

Cecil County who shall violate any of the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of not less than Five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than Twenty Dollars (\$20.00); one-half of any fine so imposed and collected to be paid to the informer thereof.

Approved April 11th, 1916.

CHAPTER 206.

AN ACT to add an additional section to Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Cecil County," sub-title "Pleading, Practice and Process," relating to the recovery of judgments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That an additional Section be and the same is hereby added to Article 8 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Cecil County," sub-title "Pleading, Practice and Process," to be known as section four hundred and nine, and when enacted to read as follows:

409. In all actions in the Circuit Court for Cecil County upon bills, notes, bonds or other instruments of writing for the payment of money, or for the recovery of book and open accounts or on foreign judgments, judgment by default shall be entered upon motion of the plaintiff, or his attorney, after twenty days from service of process on the defendant, notwithstanding the appearance by the defendant, unless the defendant, or if there be more than one, one or more of them shall have previously filed in the cause an affidavit stating that the defendant verily believes there is a legal defense to the whole or part of such cause of action, and setting forth the nature and character of the same with such clearness as, if true, would defeat the action; if the defense be to a part only of the cause of action, the defendant, or if there be more than one, any one or more of them shall, in such affidavit, specify the sum which is admitted to be due, and judgment shall be entered for the plaintiff at his election for the sum acknowledged to be due; the whole or the disputed portion of the plaintiff's claim, at his election shall stand for trial at the next succeeding term of the Circuit Court for Cecil County; provided, that no judgment shall be entered by virtue of this