

**717.4 Livestock in immediate need of sustenance — lien.**

1. This section applies to a lien created by a court order entered pursuant to [section 717.3](#) or [717.5](#). The court-ordered lien is an agricultural lien subject to [chapter 554](#) except as otherwise provided in [this section](#).

2. The court-ordered lien shall be for the benefit of the department. The amount of the lien shall not be more than for expenses incurred in providing sustenance to the livestock pursuant to [section 717.3](#) and providing for the disposition of the livestock pursuant to [section 717.5](#).

3. The court-ordered lien shall attach to the livestock, identifiable proceeds from the disposition of the livestock, and products from the livestock in the products' unmanufactured states.

4. The court-ordered lien becomes effective on the date that the court order is entered. To perfect the lien, the department must file a financing statement in the office of the secretary of state as provided in [sections 554.9308](#) and [554.9310](#) on or after but not later than twenty days after the effective date of the lien. For purposes of [chapter 554, article 9](#), the department is a secured party; the owner of the livestock is a debtor; and the livestock and associated proceeds and products as provided in [subsection 3](#) are the collateral.

5. The court-ordered lien that is perfected under [this section](#) is superior to and shall have priority over a conflicting lien or security interest in the livestock and associated proceeds and products as provided in [subsection 3](#), including a lien or security interest that was perfected prior to the perfection of the court-ordered lien.

[2011 Acts, ch 81, §7](#); [2011 Acts, ch 131, §75, 158](#)