

TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES
DIVISION 5: BUSINESS REGULATION

§ 51557. Foreclosure: Manner; Limitations.

(a) A lien for charges owed to a hospital may be foreclosed by a lawsuit in the CNMI Superior Court in the same manner as an action for foreclosure of any other lien.

(b) The lien may not be foreclosed during the:

(1) Lifetime of the owner of the property, his spouse, his dependent adult child if that child is mentally or physically disabled or a joint tenant if he was a joint tenant at the time of the patient's discharge; or

(2) Minority of any child of the owner,

If the owner or joint tenant resides on the property, or his spouse, dependent or minor child resides on the property and has acquired title thereto.

(c) If the hospital does not file a suit to foreclose the lien within 2 years after the date the notice of lien is recorded by the hospital, the lien is extinguished.

Source: PL 15-117, § 2(51457), modified.