

shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, either as a party or attorney, or an agent or other person in behalf of either, to file or serve, cause to be filed or served or threaten to file or serve, or to threaten to cause to be filed or served, any process or pleading, in any court of the State, setting forth or seeking to recover a sum of money upon any cause of action abolished or barred by this Article, whether such cause of action arose within or without the State.

6. (Certain Contracts Void as Against Public Policy.) All contracts and instruments of every kind, name, nature or description, which may hereafter be executed within this State in payment, satisfaction, settlement or compromise of any claim or cause of action abolished or barred by this Article, whether such claim or cause of action arose within or without this State, are hereby declared to be contrary to the public policy of this State and absolutely void. It shall be unlawful to cause, induce or procure any person to execute such a contract or instrument; or cause, induce or procure any person to give, pay, transfer or deliver any money or thing of value in payment, satisfaction, settlement or compromise of any such claim or cause of action; or to receive, take or accept any such money or thing of value as such payment, satisfaction, settlement or compromise. It shall be unlawful to commence or cause to be commenced, either as party or attorney, or as agent or otherwise in behalf of either, in any court of this State, any proceeding or action seeking to enforce or recover upon any such contract or instrument, knowing it to be such, whether the same shall have been executed within or without this State; provided, however, that this action shall not apply to the payment, satisfaction, settlement or compromise of any causes of action which are not abolished or barred by this Article, or any contracts or instruments heretofore executed or to the bona fide holder in due course of any negotiable instrument which may be hereafter executed.

7. (Penalties.) Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this Article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor which shall be punishable by a fine of not less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000), or by imprisonment for a term of not less than one (1) year nor more than five (5) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

8. (Construction of Article.) This Article shall be liberally construed to effectuate the objects and purposes thereof and the public policy of the State as hereby declared. If any clause, sentence, paragraph or part of this Article shall for any