

**Chapter 44A.**  
**Statutory Liens and Charges.**

Article 1.

Possessory Liens on Personal Property.

**§ 44A-1. Definitions.**

As used in this Article:

- (1) "Legal possessor" means
  - a. Any person entrusted with possession of personal property by an owner thereof, or
  - b. Any person in possession of personal property and entitled thereto by operation of law.
- (2) "Lienor" means any person entitled to a lien under this Article.
- (2a) "Motor Vehicle" has the meaning provided in G.S. 20-4.01.
- (3) "Owner" means
  - a. Any person having legal title to the property, or
  - b. A lessee of the person having legal title, or
  - c. A debtor entrusted with possession of the property by a secured party, or
  - d. A secured party entitled to possession, or
  - e. Any person entrusted with possession of the property by his employer or principal who is an owner under any of the above.
- (4) "Secured party" means a person holding a security interest.
- (5) "Security interest" means any interest in personal property which interest is subject to the provisions of Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code, or any other interest intended to create security in real or personal property.
- (6) "Vessel" has the meaning provided in G.S. 75A-2. (1967, c. 1029, s. 1; 1991, c. 731, s. 1.)