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DWC to Dismiss More Than 292,000 Unresolved Liens

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) tomorrow will dismiss more than 292,000 unresolved liens by operation of law. The liens belong to claimants who did not properly file the required Supplemental Lien form and 4903.05(c) Declaration form.

Senate Bill 1160, which became effective January 1, required all lien claimants who filed a lien between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2016, and paid a filing fee, to file the forms by July 1. Lien claimants who failed to file the forms as required will have their liens dismissed.

[Labor Code section 4903.05\(c\)](#) was amended as part of the bill's reform measures to combat fraud in the workers' compensation system. To comply with SB 1160's requirements, DWC made available an e-form declaration and the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board promulgated [regulations](#) requiring the use of this form.

Lien claimants should be aware that DWC will not send notification to claimants whose liens have been dismissed. DWC has posted [frequently asked questions on the supplemental lien form](#) online.

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