant; (8) actions for possession of lands and tenements which have been unlawfully or fraudulently obtained or withheld; (9) suits for the collection of taxes; (10) actions for the enforcement of mechanics' liens; (11) actions for a fine under Nevada Revised Statutes Section 484.757 (traffic laws—violations of limits on weight); and (12) actions to issue a temporary or extended order for protecting against domestic violence. *Id.* See also NEV. REV. STAT. § 4.370 3 (jurisdiction also extends to misdemeanors).

2. A warehouseman has a lien against the bailor on the goods covered by a warehouse receipt for storage, transportation, insurance, labor, or other costs, present or future, in relation to the goods. This lien also includes expenses reasonably incurred for preservation or sale of the goods. NEV. REV. STAT. § 104.7209. See also *id.* § 104.7210 (enforcement of warehouseman's lien).

3. A "warehouseman" is a person engaged in the business of storing goods for hire. NEV. REV. STAT. § 104.7102 1(h).

4. 1987 Nev. Stat. ch. 45, sec. 1, at ___ (amending NEV. REV. STAT. § 4.370 1).