

CHAPTER 104.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 33 of Article 9 of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, Edition of 1924, title "Attachments," sub-title, "Attachments of Wages or Hire," providing that the exemption of the sum of one hundred dollars of such wages or hire due to any laborer or employee by any employer or corporation can not be waived.

PREAMBLE AND DECLARATION OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT:

The Court of Appeals of Maryland in a recent decision has held that a wage earner may, by a stipulation in a promissory note authorizing judgment by confession without summons or trial, waive his \$100 wage exemption granted by Statute. It is the sense of the General Assembly that the real legislative intent in the passage of this exemption statute as amended from time to time, was to create a \$100 wage exemption which the laborer or wage earner might not waive, and it is the intent and desire of the General Assembly by the repeal and re-enactment of this exemption statute so to change the wording of this statute that it clearly and unmistakably expresses the intention which the General Assembly believes was sought to be expressed in the passage of the original Act and amendments thereto. It is the sense of the General Assembly that to permit a wage earner to waive this exemption would frequently result in depriving not only the wage earner but his dependents of the necessities of life, thus rendering him and such dependents a charge upon the community.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 33 of Article 9 of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, Edition of 1924, title "Attachments," sub-title, "Attachments of Wages or Hire," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

33. No attachments of the wages or hire of any laborer or employee, in the hands of the employer, whether private individuals or bodies corporate, shall affect any salary or wages of the debtor which are not actually due at the date of the attachment; and the sum of one hundred dollars of such wages or hire due to any laborer or employee by any employer or corporation shall always be exempt from attachment by any process whatever. Every contract or agreement of any character whatsoever of such laborer or