

**Assignment of Wages.**

An. Code, 1924, sec. 11. 1912, sec. 11. 1906, ch. 399.

11. No assignment of wages or salary shall be valid so as to vest in the assignee any beneficial interest, either at law or in equity, unless such assignment be in writing, signed by the assignor and acknowledged in person by him or her before a justice of the peace in and for the city or county, as the case may be, in which the assignor resides, and entered on the same day by said justice of the peace upon his docket; and unless further, within three days from the execution and acknowledgment of said assignment a true and complete copy thereof, together with the certificates of its acknowledgment, be served upon the person, firm or corporation by whom said wages or salary are due or to become due, in the same manner that the summons in chancery is now required by law to be served; provided, however, that no assignment of wages or salary by a married person shall be valid unless the same is also executed and acknowledged as above by the assignor's wife or husband, as the case may be.

As to the attachment of wages, see art. 9, secs. 33 and 34.

Secs. 11-17 do not violate State or Federal Constitutions; police power. These sections not repealed by "Petty Loans" Act. No substantial distinction between salary and wages. *Wight v. B. & O. R. R. Co.*, 146 Md. 68.

Secs. 11-17 referred to in holding art. 58A, sec. 17, valid. *Palmore v. B. & O. R. Co.*, 156 Md. 7.

See art. 58A, sec. 19.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 12. 1912, sec. 12. 1906, ch. 399.

12. Proof of said service, as provided for in the preceding section, shall be by an admission thereof in writing by the person, firm or corporation, his, their or its agent on the original assignment, which admission of service shall also be entered by said justice of the peace upon his docket within two days thereafter.

See notes to sec. 11.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 13. 1912, sec. 13. 1906, ch. 399.

13. In addition to said acknowledgment to be made by said assignor, he or she, as the case may be, shall make affidavit that he or she has not paid, and will not, directly or indirectly, pay more than the legal rate of six per centum per annum on any sum borrowed, or permit a deduction from said sum so loaned to him or her at the time of said loan, or any time thereafter, of more than a sum equivalent to six per centum per annum for the time said loan is made.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 14. 1912, sec. 14. 1906, ch. 399.

14. The term "assignment," as used in sections 11 to 17, shall include every assignment, transfer, sale, pledge, mortgage or hypothecation, however made or attempted, of the wages or salary of any person, or of any interest therein.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 15. 1912, sec. 15. 1906, ch. 399.

15. Whenever any assignment of the wages or salary of any person or persons shall be given as security for a loan tainted with usury, or shall be given to secure the payment or fulfillment of a usurious contract or the payment of the principal or interest of a usurious debt, such assignment shall be absolutely void.

As to interest and usury, see art. 49.