

Industry Insights

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BREAKING NEWS!!!!

NEW MICHIGAN LIEN LAW NOW IN EFFECT!!

With a stroke of her pen, Governor Granholm signed into law Public Act 177 of 2009, which amends the Michigan Lien Law and has a new process thus saving the self storage industry thousands of dollars in the future.

SSAM President, Jon Hutto reported, "The SSAM Board of Directors worked very hard over the last year. If the act was going to change how we handle active military personnel, the board felt we needed to update the notification process. Apparently, through our hard work the Michigan Legislature agreed with us."

"As a member of SSAM we wanted you to have first hand knowledge on this new law." stated Executive Director, Timothy J. DeWitt. "Naturally, the devil is in the details but here are the four major amendments to the Act." he added.

- ◆ Provides for the deferral of lien enforcement against Tenants who are members of the armed services. (Michigan Law now Complies with the Federal mandate)
- ◆ Authorizes lien notices to be delivered by First Class Mail or by Electronic Mail. Certified Mail is no longer required.
- ◆ Requires the Self Storage Facility who provides the Lien Notice to a Tenant to make an affidavit stating how and when the Notice was delivered and attach a copy of the Lien Notice to the Affidavit.
- ◆ Affidavit must be notarized.
- ◆ The option to advertise auctions on a website.

As these changes are effective immediately upon the Governor's signature we will be holding a **conference call this Friday, December 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.** informing you of all changes in more detail. To participate in this call do the following: *****Dial: (712) 432-3900 ***Conference ID: 555749#**

To download a copy of the Public Act 177 of 2009 [CLICK HERE](#) . Also, below is an Affidavit of Mailing Notice that will be required in the new changes.

SSAM 2010 Winter Seminar

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 the "SSAM 2010 Winter Seminar" will be held at the Okemos Conference Center from 9:00 a.m.– 3:30 p.m. featuring well-known industry expert, **Tom Litton of Litton Management & Consulting, Inc.** Also, on the agenda is SSAM President, Jon Hutto will conduct our **Annual Meeting** which will include a short report to the membership on the status of SSAM.

For more information and to download your registration form follow this link
http://www.selfstorageemichigan.org/docs/2010_Winter_Seminar_registration.pdf

