

**Chapter 174.**

AN ACT to secure to laborers within this state the benefit of the exemption laws of this state and to prevent assignment of claims for the purpose of securing their collection against laborers outside of this state.

What is unlawful.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, being a citizen or citizens of this state, to assign or transfer any claim for debt against a resident of this state for the purpose of having the same collected by proceedings in attachment in courts, or before justice of the peace outside of this state, or to send out of this state by assignment, transfer or other manner whatsoever, either for or without value, any claim for debt against any resident thereof, for the purpose or with the intent to deprive such persons of the right to have his personal earnings or property exempt from application, to the payment of his debts, according to the exemption laws of this state, where the creditor and debtor, and the person or corporation owing the money intended to be reached by such proceedings are within the jurisdiction of the courts or justices of the peace of this state, and the person or persons sending, assigning or transferring any such claim for the purpose or with the intent aforesaid, shall be liable in an action of debt to the person or persons from whom any such debt or claim shall have been collected by attachment or otherwise outside of the courts of this state, for the full amount of the debt, interest and costs so collected, and the defendant or defendants therein shall not be entitled to the benefit of the exemption laws of this state upon any execution process issued upon any judgment recovered in any such action.

What liable for.

What is deemed proof.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That in any such action, proof of the fact of such sending, assigning or transferring any such claim by the defendant or defendants, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the intent of the said defendant or defendants to