

CHAPTER 399.

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AN ACT to amend Article 8 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Assignment of Choses in Action," by adding thereto certain sections, to follow Section 10 of said Article, and to be known as Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Article 8 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Assignment of Choses in Action," be and the same is hereby amended by adding thereto certain sections, to follow Section 10 of said Article, to be known as Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, and to read as follows :

Section 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.

Section 12. That 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.

Section 13. That 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